

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Paul Long called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Warden Paul Long
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Susan Cashin
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Danita Imlay, Director of Finance
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Sean O'Connor, Director of Economic & Community Development
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works
Angie Tavares, Director of Recreation
Christina Bowie, Manager of Special Initiatives & Communications
Ashley Cunningham Avery, Executive Director GDBP
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk

REGRETS

Barry Carroll, CAO
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-11-95031

8 a) i) Hazel Hill Community Centre Water Connection

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT the Committee of Whole approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2025

25-11-95032

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole approve the minutes of October 1, 2025 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

REPORTS

WARDEN'S REPORT

25-11-95033

Warden Long reviewed his report as it was included in the meeting package for the information of Committee. He highlighted the meeting Mrs. Imlay and he attended yesterday with the Minister of Justice regarding RCMP services.

Mrs. Imlay reported that the Minister advised that they will be moving away from the per officer model for billing by April 1st, 2026. She stated that they that they are not predicting a increase in cost for our Municipality.

Various Councillors asked questions, which the Warden and Mrs. Imlay answered.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Warden's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

No report.

DEPUTY CAO REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

25-11-95034

Mrs. Imlay noted that her report was included in the meeting package and briefly reviewed her report for the information of Council. Mrs. Imlay stated that the tax sale property in District 1 was paid and is therefore removed from the sale. She reminded Committee that the sale is being held next Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 at 11:00am.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Finance Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – REQUEST FOR INTEREST WRITE-OFF ANN 01695924

25-11-95035

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

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole recommend to Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, that staff be authorized to write off penalties and legal fees on account 01695924 in the amount of \$5, 167.14.

MOTION CARRIED

(Councillor DeCoff arrived 3:19pm)

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

25-11-95036

Mrs. Torrey stated that her report has been included in the meeting package and that she is happy to answer any questions Committee may have. She highlighted that she is attending a session next week on Coastal Planning and that there will be funding available to support Municipalities in coastal planning.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole authorize the Development Officer to pursue funding for Coastal Planning.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

25-11-95037

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Development Officer’s Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**BRIEFING NOTE – IMPACT STUDY, EVERWIND REQUEST FOR REVISION #3
SETAPUKTUK, WF2, WF3 AND UPPER AFTER WIND PROJECTS**

24-11-95038

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

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they accept the Project Impact Study Revision 3

in accordance with Section 14.6.3 (b) of the Guysborough Municipal Land Use Bylaw and establish a setback from Crown property lines at 1x the maximum height of the turbine for the Upper Afton Project where wind development is permitted as of right;

AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts the new Provincial regulation which requires that the maximum distance between a commercial wind turbine and a dwelling cannot be more than either four times the height of the turbine or the distance needed to keep noise levels below 40 decibels outside the home and limit shadow flicker to no more than 30 minutes a day or 30 hours a year;

AND FURTHER THAT the turbine height shall mean the distance from the base of the turbine to the farthest tip of a rotor blade in a vertical position.

AND FURTHER THAT Council will consider wind development by way of Development Agreements for those lands where wind development is not currently permitted as of right.

MOTION CARRIED

NAY: Councillor Mary Desmond

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT

25-11-95039

Mr. Avery stated that his report was included in the meeting package and briefly reviewed his report for the information of Council. He provided Committee with a brief update on his ongoing Capital projects, stating that WSP is planning to be on site on for approximately two weeks, which will be advertised as information is available. Mr. Avery provided Committee with an update on collection regarding circular material amendments which are being rolled out over the next two - four years.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Public Works' Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BREIFING NOTE – RFP PUBLIC WORKS COLLECTION (RECYCLE) TRUCK

25-11-95040

Mr. Avery reviewed the briefing note as it was included in the meeting package, stating that only one tender was received.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the purchase of a new Municipal Recycle Collection Truck to Nova Truck Center for the tendered amount of \$215,016.00.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – CANSO ARENA EXPANSION (FITNESS CENTRE), PROGRESS CLAIM #5 **25-11-95041**

Mr. Avery reviewed the briefing note which was included in the meeting package regarding Progress Claim #5 for the Canso Arena Expansion Project.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: **THAT** Committee of the Whole of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment of Progress Claim #5 in the amount \$330,280.59 (plus HST) to Iron Maple Constructors Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT **25-11-95042**

Mrs. Tavares stated that her report was included in the meeting package. She thanked Public Works for getting the ice in at the Canso Arena, stating that CanSkate Programming is being offered this winter, after five years of not being offered. Mrs. Tavares stated the Ms. Keri Roberts was funded by the Municipality to become a certified instructor in order to make this programming possible.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Recreation Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT **25-11-95043**

Mr. O'Connor stated that his report was included in the meeting package for the information of Council. He provided Committee on an update on the Port Hawkesbury Paper Wind Project, which is on schedule and the Maritime Launch Project, who are planning a launch for tomorrow morning, weather depending.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** Committee of the Whole approve the Director of Economic & Community Development Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM PLAN **25-11-95044**

Mrs. Bowie briefly reviewed the Equity and Anti-Racism Plan, as it was included in the meeting package. She thanked EDIA Committee members for their contributions to the creation of the Plan.

Warden Long stated that there is a strong commitment from the community volunteers who sit

on the Committee and contribute their time and efforts, which we are very fortunate to have.

Councillor Desmond stated that is a pleasure working with the Committee on this plan and that that she is very proud of the document they have created.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole recommend to the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that they accept Belonging Begins Here – MODG’S Path to Equity and authorize staff to proceed with its implementation.

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GDBP REPORT

25-11-95045

Mrs. Cunningham Avery briefly reviewed the Guysborough District Business Partnership’s Report as it was included in the meeting package, providing Committee with a briefing on events held by the GDBP since the last report. She stated that she is working with Councillor Desmond on a funding application for a cenotaph at the Shepards Lake rest stop. Mrs. Cunningham Avery stated that the Financial Statements have been included with her report.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: THAT Committee of the Whole approve the Guysborough District Business Partnership’s Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

HAZEL HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE WATER CONNECTION

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche thanked Mr. Avery for the water connection at the Hazel Hill Community Center, emphasizing residents gratitude for having water at their Community Centre.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

Councillor MacLeod provided Committee with an update on the meetings he attended with the Liaison Committees for Nova Sustainable Fuels and NexGold.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- November 19th @ 4:30pm – Regular Monthly Council
- December 3rd @ 2:00pm – Committee of the Whole
- December 3rd @ 3:00pm – Regular Monthly Council
- December 3rd @ 4:00pm – Long Service Awards

ADJOURNMENT

25-11-95046

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** the November 19, 2025 Committee of the Whole stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (4:15 pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE