

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Vernon Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

20-11-29810

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Gary Cleary, Deputy CAO
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20-11-29811

Addition: 7. e) Whitehead Community Association

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION; THAT Council approve the Agenda with the noted addition.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 **20-11-29812**

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Long

MOTION; THAT Council approve the minutes of September 16, 2020 Regular council Meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL SWEARING IN CEREMONY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 **20-11-29813**

Councillor Hanhams stated that a typo exists under the Declaration of Results pertaining to Warden Pitts' section, he stated that he was not acclaimed.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION; THAT Council approve the minutes of October 28, 2020 Special Council Meeting as presented with noted correction.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

EHS COVERAGE

20-11-29814

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that the coverage for Ambulances in the Municipality has been abysmal for the most part in recent years. She described a story from her District where a young man had a 7 hour wait to be transported by ambulance from Eastern Memorial in Canso. She

stated that this type of service is completely unacceptable and coupled the example with the recent ER closures in both Canso and Guysborough.

Councillor McLaren provided examples from his District as well as examples of times when the ambulances are at the base in Country Harbour but there are no people physically on shift to operate them.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION: THAT Council send correspondence to EHS requesting their attendance at a future meeting to discuss the lack of service to the residents of MODG.

MOTION CARRIED

CHRISTMAS DADDIES TELETHON 2020

20-11-29815

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Council approve a donation of \$250.00 to the 2020 Christmas Daddies Telethon.

MOTION CARRIED

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mr. Carroll stated that he has provided over 20 updates since the beginning of the pandemic and stated that in the event that a second wave does strike our area of the province the 2 on 2 off system will likely be reemployed.

He stated that the Christmas Dinner will look a bit different this year because of COVID. He stated that all departments will celebrate individually this year and asked that Council spread themselves around to various locations to present the long service awards to Staff and have their Chinese food at that location. He asked the Warden to attend the Waste Facility, the Deputy Warden to attend the CLC for Public Works/Recreation and the rest of the Council to come to the main Office should they wish. The dinners will be ordered for Noon on December 10th and dropped off to the Waste Facility, Main Office and CLC.

CHRISTMAS MEETING SCHEDULE

20-11-29816

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Council approve the change in time and date for the December Regular Council meeting from December 16th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. to December 9th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

WHITEHEAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

20-11-29817

Councillor Hanhams provided copies of a letter to all of Council for their review from the Whitehead Community Association. He stated that the group is asking for Council contribution toward the development of an outdoor multi-use facility for various sporting activities and outdoor events.

Mr. Carroll stated that the item would need to be referred to the Strategic Planning session as well as the next budget for discussion.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: THAT Council approve the addition of the Whitehead Community Association's request to the Strategic Planning Agenda for budget discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WASTE COLLECTION ROUTE CHANGES

20-11-29818

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough amend the waste collection program to a four day per week program, carried out from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with waste for holidays and storm days to be collected the following week and the new program to be implemented the first week in December.

MOTION CARRIED

LETTER RE: WASTE COLLECTION, TOWN OF MULGRAVE

20-11-29819

Mr. Cleary stated that a discussion was held with the CAO of the Town of Mulgrave regarding the changes to waste collection that would take place in the Town of Mulgrave due to the movement of the collection route from a 5 day collection to a 4 day collection.

After the last meeting of the Mulgrave Town Council, media attention was drawn to the matter. A letter was provided in the package for clarification to the CAO & Council in Mulgrave. Mr. Cleary stated that some of the concerns of the Council were rodents, storage and the residents not being notified in time.

Mr. Cleary stated that he hoped Mr. Carroll's letter would provide clarification to all questions.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: **THAT** Staff be authorized to send correspondence to the CAO & Council of the Town of Mulgrave for clarification on the history of the collection of waste in Mulgrave.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden Peitzsche had to excuse herself from the meeting. (4:58 p.m.)

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD:

Meeting scheduled for December 1st.

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

No meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

No meeting, next one scheduled for January 20th, 2021.

Councillor Armsworthy asked for discussion on the EMO Committee appointments. Warden Pitts stated that Council as a whole made the decisions as to who would Chair what Committee.

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION:

Meeting scheduled for December 1st.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Meeting scheduled for December 8th.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Meeting scheduled for December 17th.

CANSO ARENA BOARD:

No report as Deputy Warden Peitzsche is absent, Councillor Armsworthy stated that he attended the meeting and there was not a quorum.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD:

Councillor Long stated that the next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

CANSO STAKE HOLDERS COMMITTEE:

No meeting.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKE HOLDER WORKING GROUP 20-11-29820

Councillor Long stated that the minutes from the meeting were circulated to Council for inclusion in the meeting package. He stated that there is very unfortunate news for the area, that the Doctor who was scheduled to move here and take a Physician position has decided to accept a position at St. Martha's Regional Hospital. He stated that the next steps are to figure out why this happened and how the decision was made.

Mr. Carroll prepared an email to send to the health consultant hired by NSHA to devise a solution to doctor shortages in our health zone.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: THAT the Guysborough & Area Stake Holder Working Group report be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD:

Councillor McLaren stated that he attended the Open House for the Goldboro LNG project and it went very well. He stated that representatives were there from Pieridae and they were able to answer all questions and provide clarification on the road bypass that were posed by those who live in the area. The bypass will now affect fewer properties and will add approximately 3 kilometers to the route after realignment.

He stated that a second session was scheduled immediately afterward and the crowd was building as he was leaving.

INTO CLOSED SESSION 20-11-29821

MOVED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT Council go into Closed Session

MOTION CARRIED

LAND

LEGAL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION 20-11-29822

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION: THAT Council return to Open Session.

MOTION CARRIED

LAND MOTION, OPTION TO LEASE 20-11-29823

MOVED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Staff to enter into an Option to Lease and/or Lease Agreement with Pieridae Energy Ltd. based on the information discussed in Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- Wednesday, November 25th @ 3:30- 5 Year Budget
- December 2nd @ 4:30 pm- Committee of the Whole
- December 9th @ 4:30 pm- Council

ADJOURNMENT:

20-11-29824

MOVED: Councillor Paul Long

MOTION: THAT the November 18th, 2020 Regular Council meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:34 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE