

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Susan Cashin
Councillor Hudson MacLeod
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Christina Bowie, Manager of Special Initiatives & Communication
Sgt. Natasha Farrell, RCMP
Lois Dort, Police Advisory Member
Laurie Emery, ECRL
Members of the Public
Media (via zoom)

REGRETS

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Barry Carroll, CAO

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA **25-09-30850**

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL **25-09-30851**

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the July 16, 2025 Regular Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2025 SPECIAL COUNCIL **25-09-30852**

MOVED: Councillor Susan Cashin
SECONDED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 Special Council Session as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

RCMP

25-09-30853

Sgt. Natasha Farrell, District Commander provided the Q1 2025 Policing Report and proceeded to review the report for the information of Council. Sgt. Farrell noted that staffing levels remain at 100% and that they had conducted some staff training during this quarter.

Ms. Lois Dort provided a brief report on what was discussed at the last police advisory session. Ms. Dort also reported that two residents applied for the vacant position on the committee and recommended that both be accepted.

Mr. Shawn Andrews noted that the matter dealing with filling the vacant position on the Committee will be discussed in greater length with Sgt. Farrell.

ECRL

25-09-30854

Ms. Laura Emery provided Council with the 2025 ECRL Funding Outlook and a 10-Year snapshot for both the Canso and Cyril Ward Memorial Libraries. Ms. Emery noted that public libraries need a modernized, sustainable funding model to be able to continue to provide vital services and support government priorities across the Province. Ms. Emery also noted that ECRL needs their municipal funding partners to help lobby to have the library funding formula prioritized with the provincial government. Ms. Emery also discussed their issues with the current building in Port Hawkesbury that houses the ECRL staff and their desire to find an appropriate space to relocate to and perhaps sell the current building.

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION FACILITIES, COUNTRY HARBOUR

25-09-30855

Councillor Hudson MacLeod stated that he would like to refer funding for recreation facilities in Country Harbour to the Strategic Planning Session for review and consideration. Councillor MacLeod noted the importance of these facilities, particularly with the proposed economic development for the area and the increase in home sales, population, etc.

Councillor Mary Desmond questioned how large the population increase was that Councillor MacLeod spoke of noting that it might be a good idea to conduct a survey to confirm this.

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough refer funding for recreation facilities in Country Harbour in the amount of \$250,000 to the Strategic Planning Session in 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECCOMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**RECOMMENDATION – CANSO ARENA EXPANSION (FITNESS CENTRE) PROGRESS
CLAIM 1 & 2 25-09-30856**

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment of Progress Claims 1 & 2 in the amount of \$49,788.96 and \$37,351.58 (HST included) to Iron Maple Constructors Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION – CANSO ARENA EXPANSION (FITNESS CENTRE) PROGRESS
CLAIM 3 25-09-30857**

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Susan Cashin

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole recommend the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment of Progress Claim #3 in the amount \$113,716.69 (plus HST) to Iron Maple Constructors Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION – CUTLER’S BROOK SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 ASPHALT PAVING
25-09-30858**

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole recommend the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize payment in the amount of \$165,804.93 including HST to Ron Chisholm Hydro Seeding Ltd. as recommended by Strait Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED

**RECOMMENDATION – APPLICATION, PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDER
FUND 25-09-30859**

MOVED: Councillor Hudson MacLeod

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 Staff to make application, on a regional response basis, to the Provincial Emergency Services Provider Fund for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the purchase of 3 UTV Wildland Firefighting and Patient Transport Units, 1 retrofit wildland fire skid unit for an existing UTV, and associated transport trailers;

AND FURTHER THAT an amount not to exceed \$20,000 be approved for the expenditure from the Operating Reserve to fund the municipal 100% contribution to this project for a total project cost not to exceed \$220,000.

MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

ERSWM

Councillor DeCoff reported that they next meeting is scheduled for September 25th.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th in the Council Chambers.

GALA

Nothing to report.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Councillor DeCoff reported that he didn't attend the last meeting as he was out of the area. He noted he will provide a report at the next meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD

Nothing new to report.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

No report available.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Cashin reported that she was not able to attend the last meeting.

Councillor Desmond noted that they will be holding a Wellness Presentation on Friday at the CLC and that two new youth members joined the Board.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

No report available.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Councillor Desmond reported that their next meeting is scheduled for September 29th but she will not be able to attend. Warden Long will attend on her behalf.

TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OF GUYSBOROUGH

Councillor Desmond reported the next meeting is scheduled for September 25th.

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Warden Long reported that GDBP met yesterday and have requested a joint meeting with Council on October 22nd. Warden Long also reported on the new rest stops that are being installed in MODG and the Kiosks that were operated in Canso and Guysborough this Summer.

Councillor Desmond noted that the Newcomers Newsletter that just came out was very well done.

GUYSBOROUGH & AREA BOARD OF TRADE

No report available.

COMMUNITY FIRST GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOUSING ASSOC.

Councillor Cashin reported that she attended a meeting yesterday wherein they reviewed the tenant selection, no smoking and no pets policies. Councillor Cashin stated that they also reviewed their financial reports. Councillor Cashin stated that the Needs Assessment recently conducted showed a high percentage of single men that required housing. Councillor Cashin questioned if she could take on additional roles with the Association such as interviewing potential tenants and whether it might create some type of conflict.

Mr. Andrews noted that they can ask for an opinion on this matter.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD

Nothing to report.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- October 1st @ 2:30 pm – Quarterly DOPW
- October 1st @ 3:30 pm - Economic Development Session
- October 1st @ 4:30 pm – Committee of the Whole
- October 15th @ 4:30 pm – Regular Monthly Council
- October 15th @ 6:00 pm – EMO
- November 19th @ 3:00 pm – Committee of the Whole
- November 19th @ 4:30 pm – Regular Monthly Council
- December 3, 2025 @ 2 :00 pm – Committee of the Whole
- December 3, 2025 @ 3:00 pm – Regular Monthly Council
- December 3, 2025 @ 4:00 pm – Long Service Awards

ADJOURNMENT

25-07-30860

MOVED: Councillor Mary Desmond
MOTION: **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of September 17, 2025 stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (5:46 pm)

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE