

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Paul Long called the meeting to order at 4:00 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

Barry Carroll, CAO
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

Magdelyn Connolly, Municipal Clerk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-11-30720

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

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

MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

INTO CLOSED SESSION

24-11-30721

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

24-11-30722

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough return to open session.

MOTION CARRIED

Council adjourned the meeting and will reconvene at 4:30 pm.

RECOMMENDATION – LEASE, GOLDBORO INDUSTRIAL PARK 24-11-307

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough provide a 30-day notice to the proponent interested in leasing 20 acres of property in the Goldboro Industrial Park, that if negotiations are not substantially complete within 30 days, that Council will terminate negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL 24-11-30723

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of October 16, 2024 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL 24-11-30724

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the October 30, 2024 Special Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

24-11-30725

Warden Paul Long reviewed the proposed 2024 Committee Appointments for the information of Council.

There was discussion among Council Members about the appointments.

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT Council approve the 2024 Committee Appointments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Hudson MacLeod voted nay.

MEMO – CODE OF CONDUCT

24-11-30726

Warden Paul Long referred to the memo included in the package from Ms. Magdelyn Connolly regarding the new Code of Conduct Regulations affecting municipalities and reviewed this for the information of Council. Warden Long also reviewed highlights from the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Dave Hanhams stated that when they are making decisions, they are not always going to agree. Councillor Hanhams stated that when they held the election for Warden and Deputy Warden, he felt he was disrespected. Councillor Hanhams added that he will ask Council to abide by the Code in the future.

Warden Paul Long stated that it is his job now as Warden to make sure they uphold the Code of Conduct. Councillor Dave Hanhams noted that he will hold the Warden to that.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Nova Scotia has made the Code of Conduct for Municipal Elected Officials Regulations, N.S. Reg. 220/2024 (“the Regulations”);

AND WHEREAS municipalities are required to adopt the model code of conduct prescribed by the Regulations on or before December 19, 2024, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Regulations and section 23A of the Municipal Government Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough hereby adopt the model code of conduct as set forth in Schedule “A” to the Regulations, which shall be titled the “Code of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough”.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – RON CHISHOLM HYDROSEEDING LTD. 24-11-30727

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$96,998.50. including HST to Ron Chisholm Hydro Seeding Ltd. as recommended by Strait Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – COMFIT TRBINE DECOMMISSIONING 24-11-30728

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the removal of the three AOC-15-50 ComFIT turbines in Goldboro and the two turbines in Melford at an estimated cost of \$40,000, using a portion of the first Goldboro Industrial Park option agreement payment to fund the decommissioning.

MOTION CARRIED

ERSWM 24-11-30729

Councillor Neil DeCoff stated that they have not had a meeting since September. The next meeting is expected to take place in December.

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

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

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE 24-11-30730

No report.

GALA

24-11-30731

Councillor Fin Armsworthy reported that they are having trouble finding board members noting that he appreciates being chosen to continue as the Council appointment on this Board.

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

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

24-11-30732

Councillor Neil DeCoff reported that he missed the meeting; however, they have started reviewing the 2024 Green Fund Applications and discussed a possible reuse of the recycling building. Councillor DeCoff also noted that they have been discussing the school community garden and who might run this program if it continued. Councillor DeCoff reviewed tonnages of various waste streams for the information of Council as well as amount of leachate sent for treatment. Councillor DeCoff noted that the surface and ground water testing also had good results.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Waste Management Liaison Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send a letter to GFL regarding the residents' disappointment with the status of the Recycling Building and the Community Garden at the Waste Facility.

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

24-11-30733

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche reported that she was not available for the last meeting.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

24-11-30734

Councillor Fin Armsworthy provided a report from his last meeting noting that they also have trouble with membership.

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Home Support Board's Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

24-11-30735

Warden Paul Long reported that he missed the last meeting.

Councillor Mary Desmond provided an update as she had attended that meeting. Councillor Desmond noted that they are doing well with their youth membership on this Board. Councillor Desmond also reported that she took part in a Zoom meeting on how to conduct effective meetings noting attendance was from all over.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community Health Board Report as presented by Councillor Desmond.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

24-11-30736

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

24-11-30737

No report.

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

24-11-30738

No report.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

24-11- 30739

Warden Paul Long reported that the last meeting is going to be rescheduled but the annual Beer Fest was held this past weekend with great success.

MOVED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough District Business Partnership Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

24-11-30740

Councillor Dave Hanhams reported that they have not had a meeting; however, they are hosting dinner tonight at the CLC at 5:00 pm with a guest speaker.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Guysborough & Area Board of Trade Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.

24-11-30741

Councillor Mary Desmond reported that the meeting was held yesterday with a number of members not in attendance. Councillor Desmond noted that a representative from Passionate Home Construction was in attendance as a guest speaker. Councillor Desmond noted that they are willing to help with any housing projects in this area. Councillor Desmond also noted that the Sherbrooke project is moving forward, and they received a small grant for an administrative assistant.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Community First Guysborough County Housing Association Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

Councillor Mary Desmond noted that the African NS Community is holding a discussion on Emergency Management with Shawn Andrews as Guest Speaker on Saturday, November 23rd at the Lincolnville Community Centre.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, December 4th @ 2:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, December 4th @ 3:00 pm – Regular Monthly Council
- Wednesday, December 4th @ 4:00 pm – Long Service Awards
- Wednesday, January 8th @ 4:30 pm – Committee of the Whole

ADJOURNMENT

24-11-30742

MOVED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of November 20th, 2024 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:12 pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE