

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 @ 3:00 PM
SPECIAL COUNCIL - BUDGET ADOPTION
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Warden Vernon Pitts called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

20-03-29602

Warden Vernon Pitts
Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly
Councillor Miles MacDonald
Councillor Neil Decoff (via teleconference)
Councillor Dave Hanhams
Councillor Janet Peitzsche (via teleconference)
Councillor Rickey McLaren
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Gary Cleary, Deputy CAO
Danita Imlay, Director of Finance
Anne Nagel, Manager of Finance
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works
Shawn Andrews, Director of Fire, Emergency & IT
Angie Tavares, Director of Recreation
Gordon MacDonald, Director of Economic Development
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Representatives of the Guysborough & Area Food Bank
Media

REGRETS

Kate Jamieson, Deputy Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20-03-29603

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald
MOTION: **THAT** Council move the item concerning the Guysborough & Area Food Bank up on the Agenda.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL FEBRUARY 19, 2020

20-03-29604

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of February 19, 2020 Regular council Meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC PLAN:

20-03-29605

Mr. Shawn Andrews and Mr. Barry Carroll briefly reviewed the proposed Coronavirus Pandemic Plan.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the Coronavirus Pandemic Plan of 2020 as the new and updated Pandemic Plan for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough;

AND FURTHER THAT this Plan will be used as the basis for business continuity for the Municipality during this Global Pandemic.

MOTION CARRIED

MODG COVID-19 CONTROLS & MEASURES DOCUMENT:

20-03-29606

Mr. Barry Carroll reviewed the new MODG COVID-19 Controls & Measures Document.

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough adopt the MODG COVID-19 Controls & Measures Document for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION – GUYSBOROUGH & AREA FOOD BANK NEW BUILDING:

20-03-29607

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Municipality of the District of Guysborough is aware that the Guysborough & Area Food Bank does not have suitable space to operate their regular services in a safe and sustainable manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality approve up to \$100,000 in funding for the construction of a new Food Bank operations center to be constructed in Guysborough on MODG property;

AND FURTHER THAT MODG Staff will help apply to other levels of government for funding;

AND FURTHER THAT on a weekend to come, MODG will hold a “Raise the Roof for the Guysborough & Area Food Bank” event where Contractors and Residents will be asked to help build the new home for the Food Bank.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION – GUYSBOROUGH & AREA FOOD BANK COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDING:

20-03-29608

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** the Municipality of the District of Guysborough recognizes the Guysborough & Area Food Bank as a vital service to the residents of MODG and beyond;

AND WHEREAS MODG is aware that COVID-19 will impact residents within our Municipality (and beyond) who are in need of assistance for food supply particularly with the recommendations that families have additional supplies in case there is a need to isolate during a specified period;

AND WHEREAS it is expected that there will be significant increased demands on our local Food Bank;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following assistance be provided to the Guysborough & Area Food Bank:

- That the Municipality provide an amount of \$10,000 of immediate funding for food supplies for the MODG.
- That the Municipality offer Staff assistance to deliver food to residents on an as required basis.

MOTION CARRIED

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH: 20-03-29609

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough recognize the month of March as Epilepsy Awareness Month and declare March 26th as Purple Day in the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2020: 20-03-29610

Mr. Barry Carroll briefly reviewed a memo prepared by Ms. Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk and Returning Officer for the Municipality.

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough agree with the recommendation that polling divisions and locations of polling stations (in Districts with elections) remain status quo for the upcoming Regular Election;

AND FURTHER THAT the Deputy Clerk and Development Officer be named as Deputy Returning Officers for the upcoming Regular Election;

AND FURTHER THAT the Provincial List of Electors, as obtained from the Office of the Chief Elector Officer of Nova Scotia, be used in conjunction with recent Municipal Election Lists as the Preliminary List of Electors for the upcoming Regular Election.

MOTION CARRIED

PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICES: 20-03-29611

Mr. Barry Carroll reviewed correspondence from PVSC regarding the 2020/2021 funding contribution for the Municipality noting this is an information item.

EASTERN STRAIT REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK: 20-03-29612

Mr. Barry Carroll reviewed correspondence from the ESREN noting that the Municipality has received its' final disbursement in the amount of \$10,779.

MARK DUGGAN, BELL ALIANT: 20-03-29613

Mr. Barry Carroll reviewed correspondence Mark Duggan, Bell Aliant regarding Broadband Service for MODG seeking a letter of support for expansion in the MODG.

Councillor Finlay Armsworthy referred to a letter from Mr. Snow regarding lack of internet service.

Mr. Barry Carroll noted that Mr. Shawn Andrews was going to respond to his correspondence noting that Councillor Dave Hanhams could provide this information to Mr. Snow.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough provide a letter of support to Bell Aliant for their application for expansion of their Broadband Service in the MODG.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF 2020-2021 BUDGET ESTIMATES

20-03-29614

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough adopt the Budget Projections for Revenues and Expenditures for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 showing projected Revenues and Expenditure of **\$17,044,691 (seventeen million forty-four thousand six hundred and ninety-one dollars);**

AND FURTHER THAT the 2020-2021 Budget so adopted will be attached to the original of the Minutes as Appendix "A".

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Finlay Armsworthy voted nay due to the tax rate and hardships in his District.

**ADOPTION OF 2020-2021 CAPITAL & SPECIAL MUNICIPAL INITIATIVES/
PROJECTS BUDGET ESTIMATES:**

29-03-29615

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough adopt the Capital Budget Projections for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 showing projected Revenues and Expenditures of **\$4,218,757 (four million two hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty seven dollars);**

AND FURTHER THAT the **2020-2021** Capital Budget and Special Municipal Initiatives/Projects so adopted will be attached to the original of the Minutes as Appendix "B".

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES AND STRIKING OF TAX RATE:

20-03-29616

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough estimates that the sum amounting to \$4,158,315 (four million, one hundred fifty eight thousand, three hundred fifteen dollars) is required for the lawful purpose of the Municipality aforesaid for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021 after crediting any probable revenue and from the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of taxes and for taxes for the said Fiscal Year which may not be collectible or collected;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Council hereby authorize the levying and collection for a rate of **\$0.71** per \$100.00 of assessment for all

RESIDENTIAL/RESOURCE property and a rate of **\$2.68** per \$100.00 of assessment for all COMMERCIAL PROPERTY assessed on the Assessment Roll to defray the expenditures of the Municipality aforesaid for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 and any deficit from the previous year;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in addition to the above rates, the said Council hereby authorize the levying and collection for a rate of **\$1.5126** per \$100.00 of assessment for all RESIDENTIAL/RESOURCE property in District 8 and a rate of **\$1.3470** per \$100.00 of assessment for all COMMERCIAL PROPERTY in District 8 assessed on the Assessment Roll to defray the expenditures for additional local services of the Municipality aforesaid for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 and any deficit from the previous year;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE THAT as part of the elimination of the Business Occupancy Assessment the Municipal Law Amendment (2005) Act, (Bill 191), establishes a process for Assessment to identify seasonal tourist businesses

AND WHEREAS properties containing seasonal tourist businesses are eligible for a reduced commercial tax rate on their real property the said Council authorize the levy and collection for a rate of **\$2.01** per \$100.00 of assessment for all properties identified by Assessment as seasonal tourist business;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Council requires payment of said rates to be made to the Treasurer of the Municipality aforesaid on or before the **31st day of JULY, A.D., 2020**;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Council hereby impose an additional percentage charge for EIGHTEEN PER CENT (18%) SIMPLE INTEREST per annum on ALL arrears outstanding after the **31st day of AUGUST, A.D., 2020**;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby fixes the **31st day of JULY, A.D., 2020** as the day after which the Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes, then unpaid and in arrears.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Finlay Armsworthy voted nay.

BORROWING RESOLUTION - 2020-2021:

20-03-29617

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Warden Vernon Pitts and Barry Carroll, Chief Administrative Officer, to borrow up to ½ of the 2019/2020 tax levy if required to meet the current operating expenses for 2020-2021.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRE PROTECTION LEVIES 2020-2021:

20-03-29618

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that the following specific amounts will be required by the various Fire Departments within the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to provide Fire Protection for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the 2020-2021 Area Fire Levies be assessed on the various areas as follows:

F1	Milford Haven	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment
F2	Erinville and District	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment
F4	7 Communities	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment
E4	Auld's Cove	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment
F5	Chedabucto	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment
F6	Three Top	0.1350	per \$100 of assessment
E6	Larry's River	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment
F7	Harbourview	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment
F9	Little Dover (162 Units)	65.00	per unit
E2	Goshen (60 Units)	50.00	per unit
E3	Tracadie	0.1000	per \$100 of assessment
F8	Canso/Hazel Hill	0.1530	per \$100 of assessment

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Section 78(1)(a)(b)a Forest Acreage Fire Levy will be established at **\$.01** per acre for 2020-2021

MOTION CARRIED

STREET LIGHTING LEVIES 2020-2021:

20-03-29619

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **WHEREAS** it has been determined that the specific amounts will be required for the provision of Street Lighting for the various areas of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT an area rate of **\$.0585 per \$100** of assessment be adopted and levied for Street Lighting for the taxation year 2020-2021.

MOTION CARRIED

2020-2021 SUNNYVILLE PUMP HOUSE RATES:

20-03-29620

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of **\$330.38** has been spent to operate the Pump House in Sunnyville for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the area rate for the operation of the Sunnyville Pump House for 2020/2021 be established at a rate of **\$0.063088 per \$100.00** of assessment for operating and **\$23.57 per household** for pump house repairs.

MOTION CARRIED

2020-2021 SEWER RATES – GUYSBOROUGH:

20-03-29621

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of **\$62,253** may be expended on the Guysborough Sewer System during the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 covering projected operational costs as budgeted;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that of the **\$62,253** projected expenditures an amount of **\$62,253** must be raised through a direct levy to the users of the system;

THEREFORE BE IT MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough set the 2020/2021 Annual Sewer Maintenance Charges, based on a User Fee System, of **\$221.54** per equivalent unit, there being **281** equivalent units presently connected to the system.

MOTION CARRIED

2020-2021 SEWER RATES - HAZEL HILL:

20-03-29622

MOVED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

SECONDED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of **\$3,807** may be expended on the Hazel Hill Sewer System during the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 covering projected operational costs as budgeted;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that of the **\$3,807** projected expenditures an amount of **\$3,807** must be raised through a direct levy to the users of the system;

THEREFORE BE IT MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough set the 2020/2021 Annual Sewer Maintenance Charges, based on a User Fee System, of **\$223.95** per equivalent unit, there being **17** equivalent units presently connected to the System.

MOTION CARRIED

2020-2021 SEWER RATES - LITTLE DOVER:

20-03-29623

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of **\$31,638** may be expended on the Little Dover Sewer System during the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 covering projected operational costs as budgeted;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that of the **\$31,638** projected expenditures an amount of **\$31,638** must be raised through a direct levy to the users of the system;

THEREFORE BE IT MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough set the 2020/2021 Annual Sewer Maintenance Charges, based on a User Fee System, of **\$212.34** per equivalent unit, there being **149** equivalent units presently connected to the System.

MOTION CARRIED

FULL TAX EXEMPTIONS:

20-03-29624

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** pursuant to the Tax Exemption By-Law as approved by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough the following tax exemptions or partial exemptions from taxes be granted provided that the exemption meets the qualification provisions and the applications were received in accordance with the deadlines as set out in the By-Law as approved:

NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	WRITE OFF
Bayview District Medical Centre	0249084	\$4,984.80
Goldboro/Isaac's Harbour Community Development Association	2150255	\$5,108.08
Guysborough Waterfront Development Society	3378314	\$2,284.70
Mulgrave Road Theatre	1830848	\$1,270.32
Keepers of the Beacon	3398013	\$ 962.12
Boylston Community Association	0888907	\$2,304.80
Whitehaven Community Development	4897307	\$3,623.36

Mulgrave Road Theatre	3562522	\$5,582.44
Chedabucto Bay Folk Society	4967135	\$3,894.11
Chedabucto Bay Folk Society	1186191	\$5,484.77

Total **\$35,499.50**
MOTION CARRIED

PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTIONS: 20-03-29625

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: **THAT** pursuant to the Partial Tax Exemption By-Law approved by the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough the following be granted tax exemptions in accordance with the By-Law provided that the exemption meets the qualification provisions and the applications comply with all provisions of the By-Law the exemption being the difference between the Commercial Rate and the Residential Rate:

NAME	ACCOUNT #	WRITE OFF
Masonic Hall	03075796	\$1,676.47
Sunnyville Community Association	04479556	\$ 671.77
Sunnyville Community Association	05101913	\$ 673.74
St. Patrick's Hall	01830945	\$2,184.73
Chedabucto Curling Club	00726923	\$3,329.30
Guysborough Fish & Game	01830821	\$1,319.90
Lincolville Community Association	07107897	\$1,402.64
St. Joseph's Parish Hall	04402901	\$1,717.84
St. Peter's Parish Hall	04404572	\$2,098.05
St. Joseph's Mission	00094595	\$1,560.24
Country Harbour Gun Club	00962422	\$2,344.30
Masonic Hall Lodge # 96	03075702	\$ 701.32
Canso Curling Club	00653012	\$1,367.18
St. Agnes Parish Hall	00695408	\$2,476.29
Eddy Point Marine Park	03378543	\$ 41.37
Eddy Point Marine Park	03378519	\$ 608.73
Lincolville Community Association	05088666	\$ 33.49
Little Dover Development Association	07145195	\$1,384.91
Guys. Waterfront Development Society	03378314	\$1,407.57
Lions Club of Canso	5632528	\$2,481.05
Shamrock	5957389	\$1,297.36

Total **\$30,778.25**
MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL GRANTS AND BURSARIES: 20-03-29626

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the granting of the grants and bursaries in a total amount of \$44,000.00 in the 2020/2021 Budget covering the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 as proposed;

AND FURTHER THAT the balance be distributed upon receipt of written request and the approval of the Committee of the Whole of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough:

Other		\$ 5,000
School Bursaries	(10 x \$250.00)	\$ 2,500
School Bursaries	(2 x \$250.00)	\$ 500
Stan Rogers Folk Festival		\$ 1,000
GOALS		\$10,000

St. Martha's Hospital Foundation \$25,000

TOTAL \$44,000
MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT - MUNICIPAL AUDITORS: 20-03-29627

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough appoint the Firm of **Grant Thornton** as Auditors for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR: 20-03-29628

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough appoint the Firm of **MacKeen Legal Services Incorporated** as Solicitors for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSFER OF OPERATING RESERVE FUNDS TO GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE 2020-2021: 20-03-29629

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: THAT WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough has deemed it necessary to transfer into the 2020/2021 Operating Budget an amount not to exceed **\$1,559,000 (one million, five hundred fifty nine thousand dollars)** from the Operating Reserve Fund;

AND WHEREAS Section 99(6) of the Municipal Government Act permits a municipality to maintain other reserve funds for such purposes as the Council may determine;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the transfer of an amount not to exceed **\$1,559,000 (one million, five hundred fifty nine thousand dollars)** from the Operating Reserve Fund to the 2020/2021 Operating Budget for the following expenditures and loans:

1.	Solid Waste Equipment	\$ 690,000
2.	Compost Facility Receiving Building	\$ 490,000
3.	Dry Hydrant Drum Head	\$ 15,000
4.	Sewer Upgrades	\$ 79,000
5.	Public Works Truck	\$ 35,000
6.	General Infrastructure Canso	\$ 250,000
		<u>\$ 1,559,000</u>

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSFER OF FUNDS HELD IN TRUST – CYRIL WARD LIBRARY 2020-2021: 20-03-29630

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: THAT WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough has deemed it necessary to transfer into the 2020/2021 Capital Budget an amount not to exceed **\$5,000 (five thousand dollars)** from the Cyril Ward Library Trust Fund for the purpose of capital expenditures;

BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the transfer of an amount not to exceed **\$5,000 (five thousand dollars)** for the following capital expenditures:

1. Renovations \$5,000
\$5,000

MOTION CARRIED

LOW INCOME TAX EXEMPTION 2020-2021:

20-03-29631

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** pursuant to Policy F-4 Low Income Tax Exemption approved by the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough **the income threshold level for the low income tax exemption from all sources is set at \$25,000 or below.**

MOTION CARRIED

DISTRICT ACTIVITY FUNDS:

20-03-29632

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve an increase to District Activity Funds of \$40,000 for a total Grant amount of \$80,000.

MOTION CARRIED

RENTAL FEES - CHEDABUCTO LIFESTYLE COMPLEX:

20-03-29633

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve an increase in rental fees for the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex for 2020/2021.

MOTION CARRIED

STAN ROGERS FOLK FESTIVAL:

20-03-29634

Mr. Barry Carroll referred to information including in the package regarding the MODG contribution to the Stan Rogers Folk Festival recommending Council approve the Gold Level Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve Gold Level Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 for the Stan Rogers Folk Festival.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION – PURCHASE FABRIC COVERED BUILDINGS COMPOST BUILDING:

20-03-29635

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of two (2) 80 ft. x 200 ft. Apex fabric covered buildings from Treeline Project Management for the purchase price of \$579,199.00 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – PROGRESS CLAIM #10, CELL 2 & 3: 20-03-29636

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough instruct that the 10% holdback on the Cap & Gas Collection project in the amount of \$481,545.27 be released to Zutphen Contractors Inc. as recommended by Dillon Consulting, and subject to final review by our Finance Department
MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – PROGRESS CLAIM #5, CELL 5, NOVA CONSTRUCTION: 20-03-29637

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve Progress Claim #5 from Nova Construction Limited for work on Cell #5, in the amount of \$318,863.68, subject to a review by our Finance Department.
MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – WRITE OFF SMALL AMOUNT ON CANSO ELECTRIC ACCOUNT: 20-03-29638

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Deputy CAO, that Council approve the write off of outstanding balances of 85 accounts in the amount of \$74.09.
MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – WRITE OFF CEU ACCOUNT 5162.0000, GERTRUDE CARTER, 862 UNION STREET, CANSO: 20-03-29639

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of the Deputy CAO, that Council approve the write off of an outstanding electric utility balance of \$497.53.
MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION – GUYSBOROUGH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY: 20-03-29640

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Guysborough authorize approval of \$3,797.25 toward the Port Readiness Study with funding to come from Economic Development Tourism Initiatives Budget.
MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION - NEW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN: 20-03-29641

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve acceptance of the new and updated Emergency Management Plan for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough;

AND FURTHER THAT this plan would be used as basis for Emergency Management in the Municipality for years to come.
MOTION CARRIED

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD: 20-03-29642

Warden Vernon Pitts provided an update from the last Home Management Board meeting which was held at Canso Seaside Manor.

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the report from the Home Management Board as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: 20-03-29643

Warden Vernon Pitts provided a brief report from the last Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Councillor Neil DeCoff

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the report from the Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE: 20-03-29644

Councillor Finlay Armsworthy provided a brief report from the Emergency Management Office. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th.

MOVED: Councillor Dave Hanhams

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the report from the Emergency Management Office Committee as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION: 20-03-29645

Councillor Rickey McLaren reported that they have not held a meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE: 20-03-29646

Nothing to report.

HOME SUPPORT BOARD: 20-03-29647

Nothing to report.

LIBRARY BOARD: 20-03-29648

Councillor Miles MacDonald provided a brief update from the Library Board and stated that a copy of the Eastern Counties Regional Library Annual Report 2018-2019 was included in the meeting package. Councillor MacDonald reported that on February 25th the new library funding model was introduced and will be implemented in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. He also reported that the ECRL has received an increase in funding and that municipal funding levels will remain the same. Councillor MacDonald noted that all ECRL facilities have been closed due to COVID-19 and the Board will be holding a special meeting on March 19th to discuss how they will move forward during this current crisis.

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough accept the report from the Library Board as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO ARENA:

20-03-29649

Councillor Janet Peitzsche reported that the last meeting was cancelled but with the current circumstances a meeting might not be possible in the near future.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD:

20-03-29650

Councillor Neil DeCoff reported that he did not attend the last meeting and he has no report available.

STAKE HOLDERS COMMITTEE:

20-03-29651

Councillor Janet Peitzsche stated that they met last Monday and they discussed the development a new brochure which will need to be approved by Council. They also discussed the fact that by the middle of July they will have a full compliment of nurses for both hospitals but they are still facing a doctor shortage crisis. Councillor Peitzsche noted that they are considering holding a community meeting regarding the doctor shortage in Canso.

Councillor Finlay Armsworthy questioned information he heard about bringing back retired doctors.

Councillor Janet Peitzsche stated that this was not discussed at the meeting.

Mr. Barry Carroll noted that he still has not received the funding request for the brochure or the content for the brochure.

MOVED: Councillor Finlay Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Miles MacDonald

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Stakeholders Committee report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD:

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

20-03-29652

No meeting scheduled for the foreseeable future due to the meeting restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT:

20-03-29653

MOVED: Deputy Warden Sheila Pelly

MOTION: THAT the March 16, 2020 Regular/Budget Council meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (4:12 pm)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE