

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015 @ 1:30 P.M.  
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**15-04-28214**

Warden Vernon Pitts  
Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche  
Councillor Miles MacDonald  
Councillor Sheila Pelly  
Councillor Blair George  
Councillor Rickey McLaren  
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Barry Carroll, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk  
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor  
Media

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**15-04-28215**

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George  
**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the Agenda with the noted addition.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015 REGULAR COUNCIL** **15-04-28216**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren  
**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Regular Council meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2015 SPECIAL COUNCIL BUDGET ADOPTION** **15-04-28217**

**MOVED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly  
**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 Special Council Budget Adoption meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**15-04-28218**

Councillor Armsworthy attempted to address the minutes of April 1, 2015 Special Council minutes, Warden Pitts ruled Councillor Armsworthy out of order.

The Municipal Solicitor was consulted and determined that Councillor Armsworthy was out of order.

**DELEGATIONS**

No Delegations

**NEW BUSINESS**

**STRAIT OF CANSO- HARBOUR BED**

**15-04-28219**

Mr. Carroll referred to the letter included in the meeting package addressed to all members of the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee regarding the divesture of the Strait of Canso Harbour Bed. The letter signed by the Chair asked that all Municipalities who are members of the Mayors and Wardens endorse the letter and the process to divest the assets associated with the harbour.

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough endorse the letter put forward by the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens Committee regarding the proposed divesture of the assets associated with the Strait of Canso Harbour Bed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- DECLARATION OF SABLE ROAD AS A MUNICIPAL 15-04-28220  
PUBLIC ROAD**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** the Municipality of the District of Guysborough acquired certain lands located in Goldboro, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia and identified as PID 35066158 from Van Dale Malloy and Mary Clare Malloy in 1998 by Deed recorded in Book 182, Page 852 at the Land Registration Office in Guysborough, Nova Scotia;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of the District of Guysborough acquired certain lands in Goldboro, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia identified as PID 35179464 from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Nova Scotia in 1998 by Deed recorded in Book 181, Page 61 at the Land Registration Office in Guysborough, Nova Scotia;

**AND WHEREAS** the parcels of land identified as PID 35066158 and 35179464 form part of the Goldboro Industrial Park lands;

**AND WHEREAS** the right-of-way commonly known as Sable Road passes through two parcels of land noted as PID 35066158 and PID 35179464 as shown on a Plan of Survey by Taylor & MacKeen Surveys Limited dated May 12, 1998, Plan No. 2737-8, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Schedule "A", and as more particularly described in writing as Schedule "B" in the attached Survey description;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of the District of Guysborough has treated the said Sable Road as a Municipal Public Road;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough does hereby declare the Sable Road, as shown on the Plan of Survey annexed hereto as Schedule "A" and the Survey description annexed hereto as Schedule "B" as a Municipal Public Road.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE-PURCHASE OF LAND- GUYSBOROUGH**

**15-04-28221**

**MOVED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the purchase of a private parcel of land located within the Residential Growth Centre, containing 8.8 acres in size and identified as PID 35049394 and shown as Lot 2C on a Plan of Subdivision dated March 1, 2008, Plan No. 2008-01 by J. Edward Hanifen Surveys for the purchase price of \$48,000 plus HST.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1 NAY- Councillor Fin Armsworthy**

**BRIEFING NOTE- ACQUISITION OF CROWN LAND- GUYSBOROUGH15-04-28222**

**MOVED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough authorize Municipal Staff to proceed with discussions with the Province to determine the possibility of obtaining property located in Guysborough for residential development, identified as PID 35001155 consisting of approximately 25 acres in size with the intent to enter into a Land Exchange/Acquisition agreement with the Province for this parcel.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1 NAY- Councillor Fin Armsworthy**

**BRIEFING NOTE- PACE PROGRAM- ADOPTION OF THE “PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM” BY-LAW 15-04-28223**

**MOVED:** Councillor Blair George

**SECONDED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough hereby give Notice of Intent to adopt “The Property Assessed Clean Energy Program” Bylaw with First Reading to take place at the May 13, 2015 Regular Council Session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- PURCHASE OF TWO EV CHARGING STATIONS 15-04-28224**

Mr. Carroll stated that as part of MODG’s continuing greening initiatives, Staff are recommending that the purchase of two additional electric vehicle charging stations to be placed in Canso and in Goldboro be approved. He stated that we will be the first rural Municipality to complete a network and be fully electrified.

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the purchase of two (2) SCH-60 evChargers including EV Parking Signs for the total purchase price of \$4,527.55 which included taxes and freight;

**AND FURTHER THAT** these charging stations be located at the Canso Library and the Goldboro Interpretive Center.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BRIEFING NOTE- 2015/2016 TAX BILLS 15-04-28225**

Mr. Carroll stated that a Briefing Note from Mrs. Imlay was included in the package for information stating that the 2015/2016 tax bill are presently being printed.

**NEWS RELEASE- AUTHENTIC SEACOAST SPONSORSHIP 15-04-28226**

Mr. Carroll stated that Authentic Seacoast has signed on as Official Sponsor of the Nova Scotia Open this year. He stated that the event will be a great promotional opportunity for the company and is an ambitious endeavour.

**MOVED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**SECONDED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council send a letter of recognition to Authentic Seacoast on their recent sponsorship announcement at the 2015 Nova Scotia Open.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 15-04-28227**

Nothing to report.

**HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**15-04- 28228**

Councillor George stated that the occupancy rate at both homes is around 98% and the respite rate at Milford Haven just above 50%. He reported that there is an issue with fire access in relation to the hospital expansion. He stated that the Fire Marshall is aware of the matter.

**MOVED:** Councillor Blair George

**SECONDED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough direct staff to send a letter outlining the matter to Bird Construction and the Fire Marshall requesting that the matter be addressed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**15-04-28229**

Warden Pitts stated that the Committee met on March 26<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the annual staff evaluations have been conducted and budget preparations were the majority of discussion at the meeting as well as the proposed new provincial regulations.

**MOVED:** Councillor Blair George

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL ARENA STEERING COMMITTEE**

**15-04- 28230**

Nothing to report

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

**15-04- 28231**

Nothing to report

**GALA**

**15-04-28232**

Councillor McLaren stated that the Board met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and all is going well. He stated that the board is presently working on the following initiatives; positive aging project, computer training in Canso, literacy and health project, wellness planning and a Genealogy project starting in June. He stated that there will be a book launch coming up written by a local resident which outlines how the communities of Little Dover and Canso inspired all of Nova Scotia.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**15-04-28233**

Nothing to report

**HOME SUPPORT BOARD**

**15-04-28234**

Councillor Pelly stated that the Board is presently working on the RFP for service delivery and that staff are trying to catch up as the numerous storm days have impacted operations.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ANTIGONISH GUYSBOROUGH BLACK DEVELOPMENT**

**15-04-28235**

## **ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Pelly stated that the Association met on March 25<sup>th</sup> she provided an update on various programs the group is presently working on such as the employment related program, WHIMS, First Aid and Food Handling.

**MOVED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the Antigonish Guysborough Black Development Association Report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **LIBRARY BOARD**

**15-04-28236**

Councillor MacDonald stated that he attended his first meeting with the Library Board as the MODG representative. He stated that there was overwhelming praise and respect for the late Councillor MacPherson and his work on the Board. He reported that he is very impressed with the Library Board Staff and looks forward to future involvement.

**MOVED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EASTERN STRAIT REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK**

**15-04-28237**

Councillor MacDonald stated that he attended the launch event for the ESREN this morning with Mr. Gordon MacDonald to officially kick off the Network. He stated that it was a positive meeting and all in attendance were very optimistic. He stated that the next meeting will be scheduled shortly.

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CANSO ARENA BOARD**

**15-04-28238**

Councillor Armsworthy stated that the Board met last week and was pleased to report that the Arena had a successful year. He stated that Mrs. Tavares is presently working with the Board to obtain the financial statements and the planning has begun for Stan Rogers Folk Festival.

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**MOTION:** **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Canso Arena Board report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

**15-04- 28239**

Councillor McLaren raised the concern of high insurance costs for community groups. He stated that most groups cannot afford to pay the high insurance premiums and are struggling. Discussion was held among Council, CAO and Municipal Solicitor as to the implications and liabilities associated with groups not carrying the proper insurance.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**15-04- 28240**

- April 15th, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- May 6th, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- May 13th, 2015 @ 12:00 p.m.- Partner's for Climate Protection Workshop
- May 13th, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.- Regular Monthly Council

- May 20th, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m.- Closed Session: Legal
- May 20th, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole

**ADJOURNMENT**

**15-04-28241**

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**MOTION:** **THAT** the April 8, 2015 Regular Monthly Council meeting stand adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED** (5:13 p.m.)

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**WARDEN**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**