

**REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013 @ 4:25 P.M.  
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Warden Vernon Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**13-12-27665**

Warden Vernon Pitts  
Councillor Miles MacDonald  
Councillor Sheila Pelly  
Councillor Myles MacPherson  
Councillor Blair George  
Councillor Rickey McLaren  
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Barry Carroll, CAO  
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor  
Gordon MacDonald, Director of Economic Development  
Debbie Torrey, Development Officer  
Ashley Cunningham, Municipal Clerk

**REGRETS**

Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche

Warden Pitts stated that Deputy Warden Peitzsche's Mother had passed away and condolences will be extended on behalf of MODG.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**13-12-27666**

Additions: Briefing Note- Request for Rezoning, NSBI  
NSPI Outages, Canso Area  
Canada Post, Recent Announcement of Decreased Services

**MOVED:** Councillor Blair George

**SECONDED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the Agenda as presented with the noted additions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES 13-12-27667**

**MOVED:** Councillor Blair George

**SECONDED:** Councillor Myles MacPherson

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of November 13, 2013 Regular Monthly Council meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2013 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES 13-12-27668**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the minutes of December 4, 2013 Special Council meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

No delegations.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION- REQUEST FOR REZONING CHEDABUCTO 13-12-27669  
AGGREGATES**

Councillor George declared a conflict and exited the Council Chambers as he is the President of the company requesting the rezoning.

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Myles MacPherson

**MOTION:** **THAT** on the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough instruct that Municipal Staff schedule a public hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act to consider a request from Chedabucto Aggregates c/o Blair George for rezoning of a portion of a parcel of land in the Guysborough Municipal Planning Area (identified as PID #35034784) from Mixed Use Rural Residential MRR-1 to Industrial Heavy I-2 to permit the operation and expansion of an existing quarry on this property.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Public Hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Guysborough Municipal Building.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BRIEFING NOTE- REQUEST FOR REZONING- NOVA SCOTIA 13-12-27670  
BUSINESS INC**

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**MOTION:** **THAT WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough passed a motion instructing Municipal Staff to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for the purpose of considering the rezoning of a portion of a parcel of land assessed to Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Nova Scotia from Natural Resource NR-1 to Industrial Resource I-3;

**AND WHEREAS** the land to be rezoned is located near Fisherman's Harbour, Guysborough County, identified on the attached map;

**AND WHEREAS** a Public Hearing was called for Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 33 Pleasant Street, Guysborough in accordance with the MGA;

**AND WHEREAS** the Public was informed of the Public Hearing through advertisements in local papers in accordance with the MGA;

**AND WHEREAS** there were no written and two (2) oral presentations with respect to this rezoning;

**BE IT THEREFORE MOVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the request to rezone a portion of property identified as PID #37544913, Guysborough County, from Natural Resource NR-1 to Industrial Resource I-3 to prepare for potential future development.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOVA SCOTIA POWER, OUTAGES IN CANSO AREA 13-12-27671**

Councillor Armsworthy stated that he was concerned with a number of recent outages in the Canso, Hazel Hill, Little Dover areas. He stated that he would like to extend an invitation to NSPI representatives to attend a future meeting.

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

**MOTION:** THAT Council extend an invitation to NSPI representatives to attend a future meeting to discuss recent outages in the areas of Canso, Hazel Hill and Little Dover areas.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CANADA POST PRICE INCREASES**

**13-12-27672**

**MOVED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**SECONDED:** Councillor Myles MacPherson

**MOTION:** THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to Canada Post stating that Council is strongly opposed to the recent announcement of the drastic increase in postage costs beginning in March 31, 2014.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **COMMITTEES & BOARDS**

##### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### **BRIEFING NOTE- MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 13-12-27673**

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan as submitted by Genivar Inc.;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan including the detailed Potential Sea Level Rise Impact on Municipal Assets mapping form as an Appendix to the Municipality's current Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP);

**AND FURTHER THAT** GENIVAR Inc. be instructed to submit this Plan on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough to the Province for their final review and approval.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **BRIEFING NOTE- REQUEST FROM LAUREL REBEKAH LODGE, HERITAGE DEREGISTRATION 13-12-27674**

**MOVED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**SECONDED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**MOTION:** THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough declare the Laurel Rebekah Lodge #101 Property PID 35065952, 12799 Highway 316, Goldboro, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, currently registered as Municipal heritage property, Deregistered in accordance with the request from the Laurel Rebekah Lodge #101 received on August 12, 2013;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Council instruct Municipal Staff to prepare the necessary documentation to comply with the Municipal Heritage bylaw and that notification be given to the Laurel Rebekah Lodge and the Registrar of Deeds of this Deregistration.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **UNSM PENSION PLAN**

**13-12-27675**

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

**MOTION:** THAT the UNSM has advised participating members of the UNSM Pension Plan that it will no longer be sponsoring the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Pension Plan effective March 31, 2014;

**AND WHEREAS** each municipal unit will be required to administer their own respective pension plan for their eligible employees and whereas Standard Life (SL) has confirmed that it is prepared to continue pension plans with each municipal employer on the same terms and conditions Standard Life currently offers to the UNSM Pension Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** senior staff in consultation with Grant Thornton has recommended that Option # 1 would be the best option for MODG and its employees as it gives MODG employees a certain amount of control over their investments options, that The Municipality of the District of Guysborough proceed with option # 1 to keep the same investment options as MODG currently has under the existing (UNSM) program and that MODG is fully responsible for the governance of the investment options under our program effective April 1st, 2014.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**13-12-27676**

Councillor George reported that the Board met yesterday at the Canso Seaside Manor. He stated that the tender documents for the pipe replacement are just about complete. He also noted that the sprinkler system replacement is scheduled to be completed soon, as it must be done every 10 years.

**MOVED:** Councillor Blair George

**SECONDED:** Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL ARENA STEERING COMMITTEE**

**13-12-27677**

Councillor George stated that the Committee met on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the fundraising activities are ramping up again and another Price Is Right event will be held. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2014.

**MOVED:** Councillor Blair George

**SECONDED:** Councillor Myles MacPherson

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the Municipal Arena Steering Committee report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

**13-12-27678**

Councillor MacPherson stated that a meeting will be held in January 2014.

**EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**13-12-27679**

Warden Pitts stated that the Committee last met on November 28<sup>th</sup>. He reported that a letter of offer has been signed by Kevin O'Handley for the position of Compliance Officer. He also noted that both Mr. O'Handley and Mrs. Havercort will be attending a Waste Symposium in Vancouver in the new year. He concluded his report stating that a study is currently underway to analyze construction and demolition materials, and their handling across the province. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**MOVED:** Warden Vernon Pitts

**SECONDED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION**

**13-12-27680**

Councillor McLaren stated that GALA is offering a new program in Canso for women that focus on reemployment and re-entering the workforce. He noted that various mental health and first aid clinics are also presently being offered.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**SECONDED:** Councillor Blair George

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT LIASION COMMITTEE** **13-12-27681**

No report.

**GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY HOME SUPPORT BOARD** **13-12-27682**

No report.

**ANTIGONISH GUYSBOROUGH BLACK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION** **13-12-27683**

Councillor Pelly reported that Association met recently and held their AGM. She stated that the Board is busy with the 2013 Operation Christmas Spirit and all is going well. She noted that the addition of the part time staff person in the office is making a big difference.

**MOVED:** Councillor Sheila Pelly

**SECONDED:** Councillor Rickey McLaren

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council approve the AGBDA report as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**LIBRARY BOARD** **13-12-27684**

No quorum, meeting rescheduled for January 2014

**SABLE WIND COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE** **13-12-27685**

No Report

**CANSO ARENA BOARD** **13-12-27686**

No report

**ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD**

**ANYTHING BY MEMBERS**

Warden Pitts wished all of Council & Staff a very Happy Holidays.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 4:15 p.m.- Public Hearing
- January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 5:15 p.m.- Regular Monthly Council
- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 3:30 p.m.- PVSC
- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- January 30-31<sup>st</sup>, 2014- Strategic Planning Session, Stellarton

**ADJOURNMENT** **13-12-27687**

**MOVED:** Councillor Miles MacDonald

**MOTION:** **THAT** the December 11, 2013 Regular Monthly Council Session stand adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED (5:10 p.m.)**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**