

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 @ 4:30 PM
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Vernon Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

20-12-29825

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Peitzsche
Councillor Paul Long (arrived later)
Councillor Mary Desmond
Councillor Neil DeCoff
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Rickey McLaren
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Gary Cleary, Deputy CAO
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Media

INTO CLOSED SESSION

20-12-29826

MOVED: Councillor Decoff
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche
MOTION: THAT Council go into Closed Session.
MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL UPDATE

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

20-12-29827

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor McLaren
MOTION: THAT Council return to Open session.
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO RECESS

20-12-29828

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche
SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams
MOTION: THAT Council have a 5-minute recess.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20-12-29829

Addition: 7. c) Personnel Legal Matter

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Desmond
MOTION: THAT Council approve the Agenda with no additions or deletions.
MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL NOVEMBER 18th, 20-12-29830
2020**

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION; THAT Council approve the minutes of November 18, 2020 Regular council Meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

20-12-29831

MOVED: Warden Pitts

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

WHEREAS February is recognized internationally as African Heritage Month- a time to recognize and salute the many contributions and ongoing achievements of people of African Descent all over the world and herein: The Municipality of the District of Guysborough in the Province of Nova Scotia, We pay tribute to a time of greater understanding;

WHEREAS we are in the 7th year of the International Decade for People of African Descent;

WHEREAS this year's theme "Black History Matters: Our Time, Our Place", recognizes the important legacy of people of African Descent and the long-standing history in the development of Canada. This theme brings focus and increased awareness of racialized issues of a community that has overcome great adversity for inclusion in all aspects of Society;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Vernon Pitts, do hereby proclaim the month of February to be African Heritage Month. I encourage residents, businesses, and community groups to participate in the activities and celebrations and to take the opportunity to reflect on the story of Nova Scotia's vibrant African Nova Scotian Community

MOTION CARRIED

IRVING LOT, GUYSBOROUGH

20-12-29832

Mr. Carroll stated that he has been dealing with the Irving lot on 121 Main Street in Guysborough for 11.5 years. He stated that there has been no response from them and there have been several different people responsible for the file as well as numerous letters sent to different levels in the company. He noted that there were two individuals that did do a site visit numerous years ago but nothing has materialized.

He depicted several maps on the screen to show the level of ground water contamination and how far that spread is on Main Street in all directions which affects numerous properties on either side.

Councillor Long stated that he has met with the owners of the former Post Office Building and they are very eager to have something done, as is Council, to have it remediated.

Discussion was held regarding the last Motion; council support the efforts to have that remediated by Irving asap

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: THAT Staff be directed to prepare a detailed letter to the Minister of the Department of Environment with depicted maps of ground water contamination and history on the matter and that remediation of the site begin as soon as possible.

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL MATTER (FROM CLOSED SESSION)

20-12-29833

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council approve the CAO to move forward with the direction for personnel matters as discussed in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

PROGRESS CLAIM #4, BRILUN (RELEASE OF HOLDBACK) 20-12-29834

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the release of the holdback to Brilun Construction in the amount of \$102,040.49 as recommended by Strait Engineering Limited and subject to final review by our Finance Department.

MOTION CARRIED

DOYLE BEQUEST- BRODA RECLINING CHAIR PURCHASE 20-12-29835

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve funding for the purchase of a Broda chair in the amount of \$3,495.00 from the Doyle Bequest Trust Fund.

MOTION CARRIED

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD: 20-12-29836

Warden Pitts provided a report for inclusion in the meeting package. He stated that the Board last met on December 1st, 2020. He stated that a small surplus is expected at both facilities. Permanent staffing continues to be a problem he reported. He stated that all staff at both facilities have recently been recertified in WHIMS and First Aid and that the Board will be funding the purchase of new uniforms as they return to wearing regular scrubs.

A Broda chair was purchased for each facility and the Department of Health has been invoiced for the lost revenue that took place due to the admission restrictions in place during the Pandemic. Finally he concluded that COVID testing will be taking place every 2 weeks moving forward for all staff and visitors and that the average occupancy is sitting at approximately 97%.

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Home Management Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Meeting in January

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

Meeting on January 20th, 2021

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION: 20-12-29837

Councillor Armsworhty stated that he attended his first meeting of the GALA Board and it was a familiarization meeting for him with the group. He stated that AGM was held at that time as well.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Guysborough Adult Learning Association Report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE: 20-12-29838

Councillor Decoff stated that the Committee met last evening and he was appointed Chair. He stated that Bill Shaw was present and gave a presentation on the ground and surface water testing which was very informative. He stated that all reports have come back with no adverse affects to either. Further detailed testing will be completed on microorganisms etc in the Spring of 2021 to ensure that all is fine in that regard.

There are 12 projects approved under the green fund and there are a few that still being finalized.

He stated that the compost facilities are almost complete and this will enable MODG to accept more compost from neighboring units. He stated that a discussion was held at the meeting about releasing a small report to residents to keep people up to date on the happenings at the Waste Facility.

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Waste Management Liaison Committee report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD:

Meeting scheduled for December 17th.

CANSO ARENA BOARD: 20-12-29839

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that the Arena is operational again for the 2020-2021 season after a number of hiccups. She stated that there is great interest in minor hockey and figure skating again this year.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Canso Arena Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD: 20-12-29840

Councillor Long stated that he attended his first meeting and Councillor Desmond is Chairing that Committee. He noted that there are a number of applications out for funding for recruitment and his orientation will be held next week.

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Community Health Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO STAKE HOLDERS COMMITTEE: 20-12-29841

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that they have been successful in obtaining nurses for Eastern Memorial and a doctor has been secured up until December 31st and they are presently working on January. Discussions continue on the Doctor Recruitment front and discussions with MJ Hampton, the Health Consultant will continue.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Canso Stake Holders Committee report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKE HOLDER WORKING GROUP

20-12-29842

Councillor Long stated that the Group is meeting tomorrow. There is continued discussion surrounding the acquisition of permanent doctors in the long term and there are some service concerns at the hospital in Guysborough. Locum coverage has been secured but there will be shortages around Christmas.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT the Guysborough & Area Stake Holder Working Group report be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD:

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- December 14th @ 1:00 p.m. – Call in from Home- Mike Kelloway

ADJOURNMENT:

20-12-29843

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT the December 9th, 2020 Regular Council meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:08 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE