

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

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

ATTENDANCE

19-10-29520

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly
Councillor Miles MacDonald
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Rickey McLaren
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Gary Cleary, Deputy CAO
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Staff Sergeant Dave Simpson
Heather Toole, MADD
Tracey Gittens, MADD
Media

REGRETS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19-10-29521

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL

19-10-29522

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 Regular Council meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2019 SPECIAL COUNCIL **19-10-29523**

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019 Special Council meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

QUARTERLY RCMP UPDATE

19-10-29524

Staff Sergeant Dave Simpson provided a written update for the information of Council for the period April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Staff Sergeant Simpson proceeded to review the Report for the information of Council. Staff Sergeant Simpson noted that warnings vs. summary offense tickets is on a 2 for 1 ratio which is their preference. Staff Sergeant Simpson noted that the legalization of marijuana has not impacted their stats in this area like it has in other areas. The impaired driving stats here are for alcohol related offenses only. He also noted that Constable Len MacDonald will be leaving and Nathan Sparks will be moving from Canso back into the Guysborough area. Staff Sergeant Simpson's position has just been posted pending sale of his residence.

Councillor Rickey McLaren questioned why the stats went from 450 occurrences in 2016 to over 800 in 2017 and over 1,000 in 2018. Staff Sergeant Simpson stated that he could not answer that question as he was not here in 2016 and did not know how they tabulated stats during that time.

Warden Pitts congratulated Staff Sergeant Simpson on his promotion noting the Municipality was also sad to see him leave.

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the RCMP Quarterly Report as presented by Staff Sergeant Dave Simpson.

MOTION CARRIED

MADD – PROJECT RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN

19-10-29525

Tracey Gittens, President of the MADD Guysborough Chapter provided a report for the information of Council outlining their work over the last several months. Ms. Gittens recognized Councillor Miles MacDonald, Councillor Neil DeCoff and Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly for their monetary support in the past. Ms. Gittens asked that Council stand with them for a photo wearing the red ribbon as part of the Red Ribbon Campaign.

BUSINESS ARISING

NEW BUSINESS

DECEMBER SCHEDULE – COUNCIL MEETINGS/OFFICE CLOSURE 19-10-29526

Mr. Barry Carroll reviewed future meeting dates and possible scenarios for the Christmas Holiday Hours for consideration of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the December Holiday schedule as follows:

Regular Municipal Council Session – December 11, 2019 @ 4:30 pm

Office Closure - Main Office - December 23rd to December 27th

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – REQUEST FOR REZONING, ROBERT FORTUNE 19-10-29527

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough passed a motion instructing Municipal Staff to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for the purpose of considering the rezoning of a parcel of land in Upper Whitehead from Mixed Rural Residential MRR-1 to Light Industrial I-1;

AND WHEREAS the land to be rezoned is located on Highway 316 in Upper Whitehead, Guysborough County;

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing was called for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 33 Pleasant Street, Guysborough in accordance with the MGA;

AND WHEREAS the Public was informed of the Public Hearing through advertisements in local papers in accordance with the MGA;

AND WHEREAS there were no objections and no oral presentations with respect to this rezoning;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the request to rezone property identified as PID #35037480 in Upper Whitehead, Guysborough County, from Mixed Rural Residential MRR-1 to Light Industrial I-1 to allow for construction of a building for an oyster processing facility.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE – TENDER NEW COMPOST BUILDING

19-10-29528

Mr. Gary Cleary stated that the Briefing Note was in the meeting package and proceeded to review the report for the information of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Staff to advise Higgins Construction that the Municipality is not prepared to award the tender for the construction of two (2) compost buildings to their firm due to the fact that the tendered price is substantially over budget;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff engage Strait Engineering to make substantive changes to the project and provide an option to allow the project to be completed within budgeted amounts.

MOTION CARRIED

UARB HEARING

19-10-29529

Mr. Barry Carroll reported that the UARB Hearing to hear the application on behalf of MODG and NSP for the transfer of assets of the Canso Electric Utility will take place on Tuesday, October 22nd at 10 am. He noted that the UARB will be streaming the Hearing live for anyone who is interested in watching the audio cast and a notice will be placed on the Website and Facebook.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

19-10-29530

Nothing to report.

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD

19-10-29531

Warden Vernon Pitts provided a report from the Home Management Board for the information of Council.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

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

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

19-10-29532

Warden Vernon Pitts provided a verbal report from the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee and noted a hard copy of the draft minutes were circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough write a letter of congratulations to the Sisters of St. Martha's on receipt of the Mobius award.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Sheila

SECONDED: Councillor Janet

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

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

19-10-29533

It was noted that the EMO meeting will be held later this evening at 6 pm at the CLC.

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

19-10-29534

Councillor Rickey McLaren provided a verbal update from the Guysborough Adult Learning Association noting they met on October 8th.

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

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 COMMITTEE

19-10-29535

Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly noted the minutes were in the package from the last meeting with the next meeting scheduled for December 10th.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

19-10-29536

Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly provided a verbal report from the Home Support Board and noted that they met last week.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the report from the Home Support Board as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

19-10-29537

Councillor Miles MacDonald provided a verbal report from the Library Board noting their last meeting was September 19th. Councillor MacDonald reported on an insurance concern at the Canso Library noting that this is being dealt with. Councillor MacDonald stated that there was a soft opening of the Open Library in Guysborough on August 30th but he is uncertain as to whether they will be holding an official opening in the future. Councillor MacDonald stated that the new hours for the Guysborough Library have been posted in the Guysborough Journal.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

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

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO ARENA BOARD

19-10-29538

Councillor Janet Peitzsche stated that they have not met recently.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

19-10-29539

Councillor Neil DeCoff noted that he was unable to make the last meeting noting that they are working on their action plan.

STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE

Councillor Janet Peitzsche provided a verbal update from the Stakeholders Committee meeting which was held last Monday noting there were no draft minutes available yet; however, there is a summary of the meeting posted on their Facebook Page.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the report from the Stakeholders Committee as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

19-10-29540

Nothing to report.

INTO CLOSED SESSION

19-10-29541

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed into Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED (5:11 p.m.)

LEGAL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

19-10-29542

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough return to Open Session.

MOTION CARRIED (5:29 p.m.)

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Community Benefits Agreement between MODG and Anaconda Mining Inc. as discussed in Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

19-10-29543

- October 16th @ 6:00 p.m. EMO
- November 4th @ 4:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole
- November 20th @ 4:30 p.m. Regular Council Session

ADJOURNMENT

19-09-29544

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the October 16, 2019 Regular Monthly Council meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:30 pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE