

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Long called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ATTENANCE

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
Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk
Christina Bowie, Manager of Special Initiatives & Communications
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

Barry Carroll, CAO
Deputy CAO, Shawn Andrews

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-11-30868

- 9. a) i) Recommendation – Request For Interest Write-Off Ann 01695924
- 9. a) ii) Recommendation – Impact Study, Everwind Request For Revision #3 Setapuktuk, Wf2, Wf3 And Upper After Wind Projects
- 9. a) iii) Recommendation – Equity And Anti-Racism Plan

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Council approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL 25-11-30869

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025 Regular Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE – PVSC FUNDING 2026/27

25-11-30870

Mrs. Imlay reviewed the increasing costs to the Municipality, which are outlined in the correspondence received from PVSC which are estimated around \$14,000.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to Nove Scotia Federation of Municipalities stating their displeasure with the notice of PVSC cost increases.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION – AMEND TAX SALE PAYMENT METHODS

25-11-30871

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Municipality of the District of Guysborough is authorized under Section 148(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S. 1998, c. 18 (MGA), to accept payment at a tax sale by cash, certified cheque, money order, bank draft, or lawyer's trust cheque;

AND WHEREAS Section 148(1A) of the MGA further provides that a Council may, by resolution, permit payment at a tax sale by legal tender delivered by another method acceptable to the Council, in addition to the methods specified in subsection (1);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough deems it necessary and desirable to expand the accepted methods of payment at a tax sale to include debit card payments and credit card payments to enhance efficiency and convenience.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough that, in addition to the payment methods currently prescribed by Section 145(1) of the MGA, the following payment methods are hereby authorized and deemed acceptable for the payment of the initial bid amount (taxes, interest, and expenses) immediately following the sale of each property and any remaining balance within three (3) business days:

1. **Interac Debit**, subject to daily transaction limits and verification processes;
2. **Credit Card**, subject to daily transaction limits and verification processes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer or Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is authorized to establish necessary administrative procedures and guidelines to implement these additional payment methods effectively, ensuring secure and timely receipt of funds in accordance with the municipality's financial policies;

ADOPTED by the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough at a duly convened meeting held on the 19th day of November 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECCOMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – REQUEST FOR INTEREST WRITE-OFF ANN 01695924

25-11-30872

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT as recommended by Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, authorize staff to write off penalties and legal fees on account 01695924 in the amount of \$5, 167.14.
MOTION CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION – IMPACT STUDY, EVERWIND REQUEST FOR REVISION #3
SETAPUKTUK, WF2, WF3 AND UPPER AFTER WIND PROJECTS 25-11-30873**

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT as recommended by Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough 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

RECOMMENDATION – EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM PLAN 25-11-30874

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

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

ERSWM

Councillor Decoff reported that the Board has not met. He reported that they are holding interviews next week for the Regional Educator position. Councillor Decoff reported that the budget has been prepared for the ERSWM.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

No report.

GALA

Councillor Armsworthy stated that they met yesterday and that programming is ongoing.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

No report.

LIBRARY BOARD

Councillor Cashin stated that the Board met but she was unable to attend. She stated that she did receive the minutes, therefore she provided Council with a brief update on the meeting. Councillor Cashin stated that the next meeting is November 27th and that Councillor Fuller from St. Mary's was appointed Chair.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

No report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Cashin stated that the Board met and that the Newcomer Coordinator, Ms. Bonnie Jean provided the Board with a presentation. Councillor Cashin provided Council with a brief update on the meeting. She stated that Councillor Desmond invited MLA, Mr. Greg Morrow to attend the next meeting, which is being held on December 8th.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Councillor Desmond stated that the Working Group met and that there are three full time and one part time RN vacancies. She stated that Mrs. Stephanie Hart will soon be back as Nurse Practitioner and Ms. MacKenzie Cook is working on her residency. Councillor Desmond stated that the Group will meet again in March.

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

Councillor Desmond reported that the Board has a finance meeting tomorrow and a regular board meeting in a couple weeks. She passed on the Associations gratitude for the awarded funding from Council.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Warden Long reported that the Board meeting is being held next week.

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

No report.

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.

Councillor Cashin stated that the Board met with Pivot Housing, which was a very positive meeting. She provided Council with a brief verbal update on the Associations meeting.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- December 3rd @ 2:00pm – Committee of the Whole
- December 3rd @ 3:00pm – Regular Monthly Council
- December 3rd @ 4:00pm – Long Service Awards
- January 7th @ 2:30pm – Economic Development Session
- January 7th @ 3:30pm – Dept. of Public Works & Infrastructure
- January 7th @ 4:30m – Committee of the Whole

ADJOURNMENT

25-11-30875

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2025 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:00pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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