

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL VIA ZOOM
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

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

ATTENANCE

21-06-29974

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Shawn Andrews, Deputy CAO
Gordon MacDonald, Director of Economic Development
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Saltwire Network
Media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-06-29975

Additions: 8. d) Stan Rogers Folk Festival

MOVED: Councillor Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Agenda with the noted additions.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL

21-06-29976

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Long

MOTION: THAT Council approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

DELEGATION- SALTWIRE

21-06-29977

Warden Pitts welcomed Scott Boyle & Paul MacDonald with Saltwire Network to the meeting. He stated that Council is not pleased at all in the manner that flyers are being delivered and there were promises made at the last meeting they attended to rectify the situation.

Mr. Boyle stated that they have recorded 6 calls at the contact center from Guysborough County concerning various requests for various things and he has had two conversations with Councillor Decoff in that time period. He stated that they have worked with the area distributor to replace all existing drivers with new ones, have communicated clearly that flyers are not to be thrown in driveways or ditches, that those properties that have not picked up previous weeks deliveries are not be redelivered to and are to be picked up by the driver and they have seen great success with

these measures. Councillors McLaren & Armsworhty both stated that they have noticed a positive change in both of their districts. Councillor Decoff stated that his issues were dealt with for his own delivery but his neighbors are still experiencing the same issues of flyers being left in their driveway.

Mr. Carroll stated that Council had sent a letter back in April to ask that flyer boxes be installed around the Municipality and Mr. MacDonald stated that they have not done that because they are concerned about those people who are unable to leave their properties due to transportation or mobility issues- especially the senior population.

Councillor Long stated that he has emailed numerous times and sent emails as well. He stated that it is still an issue in the village of Guysborough and has always been. The remaining members of Council stated that residents are just frustrated with the system and are no longer placing calls to the organization as they have not been met with past successes.

Mr. Boyle stated that he is sorry to hear that Council is still frustrated and not seeing results all around MODG as they have worked very hard to rectify this situation and replaced all drivers through the distributor. Saltwire will now implement weekly checkins with the carriers and they can look at areas that would be suitable for drop boxes.

BRIEFING NOTE- 2021/2022 GREEN FUND APPLICATIONS

21-06-29978

MOVED: Councillor Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Long

MOTION: **THAT** based on the recommendation from the Waste Management Liaison Committee that Council approve the following projects under the 2021/2022, Municipal Green for the amounts shown:

1. Guysborough & Area Board of Trade
Project: Flower baskets and Christmas wreathes
Amount: \$1,310.63
2. Canso Library Resource Society
Project: Garden Beds
Amount: \$350.00
3. Little Dover Community Development
Project: Wooden Garbage Bins
Amount: \$1,250.00
4. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 81 Guysborough
Project: Flower garden & low growing bushes
Amount: \$939.04
5. Upper big Tracadie Seniors Action Club
Project: Flower boxes, flowers, mulch and a 3 piece garden tool set for Road Side Food Pantry
Amount: \$765.06
6. Milford Haven Home for Special Care
Project: Mature trees, wheel barrow and wheel chair accessible planters
Amount: \$1,000.00 (50% of funding request)
7. Lincolnville Community Development Association
Project: Community garden, paint (steps)/clean-up, hanging plants, upgrade to garbage container
Amount: \$1,200.00 (materials only)
8. Guysborough Waterfront Development Society

Project: Hanging baskets, wooden planters, plants, compost, topsoil and waste/recycling containers
Amount: \$1,210.00

9. Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club
Project: 6 planter boxes for flowers and vegetables
Amount: \$1,000.00

10. Charlos Cove Park Association (Thomas Downey)
Project: Clean up children's playground
Amount - \$1,000.00 (materials only)

11. Canso Garden Club
Project: Garden Beds
Amount: \$1450.00

12. Guysborough County Kids First
Project: Starter plants, Hanging plants (Little Sprouts Program
Amount: \$810.00

13. Guysborough District Fish & Game Association
Project: Fish stocking of lakes
Amount: \$3,500.00

(TOTAL = \$ 15,784.73)

AND FURTHER THAT on the recommendation of the Liaison Committee the following applications be denied funding under this program:

Charlos Cove Playground Waterfront Development
Project: Renovations to playground area
Amount: \$7474.00 (max. eligible = \$3,500.00)"

All Saints Church
Project: "Bee Friendly" flowers, compost and fertilizer
Amount: \$500.00

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE- NSP REQUEST FOR SHORT DURATION ROAD CLOSURES 21-06-29979

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorized staff to provide Nova Scotia Power Inc. with a letter confirming blanket permission to allow for a very short duration road closures on public roads, of which, are under the authority of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough. These closures would be for planned and emergency work to be completed in 30 minutes or less.

MOTION CARRIED

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION AWARD 21-06-29980

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough send letters of congratulations to the students who have received the Lieutenant Governor's Education Award.

MOTION CARRIED

STAN ROGERS FOLK FESTIVAL

21-06-29981

Councillor Armsworthy stated that the organizers of the Stan Rogers Festival have released a book commemorating the history of the festival. He stated that there was also an announcement today that they would be cancelling the festival again for this year but announced 5 concerts that would be held at the deCoste Center in Pictou. He stated that he would ask that correspondence be sent to Mr. Greencorn asking why these concerts are not being held in Canso as there have been many years of volunteering and commitment from Canso and the residents in the Municipality to keep the festival going each year.

Deputy Warden Peitzsche also asked that the CAO get in touch with Mr. Greencorn immediately and forward his response followed up with a letter.

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT Council direct that the CAO reach out to Mr. Troy Greencorn to determine why the concert series for 2021 has been moved to Pictou County and also that it be followed up with a letter.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**3 YEAR OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS CANSO HAZEL HILL
WATER UTILITY**

21-06-29982

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the 3 Year Operating Budget for the Canso-Hazel Water Utility 2021/2022-2023/2024 and the 3-year Capital Budget for the Canso Hazel Hill Water Utility for 2021/2022-2023/2024 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PROGRESS CLAIM #4 TREELINE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

21-06-29983

MOVED: Councillor Decoff

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve Claim #4 in the amount of \$72,908.87 to Treeline Project Management as recommended by Strait Engineering Limited and subject to final review by Finance.

MOTION CARRIED

POLICY MANUAL- SECTION J) 2.1 & J) 2.2

21-06-29984

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT on the recommendation of the June 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough did approve the Notice of Intent to adopt Policies J) 2.1 Annual Performance Evaluation Forms and Policy J) 2.2 Professional Development as presented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the two above noted policies through second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Next meeting on June 23rd.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

No meeting since last Council.

Mr. Andrews stated that two summer students were hired to go home to home throughout the Municipality to educate residents on the Voyent Alert system. He stated that it has been going well in their first week and he will let the Councillor of the area know when they will be coming to the homes in their District.

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Meeting scheduled for June 21st.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON

21-06-29985

Councillor Desmond stated that the Committee met yesterday to determine the recommendations for Council for the 2021/2022 Green Fund projects and the motion was passed earlier in the meeting.

MOVED: Councillor Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION: THAT the Waste Management Liaison Committee report be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

21-06-29986

Councillor Desmond stated that the Board met on June 3rd. She stated that a number of recommendations for hiring, salary increases and other head office proposals were on the agenda which she did not support but all motions were passed. The auditors gave their recommendations but all was in order from last year's financials.

The next meeting will be held on June 24th.

MOVED: Councillor Desmond

SECONDED: Councillor Decoff

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Next meeting is June 30th.

CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Deputy Warden Peitzsche stated that NS Health has stopped all meetings due to COVID so there has not been a meeting.

GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP

Councillor Long stated that the situation is the same in Guysborough. He added that there is a virtual tour for next week for a potential doctor coming to the area and another scheduled to take place in the Fall.

INTO CLOSED SESSION

21-06-29987

MOVED: Councillor Long

SECONDED: Councillor Desmond

MOTION: THAT Council move into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

21-06-29988

MOVED: Councillor Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor McLaren

MOTION: THAT Council return to open session.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday July 7, 2021- COW @ 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday July 14, 2021- Glynn Williams @ 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday July 21, 2021- Regular Council @ 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday July 21, 2021- Quarterly EMO @ 6:00 p.m @ CLC

ADJOURNMENT

21-06-29989

MOVED: Deputy Warden Peitzsche

MOTION: THAT the Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 2021 stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:48 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE