

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

ATTENANCE

21-01-29850

Warden Pitts
Deputy Warden Peitzsche
Councillor Long
Councillor Desmond
Councillor Decoff
Councillor Hanhams
Councillor McLaren
Councillor Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Gary Cleary, Deputy CAO
Shawn Andrews, Director of IT, Fire & Emergency Services
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Media
EHS (Via Conference Call)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-01-29851

Addition: Personnel (Closed Session)

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams
SECONDED: Councillor Armsworthy
MOTION: THAT Council approve the Agenda as amended with the noted addition.
MOTION CARRIED

INTO CLOSED SESSION

21-01-29852

MOVED: Councillor Decoff
SECONDED: Councillor Armsworthy
MOTION: THAT Council go in to Closed Session.
MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

21-01-29853

MOVED: Councillor Hanhams
SECONDED: Councillor Decoff
MOTION: THAT Council return to Open Session.
MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL, DECEMBER 9,
2020**

21-01-29854

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor McLaren
MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS- EHS

21-01-29855

Warden Pitts welcomed Mr. Phil Stewart as well as Mr. Derek Leblanc to the meeting via Zoom.

Mr. Carroll overviewed the present concerns with EHS service in MODG and asked Deputy Warden Peitzsche to overview the recent situation in her area as well.

Mr. Stewart stated that he fully understands the issues that we face in MODG and they are not unique to MODG it is the entire province. He outlined the way in which ambulances are deployed based on expected necessity for transfer or anticipated need for emergency. He noted that there are minimum deployment requirements but could not provide an answer as to what an expected response time is for an ambulance in an emergency situation.

Both Mr. Stewart & Mr. Leblanc stated that the transfer services are always terminated when there is no coverage in an area and stated that with the current resources (physical, financial and human) and there is no easy solution. They stated that there is constant contact with the hospitals in advance of transfers and closures definitely affect their productivity too.

COVID-19 certainly has had an impact on the graduating of new paramedics but the issues are the same with Doctors and Nurses, most people don't want to relocate to rural areas.

A discussion was held regarding the 24 hour shifts that were scheduled in the past and Mr. Leblanc stated that at that time 7 of 8 paramedics were off on some type of leave and the system is too busy to tie up resources for 24 hours in one location.

Discussion was held regarding estimated response times and they stated that they are not give to people over the phone who report an emergency to 911. They ask that you stay with the person who requires medical assistance and follow the direction of the Operator. Mr. Stewart did agree that in the future it may be helpful to let the person who is calling know where the Ambulance is travelling from.

Councillor Decoff asked if they had any input on the recently completed 'Fitch Report'. Mr. Stewart stated that the industry was involved in discussions but they have not seen the report and have been unable to obtain a copy.

Several Councillors expressed the unsatisfactory service that the area and the province is receiving and another model needs to be developed for transfer of patients who are not in emergency situations. EHS stated that they have a strong relationship with those in the fire service and they are opened to any and all ideas that Council may have as well as the continuous recruiting assistance that has been provided in the past.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT Council send correspondence to NSHA to voice the numerous complaints regarding EHS service in MODG and the Province as a whole.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

DOE CORRESPONDENCE-IRVING OIL PROPERTY

Mr. Carroll stated that there was a report completed and filed with the Department of Environment regarding the former Irving Lot on Main Street in Guysborough and a copy of that report was requested. MODG was notified by mail that the sites are entered into the contaminated sites process and then notified by email that the report would not be released and that a FOIPOP application would have to be submitted for the release.

Mr. Carroll stated that the application is presently being worked on.

**BRIEFING NOTE- PROGRESS CLAIM, TREELINE PROJECT
MANAGEMENT**

21-01-29856

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Long

MOTION: **THAT** Council authorize staff to proceed with approval of Invoice #1910 from Treeline Project Management in the amount of \$93,415.59 subject to a recommendation for payment from Strait Engineering and final review by our finance department.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

POLICY REPEALS, SECTION H

21-01-29857

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION: **THAT THAT** at the December 2, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council did give notice of motion to repeal the following policies at a future meeting:

H-3 Reimburse for Telephone Calls

H-4 Care of Garbage Bins & Bus Shelters

H-8 Wharf Usage Charges Policy

H-10 Disposal of Dog By-Law by the Municipality

H-13 Humane Trap Policy

H-17 Telephone Usage Policy

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby repeal the above noted policies.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICY AMENDMENTS, SECTION H

21-01-29858

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: **THAT** at the January 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting Council did give Notice to amend the following policies: H1, H2, H14, H18 & H19;

THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the amendments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD

21-01-29859

Warden Pitts stated that the last meeting was on Monday and it was very short to discuss the present situation with the transfer of assets to GEM.

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the Home Management Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Meeting tomorrow.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Meeting this evening at CLC.

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

21-01-29860

Councillor Armsworthy stated that the board met on Monday and everyone on the Board was present. He stated that there are a number of interesting projects underway however COVID has really had an impact on the activities of the Board.

MOVED: Councillor McLaren

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

MOTION: THAT Council approve the GALA Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

Councillor Decoff stated that the minutes from the last meeting are included and the next meeting is on March 8th.

LIBRARY BOARD

21-01-29861

Councillor Desmond stated that the Board met last Thursday in Mulgrave and it was an orientation to the financials of the Board. She stated that the Board are looking for a Municipal contribution of \$40,000. She also stated that there will be more discussion on the shared services at the next meeting.

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

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

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO ARENA BOARD

21-01-29862

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that the Board met on Saturday evening. She stated that figure skating and minor hockey have a good handle on their schedules and are doing well.

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

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

MOTION CARRIED

21-01-29863

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Councillor Long stated that they held a Zoom meeting last week, which was chaired by Councillor Desmond. He stated that an invitation has gone out to the Board to invite them to a future meeting to discuss what they are doing. An asset map is also being worked on which covers the entire County.

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

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

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

21-01-29864

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that the group met yesterday. She stated that updates were given from Angela MacArthur and all physicians are covered in Canso for the time being. She stated that the MJ Hampton report was discussed as well.

MOVED: Councillor Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Hanhams

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

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

21-01-29865

Councillor Long stated that the MJ Hampton Report was filed with recommendations but the Board has not yet seen it. He stated that from what has been made public, there is not a recommendation to close either the Guysborough or Canso Hospitals but the report needs to be seen.

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that she is disappointed that Council has not been provided a copy of the recommendations as Council had been previously told that the report would be a communal report and wouldn't be filed until everyone had a chance to read it.

It has been submitted to the Department of Health for approval.

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Councillor Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Thursday, January 28th, 2021- Pre-Budget Workshop @ 8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021- Paul Landry, SRCE @ 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021- Committee of the Whole @ 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 17th, 2021- Quarterly DOT @ 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 17th, 2021- Regular Council @ 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

21-01-29866

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2021 stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (6:02 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE