

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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**

**21-03-29890**

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  
Danita Imlay, Director of Finance  
Deborah Torrey, Development Officer  
Angie Tavares, Director of Recreation  
Danita Imlay, Director of Finance  
Gordon MacDonald, Director of Economic Development  
Shawn Andrews, Director of Fire, Emergency & IT Services  
Glen Avery, Director of Public Works  
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk  
Media

Warden stated that he was saddened to announce the passing of Deputy Warden Peitzsche's husband and wished for all present to hold a moment of silence.

Addition memo- electric vehicle

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**21-03-29891**

Addition- 8. w) Electric Vehicle Purchase

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the Agenda with the noted addition.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL, FEBRUARY, 17, 2021**

**21-03-29892**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Regular Council as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL**

**21-03-29893**

**MOVED:** Councillor McLaren

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hanhams

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of March 9, 2021 as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MARCH 26, 2021 PURPLE DAY PROCLAMATION**

**21-03-29894**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough declare March 26, 2021 as Purple Day in the Municipality supporting the Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **COMMUNITY SPIRIT PLAQUE**

Mr. Carroll stated that each Municipal unit was presented with a plaque for their commitment to continuous service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.

#### **EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY FUNDING LETTER**

Mr. Carroll stated that a letter was received from the ECRL stating that there will be a reduction in services at both Canso and Guysborough Libraries. It is for the information of Council.

#### **EHS RESPONSE LETTER, DEPT HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Mr. Carroll referred to a letter from the Deputy Minister of Health & Wellness regarding the Fitch Report and EHS services in the Municipality. The Fitch Report will be released once the negotiations with EMCI (Emergency Medical Care Inc.) are complete.

#### **GUYSBOROUGH PHARMACHOICE**

**21-03-29895**

Mr. Carroll stated that a request has been received from Guysborough PharmaChoice to avail of the Community Room at the CLC to administer COVID-19 vaccinations from March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>-April 7<sup>th</sup> at no charge. A waiver of policy would be required to permit this request.

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the request from the Guysborough PharmaChoice to waive the full rental fee for the Community Room for the purposes of administering vaccinations for COVID-19;

**AND THAT** Council also send a letter of appreciation to both Guysborough and Canso Pharmacies to recognize them during Pharmacy Appreciation Month.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **SPECIAL FACILITY GRANTS- COVID 19**

**21-03-29896**

Mr. Andrews reviewed the Briefing Note regarding the one-time, \$2,500 Special Facility Grants.

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the presented list of community facilities to receive a one-time MODG Community Hall COVID Relief Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to a maximum of one grant per organization.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF 2021-2022 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

**21-03-29897**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**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, 2021 to March 31, 2022 showing projected Revenues and Expenditure of **\$17,280,098 (seventeen million, two hundred eighty thousand, ninety-eight dollars);**

**AND FURTHER THAT** the 2021-2022 Budget so adopted will be attached to the original of the Minutes as Appendix "A".

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1 NAY- Councillor Armsworthy**

**ADOPTION OF 2021-2022 CAPITAL & SPECIAL MUNICIPAL INITIATIVES/PROJECTS BUDGET ESTIMATES**

**21-03-29898**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough adopt the Capital Budget Projections for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 showing projected Revenues and Expenditures of **\$3,501,000 (three million, five hundred, one thousand dollars);**

**AND FURTHER THAT** the **2021-2022** 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**

**21-03-29899**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**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 \$4,346,208 (four million, three hundred forty six thousand, two hundred eight dollars) is required for the lawful purpose of the Municipality aforesaid for the Fiscal Year commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022 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 **\$0.77** per \$100.00 of assessment for all RESIDENTIAL/RESOURCE property and a rate of **\$2.74** 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, 2021 to March 31, 2022 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, 2021 to March 31, 2022 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 **\$2.06** 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., 2021**;

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the said Council hereby impose an additional percentage charge for THIRTEEN POINT TWO PER CENT (13.2%) SIMPLE INTEREST per annum on arrears outstanding after the **31st day of AUGUST, A.D., 2021**, with the exception of taxes levied 2020/2021 as per Council Policy E-10;

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council hereby fixes the **31st day of JULY, A.D., 2021** 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**

**2 NAYS- Councillor Armsworthy  
Councillor Hanhams**

**BORROWING RESOLUTION - 2021-2022**

**21-03-29900**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**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 2020/2021 tax levy if required to meet the current operating expenses for 2021-2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FIRE PROTECTION LEVIES 2021-2022**

**21-03-29901**

**MOVED:** Councillor Desmond

**SECONDED:** rickey

**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, 2021 to March 31, 2022;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the 2021-2022 Area Fire Levies be assessed on the various areas as follows:

F1	Milford Haven	<b>0.1550</b> per \$100 of assessment
F2	Erinville and District	<b>0.1550</b> per \$100 of assessment
F4	7 Communities	<b>0.1550</b> per \$100 of assessment
E4	Auld's Cove	<b>0.1550</b> per \$100 of assessment
F5	Chedabucto	<b>0.1550</b> per \$100 of assessment
F6	Three Top	<b>0.1350</b> per \$100 of assessment
E6	Larry's River	<b>0.1550</b> per \$100 of assessment
F7	Harbourview	<b>0.1550</b> per \$100 of assessment
F9	Little Dover (162 Units)	<b>65.00</b> per unit
E2	Goshen (60 Units)	<b>50.00</b> per unit
E3	Tracadie	<b>0.1000</b> per \$100 of assessment
F8	Canso /Hazel Hill	<b>0.1550</b> 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 2021-2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**STREET LIGHTING LEVIES 2021-2022**

**21-03-29902**

**MOVED:** Councillor Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**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, 2021 to March 31, 2022;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** an area rate of **\$.0582 per \$100** of assessment be adopted and levied for Street Lighting for the taxation year 2021-2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2021-2022 SUNNYVILLE PUMP HOUSE RATES**

**21-03-29903**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor McLaren

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of **\$229.23** has been spent to operate the Pump House in Sunnyville for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the area rate for the operation of the Sunnyville Pump House for 2021/2022 be established at a rate of **\$0.067920 per \$100.00** of assessment for operating.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2021-2022 SEWER RATES - GUYSBOROUGH**

**21-03-29904**

**MOVED:** Councillor McLaren

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of **\$64,627** may be expended on the Guysborough Sewer System during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 covering projected operational costs as budgeted;

**AND WHEREAS** it has been determined that of the **\$64,627** projected expenditures an amount of **\$64,627** 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 2021/2022 Annual Sewer Maintenance Charges, based on a User Fee System, of **\$224.40** per equivalent unit, there being **288** equivalent units presently connected to the system.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2021-2022 SEWER RATES - HAZEL HILL**

**21-03-29905**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of **\$3,856** may be expended on the Hazel Hill Sewer System during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 covering projected operational costs as budgeted;

**AND WHEREAS** it has been determined that of the **\$3,856** projected expenditures an amount of **\$3,856** 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 2021/2022 Annual Sewer Maintenance Charges, based on a User Fee System, of **\$226.84** per equivalent unit, there being **17** equivalent units presently connected to the System.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2021-2022 SEWER RATES - LITTLE DOVER**

**21-03-29906**

**MOVED:** Councillor McLaren

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** it has been determined that an amount of \$32,262 may be expended on the Little Dover Sewer System during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 covering projected operational costs as budgeted;

**AND WHEREAS** it has been determined that of the \$32,262 projected expenditures an amount of \$32,262 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 2021/2022 Annual Sewer Maintenance Charges, based on a User Fee System, of \$215.08 per equivalent unit, there being 150 equivalent units presently connected to the System.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FULL TAX EXEMPTIONS**

**21-03-29907**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**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:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>WRITE OFF</b>
Bayview District Medical Centre	0249084	\$5,227.92
Goldboro/Isaac's Harbour Community Development Association	2150255	\$5,222.44
Guysborough Waterfront Development Society	3378314	\$2,207.92
Mulgrave Road Theatre	1830848	\$1,241.22
Keepers of the Beacon	3398013	\$ 983.66
Boylston Community Association	0888907	\$2,383.80
Whitehaven Community Development	4897307	\$3,534.60
Mulgrave Road Theatre	3562522	\$5,359.44
Chedabucto Bay Folk Society	4967135	\$3,980.74
Chedabucto Bay Folk Society	1186191	\$5,631.89
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,773.62</b>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTIONS**

**21-03-29908**

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**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:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>WRITE OFF</b>
Masonic Hall	03075796	\$1,658.74
Sunnyville Community Association	04479556	\$ 681.62
Sunnyville Community Association	05101913	\$ 665.86
St. Patrick's Hall	01830945	\$2,036.98

Chedabucto Curling Club	00726923	\$3,264.29
Guysborough Fish & Game	01830821	\$1,319.90
Lincolntonville Community Association	07107897	\$1,371.12
St. Joseph's Parish Hall	04402901	\$1,644.95
St. Peter's Parish Hall	04404572	\$2,098.05
St. Joseph's Mission	00094595	\$1,560.24
Country Harbour Gun Club	00962422	\$2,237.92
Masonic Hall Lodge # 96	03075702	\$ 695.41
Canso Curling Club	00653012	\$1,359.30
St. Agnes Parish Hall	00695408	\$2,364.00
Eddy Point Marine Park	03378543	\$ 41.37
Eddy Point Marine Park	03378519	\$ 608.73
Lincolntonville Community Association	05088666	\$ 33.49
Little Dover Development Association	07145195	\$1,331.72
Guys. Waterfront Development Society	03378314	\$1,330.12
Lions Club of Canso	5632528	\$2,316.85
Shamrock	5957389	\$1,284.73
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,905.39</b>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL GRANTS AND BURSARIES**

**21-03-29909**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**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 2021/2022 Budget covering the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$44,000</b>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENT - MUNICIPAL AUDITORS**

**21-03-29910**

**MOVED:** Councillor Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**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 2021/2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR**

**21-03-29911**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**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 2021-2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**



**TRANSFER OF OPERATING RESERVE FUNDS TO GENERAL  
OPERATING REVENUE 2021-2022:**

**21-03-29912**

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough has deemed it necessary to transfer into the 2021/2022 Operating Budget an amount not to exceed **\$1,146,000 (one million, one hundred forty six 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 **\$1,146,000 (one million, one hundred forty six thousand dollars)** from the Operating Reserve Fund to the 2021/2022 Operating Budget for the following expenditures and loans:

1.	Solid Waste Equipment	\$ 175,000
2.	Contract Negotiations	\$ 60,000
3.	Dry Hydrant Drum Head	\$ 15,000
4.	Sewer Upgrades	\$ 61,000
5.	Solar Project	\$ 300,000
6.	Electric Vehicle & Charger	\$ 60,000
7.	General Infrastructure Canso	\$ 475,000
		<b><u>\$ 1,146,000</u></b>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LOW INCOME TAX EXEMPTION 2021-2022:**

**21-03-29913**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**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 \$30,000 or below.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF NEW SIGNING AUTHORITY**

**21-03-29914**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the change in signing authority for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to Vernon Pitts as Warden or Janet Peitzsche as Deputy Warden together with anyone of Barry Carroll as CAO, Shawn Andrews as Deputy CAO or Danita Imlay as Director of Finance.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR RECREATION DEPT 21-03-29915  
USE**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Staff to purchase a 2021 Hyundai Kona Electric Preferred CVT, in white from Gateway Automotive Group Limited for the purchase price of \$57,876.63 including HST; with the net cost to the Municipality being \$44,484.29, after the \$5,000 Federal Electric Vehicle Rebate, Provincial Electric Vehicle Rebate of \$3,000 and HST Rebate being factored into the price.

**MOTION CARRIED**



## COMMITTEES & BOARDS

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

#### OPERATING RESERVE FOR CLC

21-03-29916

Councillor McLaren stated that he did not agree with placing the entire amount in a reserve fund for the CLC alone when there are other projects that the money could be used for. Councillor Decoff stated that although it seems like a large sum of money it would not take long to spend that amount of money in the event of a malfunction or non-warranted item.

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**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 allocation of \$550,020.73 to the Operating Reserve for the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3 NAYS-** Councillor McLaren  
Councillor Armsworthy  
Councillor Hanhams

#### BRIEFING NOTE- REQUEST FOR VARIANCE-ALSTER FOREST LIMITED (PETER JAECKH)

21-03-29917

Ms. Torrey referred to the Briefing Note which was included in the package.

Councillor Long stated that housing is what is needed in the area and he feels confident in the developers proposal to ensure a great finished product.

**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**

#### EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

No meeting.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

No meeting.

#### GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

21-03-29918

Councillor Armsworthy stated that GALA met about a week and a half ago and there are a lot of projects ongoing and they are a hard-working group. His time on the board has been interesting to date.

**MOVED:** Councillor Decoff

**SECONDED:** Councillor Long

**MOTION:** THAT the GALA Board Report be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON**

**21-03-29919**

Councillor Decoff stated that the Committee met yesterday and it was mostly an information meeting. He stated that the newsletter going out to residents as part of the Municipal Newsletter is a great addition so that the public understand who the committee is and their mandate.

He stated that three students have been hired under the litter control program and litter fences will be installed to stop blowing pieces of light waste. He noted that the 2 new compost buildings are ready for electrical and that Mr. Cleary did a presentation earlier in the month to the full Council regarding the Waste to Energy proposals that have been received.

Councillor Decoff concluded his report stated that Councillor Desmond is presently writing a new children's book titled "It's Not a Dump". This will be a great source of learning for school-aged children once complete.

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor McLaren

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **LIBRARY BOARD**

**21-03-29920**

Councillor Desmond stated that unfortunately the Libraries in Guysborough and Canso were closed during March Break. This was very unfortunate as there are people in rural areas who do not have access to computers or the internet and these are the people who are negatively impacted.

She stated that the Board is meeting tomorrow and there was a letter included in the package from the Board explaining the cutback of hours for both Canso and Guysborough.

Councillor Long stated that the media has been doing a great job keeping the situation in the limelight as it is a very important service to people in the District.

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CANSO ARENA BOARD**

Councillor Armsworthy asked that Mrs. Tavares provide an update on the meeting that was held the past Saturday. She stated that it was a brief meeting as there were two members of the Arena Staff unable to attend as well as Deputy Warden Peitzsche. She stated that the end of the season date of March 25<sup>th</sup> was discussed and Minor Hockey was also present to discuss concerns.

#### **COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

**21-03-29921**

Councillor Long stated that a meeting to try to formulate a working group for the proposed Daycare will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Desmond stated that the Board has partnered with the Recreation Department to purchase a chair for breastfeeding mothers, they have helped fund many seniors' clubs and events and prepared activity bags for seniors who have not been able to leave their homes much to help maintain good mental health. Councillor Desmond stated that it is Pharmacy

Appreciation Month as noted earlier in the meeting and also the retirement of Dr. Barb Bell this week.

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CANSO AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

**21-03-29922**

Councillor Hanhams stated that a presentation was scheduled for the working group but was postponed due to the passing of Deputy Warden Peitzsche's husband.

**MOVED:** Councillor Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Desmond

**MOTION:** THAT the Canso Area Stakeholder Working Group report be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **GUYSBOROUGH AREA STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

**21-03-29923**

Councillor Long stated that the group has not met formally since the release of the Hampton report but basically the recommendations are more collaboration between both Hospitals.

He stated that he thinks the suggestion to recognize Dr. Bell is a great one as she has gone above and beyond her call of duty.

**MOVED:** Councillor Long

**SECONDED:** Councillor Decoff

**MOTION:** THAT Council send a letter of thanks and appreciation as well as well wishes to Dr. Barb Bell for her years of practicing medicine to the residents of Guysborough County.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Decoff

**21-03-29924**

**SECONDED:** Councillor Hanhams

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD**

Mr. Carroll wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the Finance Department in preparing the budget documents that were adopted today. He stated that we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> budget cycle of 5-year plan and it is working well and in a continuous loop. He stated that the budget is not a one-off set of motions it is a year-long process which comes down to one meeting. He also thanked the other Directors for working well with Council and Finance Staff to get the budget to the Council table on time and before April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Warden Pitts echoed the sentiments of the CAO.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>- Committee of the Whole @ 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - Regular Council @ 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – EMO (NSPI Invitation to All Council) @ 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**21-03-29925**

**MOVED:** Councillor Hanhams  
**MOTION:** **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2021 stand adjourned.  
**MOTION CARRIED** (5:34) p.m.

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**WARDEN**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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