

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

ATTENANCE

21-02-29867

Warden Pitts
Deputy Warden Peitzsche (via teleconference)
Councillor Long
Councillor Desmond
Councillor Decoff
Councillor Hanhams
Councillor McLaren
Councillor Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Gary Cleary, Deputy CAO/Director of Waste Management
Shawn Andrews, Director of IT, Fire & Emergency
Debbie Torrey, Development Officer
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-02-29868

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL, JANUARY 18, 2021 21-02-29869

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams
SECONDED: Councillor Desmond
MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021 Special Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL 21-02-29870

MOVED: Councillor Long
SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams
MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of January 20, 2021 as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

BRIEFING NOTE- REQUEST FOR VARIANCE- ALSTER FOREST LIMITED (PETER JAECKH) 21-02-29871

Ms. Torrey referred to the Briefing Note included in the meeting package. She stated that requests for variances that exceed 10% of what is written in the Land Use Bylaw must be brought to Council for approval.

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: THAT the Committee of the Whole authorize Municipal Staff to grant a variance to Alster Forest Limited (Peter Jaeckh), Property PID 35049196 in accordance with the Municipal Government Act that would vary one side yard setback facing the bakery property to allow the construction of a Residential multi-Unit Building to be located as close as 8' to this property line;

AND FURTHER THAT Municipal Staff be authorized to also grant a variance that would vary the setbacks from both Broad and Main Streets to allow the construction of a Residential Multi-Unit Building to be located as close as 13' to the DOTIR right of ways.

MOTION CARRIED

FCM- ASSET MANAGEMENT FUNDING

Mr. Carroll stated the letter was included for information purposes. He stated that MODG has received \$50,000 from the FCM Municipal Asset Management Program to complete the Asset Management Plan.

PROPOSALS FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS FOR COMPOST FACILITY 21-02-29872

Mr. Cleary distributed a Briefing Note outlining the bids for the Electrical Systems for the new compost facility.

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Staff to proceed with negotiations on the installation of the electrical for the new compost facility with Linair Electrical Ltd with the cost not to exceed \$53,107 (HST included) and subject to review and recommendation from our design consultants, A.H. Roy & Associates.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MILFORD HAVEN FIRE & EMERGENCY, LOAN GUARANTEE 21-02-29873

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: WHEREAS the Milford Haven Fire & Emergency Services is registered with the Municipality of the District of Guysborough;

AND WHEREAS the Milford Haven Fire & Emergency Services has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Three Hundred Eighty-four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$384,139) for the purpose of a utility firefighting apparatus/vehicle;

AND WHEREAS the Milford Haven Fire & Emergency Services has requested a municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the District of Guysborough does hereby approve the borrowing by the Milford Haven Fire & Emergency Services of Three Hundred Eighty-four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$384,139) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

CLAIM #1, ZUTPHEN CONTRACTORS- GAP & GAS COLLECTION 21-02-29874

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough release the Warranty Holdback on the Cap & Gas Collection Project in the amount of \$120,386.30 in accordance with the recommendation from Dillon Consulting and subject to final review by our Finance Department with funding to come from the cap reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 21-02-29875

Warden Pitts stated that the Committee met on January 21st at the Waste Facility. He stated that it was more of a welcoming meeting to introduce the new members and discuss the budget and he was reelected as Chair. He noted that he asked Mrs. Haverkort to come to a future meeting to discuss programming and grants that are available.

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE 21-02-29876

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that her first meeting as Chair of the Committee was Meeting was held on January 20th. She stated that again it was an introductory meeting for her and Mr. Andrews reviewed some training and other Municipal issues. The next meeting is scheduled for April.

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the EMO Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

No meeting since last Council

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Councillor Decoff stated that a bulletin from the Waste Management Liaison Committee has been sent out to various outlets, including Councillor Desmond's monthly release, to let residents know what is happening at the Waste Facility. He said it's a great way to communicate as a lot of people don't know what happens there.

He stated that the next meeting is on March 8th.

LIBRARY BOARD

21-02-29877

Councillor Desmond stated that at the last meeting in January the CEO gave a presentation sharing library financial information. She stated that several members of the Board were not happy with how the equity grant is being distributed and she asked for additional information. She stated that Crystal Durling was elected Treasurer and the next meeting will be tomorrow, February 18th which she is unable to attend but Councillor Long will attend in her place.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Library Board Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY FUNDING OVERVIEW 21-02-29878

Mr. Carroll stated that there are concerns from the information that was distributed in the last meeting package regarding the funding grant. He stated that there could be cuts to services at both libraries in Canso or Guysborough and those cuts would be unacceptable.

He stated that Canso Library has been a success story and would not be prepared to entertain cuts to either facility. He stated that taking library resources from local areas to spread financial resources to more populated areas is not an acceptable solution.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT Council instruct that a letter be sent to Laura Emery, CEO of the Eastern Counties Regional Library expressing that Council is not in favor of any proposed cuts to services or any increase in funding above and beyond what is currently paid.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO ARENA BOARD

21-02-29879

Councillor Hanhams stated that the last meeting was held on February 13th. He stated that the Arena Manager provided a report and the financial report as well and there are no pertinent issues that needed to be dealt with. He stated that discussion was held about raising funds for the time clock as well as a date for closure after March Break.

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

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

MOTION CARRIED

21-02-29880

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Long stated that the Board met last week. He stated that the Health Plan is in need of updating and it is currently being worked on. He stated that there is an opening for a Seniors Coordinator that is presently being advertised.

He noted that long time Health Authority Debbie Ross has announced that she is retiring in June and asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to her. He noted that all the programming funding dollars have been spent and food security was discussed as well. He concluded his report stating that Councillor Desmond would be reading her children's book "Good Morning Mr. Charlie" on a zoom call this evening which was discussed at the meeting regarding early childhood development and that, he is presently working to organize a group to spearhead the idea of a Daycare in Guysborough.

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

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

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Next meeting until March 15th.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

21-02-29881

Councillor Desmond stated that the meeting is tomorrow.

Councillor Long stated that he did a virtual tour with a potential physician from the US last week and another tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. He stated that there is still nothing to report from the M.J. Hampton Report.

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Guysborough Area Stakeholder Working Group report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021- Staff/Council Budget Session @ 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021- Committee of the Whole @ 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10th- Budget Review if needed- time TBD if necessary
- Wednesday, March 17th- Regular Council & Budget Adoption @ 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

21-02-29882

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of February 17, 2021 stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:19) p.m.

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE