

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 @ 4:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL**  
**GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**ATTENANCE**

Warden Vernon Pitts  
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche  
Councillor Paul Long  
Councillor Mary Desmond  
Councillor Neil DeCoff  
Councillor Dave Hanhams  
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Barry Carroll, CAO  
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works  
Debbie Torrey, Development Officer  
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk  
Ross MacDonald, Municipal Advisor  
Media

**REGRETS**

Councillor Hudson MacLeod

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**22-11-30257**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL** **22-11-30258**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2022 SPECIAL COUNCIL** **22-11-30259**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022 Special Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**DELEGATIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **ROUTE 16**

**22-11-30260**

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that she included Route 16 on Council's agenda after hearing from DOT representatives at the last meeting, that this road will not have any more paving completed until five years' time. She stated that she believes Council should continue to lobby for repaving of this road sooner. Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that there are two bridges on Route 16, the lower Salmon River bridge and the Half Way Cove bridge that are in immediate need for repaving, as there is no pavement left.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to the Minister, pleading to have paving work completed on Route 16;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council include MLA Greg Morrow on this correspondence.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BRIEFING NOTE: TENDER SURVEY/SUBDIVISION, PHASE II CUTLER'S BROOK ESTATES**

**22-11-30261**

Mrs. Torrey reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the tender for survey/subdivision work for Phase II of Cutler's Brook Estates Subdivision to M. Berrigan Land Surveying in the amount of \$19, 600 plus HST.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BRIEFING NOTE: TENDER MUNICIPAL SHOP EXPANSION**

**22-11-30262**

Mr. Avery stated that there was only one tender received for this project, which was approximately \$42, 000 over budgeted amount. He stated that staff revised the building size to be 20ft smaller in length, then requested a revised price from Guildford's. Mr. Avery reported that the revised price received from Guildford's was very close to budgeted amount.

**MOVED:** Councillor Paul Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council authorize the award of the Municipal Shop Expansion tender to Guildford's Inc. of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in the amount of \$190, 965.35 plus HST.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CANSO AREA LIBRARY SOCIETY**

**22-11-30263**

Mr. Carroll stated that there was a letter included in the meeting package from the Canso Library Resource Society stating their concern regarding closures at the Canso Library due to staff shortage.

Councillor Armsworthy reported that he attended the CLRS meeting, and advised the Society to send a letter asking for Council's support.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to the Canso Library Resource Society supporting their request to have an additional staff person hired at the Canso Library.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 22-11-30264**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to transfer the net proceeds of the sales of the Milford Haven Nursing Home and Canso Seaside Manor to the Capital Reserve.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ERSWM 22-11-30265**

Warden Pitts stated that this will be his last report from this committee, as he has tendered his resignation. He reported that Antigonish County Councillor Donnie MacDonald will be filling the Committee's Chair position. Warden Pitts stated that our Council will need to appoint a Councillor to sit in the seat left vacant in the short term by his resignation. Warden Pitts reported that Tanya Williams evaluation has been completed and that her probationary period has been extended for six months.

Councillor Desmond questioned if a response has been received from the Department of Environment regarding concerns of green garbage bags being used in other Municipalities.

Warden Pitts stated that there has been no response received to date.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee report as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE**

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that there was a meeting held, with discussions focused on Hurricane Fiona and general housekeeping items. She stated that she will have the minutes included in December's meeting package.

### **GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION 22-11-30266**

Councillor Armsworthy reported that he did not make the meeting, but was briefed on the discussions. He stated that programing is going well, and that the Association's Chair Edmund Leblanc is celebrating 25 years of service.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**SECONDED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough Adult Learning Association report as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON**

Councillor Decoff reported that the newly formed committee will be having the first meeting next Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **LIBRARY BOARD**

Councillor Desmond reported that the Board's scheduled meeting for tomorrow has been postponed until December.

## **HOME SUPPORT BOARD**

Councillor Armsworthy stated that the Board has not met since his last report.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

**22-11-30267**

Councillor Long reported that the Board met on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Board is in dire need for new members. He emphasized how important the Community Health Board is for our hospitals and that new members are necessary for it to continue. Councillor Long stated that Councilors can let him know if they have residents who may be interested.

**MOVED:** Councillor Dave Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mary Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community Health Board report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

**22-11-30268**

Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that they held a virtual meeting and that the same issues were discussed. She stated that there has been no uptake on physicians being hired at the Canso Memorial Hospital following the Job Fair. Deputy Warden Peitzsche reported that they collected email addresses at the Job Fair, which they will now use to contact physicians to try and get recruitment.

**MOVED:** Councillor Neil Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Paul Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Canso Area Stakeholder Working Group report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

Councillor Long stated that the Working Group has not held a meeting in the last three months. He reported that the Emergency Department has been closed often in the last number of weeks, so he believes it is important the group holds a meeting. Councillor Long stated that Mrs. Leona Purcell will be retiring in the next couple weeks and they have not filled her position. He stated that the administrator from Canso Memorial will be covering Guysborough Memorial until a new candidate is hired.

## **TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH**

Councillor Hanhams stated that there is a meeting tomorrow. He reported that Mr. Brent Lundrigan has resigned, and a new executive director has been hired.

## **ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD**

Councillor Long requested to have the Guysborough District Business Partnership added to Council's list of reporting committees.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm – Regular Monthly Council
- Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm – Long Service Awards

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2022 stand adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED** (4:58 p.m.)

**22-11-30269**

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**WARDEN**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**