

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2015 @ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Warden Vernon Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

15-12-28432

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15-12-28433

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy
SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015 REGULAR COUNCIL

15-12-28434

MOVED: Councillor Blair George
SECONDED: Councillor Sheila Pelly
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular Council meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2015 SPECIAL COUNCIL 15-12-28435

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald
SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff
MOTION: **THAT** Council approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Special Council Meeting as presented with no noted errors or omissions.
MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATION- ASHLEY CASEY BUSSING CONCERNS

15-12-28436

Mrs. Ashley Casey was present to discuss her concerns and frustrations with bussing to the Fanning Education Centre. She stated that her home is located 1.5 kilometers outside of the catchment area of the bussing route for the Fanning Education Center so she is required to transport her son 6 kilometers to a designated bus stop where the bus sits and waits for her and her son is the only student at the stop. She stated that she has been corresponding both in person and by phone with school board representatives and has not been successful. She stated safety and logistical concerns as she has three other children under the age of 5.

She stated that bussing arrangements can be made as per School Board Policy on a courtesy basis should the Board decide.

MOVED: Councillor Blair George
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** Council send correspondence to the Strait Regional School Board asking

that further review of the matter be conducted and express Council's concerns with the matter.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

FIRST READING- ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS BYLAW

15-12-28437

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Blair George

MOTION: **THAT** Committee of the Whole did recommend the Entertainment Events By-Law for first reading to Regular Council at the September 2, 2015 Committee Meeting;

THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough does adopt the first reading of the Entertainment Events By-Law and direct staff to carry out the necessary advertising process and recommend for second reading at a future Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES TOWN OF CANSO

15-12-28438

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough write off the following water and electrical accounts from the former Town of Canso:

Water:

1. Canso Arena	\$ 810.00
2. Canso Pizza	\$ 45.00
3. Sunnycorner Enterprises	\$ 855.00
4. Canso & Area Day Care	\$ 644.47
5. Joan Ried	\$ 25.00
6. James Hanlon	\$ 25.00
7. Kevin Doran	<u>\$ 40.43</u>
Total	\$2,444.90

Electric:

1. Canso Arena	\$ 85.50
2. Seven Seas Restaurant	\$ 20.00
3. DOT/CCG	\$ 86.04
4. Canso Pizza	\$ 20.00
5. Donna Wallace	\$ 35.68
6. Elliott Richard	\$ 41.07
7. Steven Bond	<u>\$ 59.47</u>
Total	\$347.76

MOTION CARRIED

**TAX, INTEREST, LEGAL FEES, ELECTRICITY AND OTHER CHARGES 15-12-28439
VESTED TAX PROPERTIES- DECEMBER 7, 2015**

MOVED: Councillor Blair George

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: **THAT** on the Recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough write off the following property taxes, interest, legal fees, electric utility and other costs associated with tax sale for the following accounts:

AN 5468299	\$10,954.06
AN 3449289	\$36,360.34
AN 3449297	\$12,913.56

AN 9251006	\$ 2,716.57
Total	<u>\$62,944.53</u>

NEW BUSINESS

FCM- PARTNERS FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION DESIGNATION 15-12-28440

Mr. Carroll stated that the letter included in the package from the FCM states that MODG has officially been awarded Milestones 1 through 3 of the Partners in Climate Protection Program. He also passed around a trophy which includes a puzzle piece for each milestone achieved.

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH, MARCH 2016 15-12-28441

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

MOTION THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough declare March 2016 Epilepsy Awareness month in the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

MULGRAVE DISSOLUTION DIRECTION LETTER & PRELIMINARY BOARD ORDER 15-12-28442

Mr. Carroll stated that the Preliminary Order from the UARB was released and the timelines have been set. He stated that the Hearings are scheduled for May 24 & 25th, 2016 in Mulgrave and in Guysborough (if required) and the Dissolution date has been set for October 1, 2016.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD 15-12-28443

Warden Pitts reported that the Board met on December 1st. He stated that the paving is taking place at the parking lot at the Hospital and the ramp leading into the Rose Wing at the Nursing Home has been completed (in kind) and it was very much appreciated.

He stated that both Administrator Reports from Milford Haven and Seaside Manor were reviewed and both facilities are running smoothly. He did note that an emergency funding capital request has been submitted for bed and cabinet replacements. He stated that the financial reports for both Homes show a small surplus. He concluded his report stated that Mrs. Pearl Clyke is retiring from Milford Haven this month after 27 years of employment.

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Blair George

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

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

No Meeting

MUNICIPAL ARENA STEERING COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

No Meeting

GALA

15-12-28444

Councillor McLaren stated that the last meeting was held on November 17th. He stated that the Family Literacy Program has proven to be very successful with over 20 families participating. He stated that a fundraising concert was held at Chedabucto Place and there was a good turnout.

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald
SECONDED: Councillor Sheila Pelly
MOTION: THAT Council approve the GALA Report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

No meeting

HOME SUPPORT BOARD 15-12-28445

Councillor Pelly stated that the Board met on November 25th. She stated that a phone conference is scheduled for December 10th to discuss the integration of Boards.

MOVED: Councillor Blair George
SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren
MOTION: THAT Council approve the Home Support Board Report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

ANTIGONISH GUYSBOROUGH BLACK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION 15-12-28446

Councillor Pelly stated that the Board met on November 26th. She stated that attempts are being made by the Provincial department to downsize and amalgamate like organizations. She stated that a meeting is scheduled for December 10th. She was happy to report that the Association is fundraising for Christmas Daddies and is going well.

MOVED: Councillor Miles MacDonald
SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff
MOTION: THAT Council approve the Antigonish Guysborough Black Development Association Report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD 15-12-28447

Councillor MacDonald stated that the Board met in November and presently they are waiting for more information on provincial funding for next year. He stated that a review of the Library bylaws are scheduled to be underway in January and also reported that the Library in Mabou is now operating out of the School in Mabou.

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly
SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren
MOTION: THAT Council approve the Library Board Report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN STRAIT REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK 15-12-28448

Councillor MacDonald stated that no meeting has been held since the last Council but he is expecting the shortlisting of the CAO selection process for the REN will be concluded and a new CAO in place by the beginning of the new year.

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly
SECONDED: Councillor Blair George
MOTION: THAT Council approve the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network Board Report as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

CANSO ARENA BOARD 15-12-28449

Councillor Armsworthy stated that Deonna King of Canso who competed in the national figure skating competition did very well and her family and community is very proud of her achievements. He stated that Ms. King and her family are very grateful for all the support she has received from MODG and the community.

He reported that all is going well at the Arena and the new financial manager is in place.

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Neil Decoff

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

MOTION CARRIED

ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

FUTURE MEETING DATES

15-12-28450

- January 6, 2016 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- January 13, 2016 @ 4:30 p.m.- Regular Council
- January 20, 2016 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- January 28 & 29, 2016- Strategic Planning, Stellarton

ADJOURNMENT

15-12-28451

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the December 9, 2015 Regular Monthly Council meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED (5:04 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE