

**REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th, 2013 @ 4:30 P.M.
GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Warden Hines called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

13-03-27316

Warden Lloyd Hines
Deputy Warden Vernon Pitts
Councillor Sheila Pelly
Councillor Myles MacPherson
Councillor Blair George
Councillor Janet Peitzsche
Councillor Rickey McLaren
Councillor Fin Armsworthy

OTHERS PRESENT

Barry Carroll, CAO
Bruce MacKeen, Municipal Solicitor
Gordon MacDonald, Director of Economic Development
SRSB Members
Members of the Media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13-03-27317

Addition: 7. d) Nova Scotia Power Bills

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Myles MacPherson

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve the Agenda as presented with the noted addition.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25th, 2013

13-03-27318

MOVED: Deputy Warden Vernon Pitts

SECONDED: Councillor Blair George

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approve minutes of February 25th, 2013 as presented with no noted errors or omissions.

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATION- STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

13-03-27319

Warden Hines welcomed Mr. Ford Rice, Mr. Sherman England and Mr. Terry Doyle to the meeting on behalf of the Strait Regional School Board. Mr. Rice recognized Mr. Paul Landry, Mrs. Rosalee Parker and Mrs. Mallory Nickerson who were also present in the gallery.

Mr. Rice reviewed the three schools currently operating within MODG and stressed the importance of the good working relationship that the SRSB enjoys with MODG.

Discussion was held surrounding the renovation at the Fanning Education Center which will house the students from the Canso Academy as of September 2013. Mr. Doyle stated that the tender for the construction has been awarded and work is beginning immediately. The expansion will see 7,000 square feet added to the existing facility. Staffing discussions were held.

Mr. Rice stated that the process for turning the Canso Academy over to MODG will most likely begin after the June Board Meeting. He noted that the environmental assessment will also be carried out prior to the turn over. Any damage deemed to have take place post-1982 will be the responsibility of the SRSB, any done prior will be that of MODG.

Warden Hines thanked the members for their presentation and discussion.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

MEMO- SEAFORTH ENERGY INVOICES

13-03-27320

MOVED: Councillor Blair George

SECONDED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough approves payment of Invoice numbers 52303 & 52304 to Seaforth Energy Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

MEMO- COMFIT PPA & INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

13-03-27321

Warden Hines thanked Mr. Carroll, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Avery for their great work on this project. It is anticipated that the turbines will begin generating power this week.

MOVED: Councillor Myles MacPherson

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: **THAT** MODG authorize Warden Hines and CAO Barry Carroll to execute Power Purchase Agreements and Interconnection Agreements for Goldboro ComFIT turbines as per requirements of NS Small Wind ComFIT Program and information provided.

MOTION CARRIED

ST. MARY'S RIVER SMOKE HOUSE

13-03-27322

MOVED: Councillor Blair George

SECONDED: Councillor Myles MacPherson

MOTION: **THAT** Council send the St. Mary's River Smoke House a letter of congratulations for their recent accomplishments and award at the Boston Seafood Show.

MOTION CARRIED

NOVA SCOTIA POWER BILLS

13-03-27323

Councillor Peitzsche stated that a number of residents have contacted her regarding recent hikes in their latest NSPI regarding recent apparent hikes in power bills within the Municipality.

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

MOTION: **THAT** Council direct staff to send a letter to NSPI regarding recent increases in power bills in MODG.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN RFP

13-03-27324

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Vernon Pitts

MOTION: **THAT** on the recommendation of Committee of the Whole the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough award the RFP for the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan and Partners for Climate Protection Milestones 1 through 3, should MODG receive funding for Phase 2, to Genivar Inc. for a combined cost of \$66,150 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

BRIEFING NOTE- AWARD OF RFP, PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK 13-03-27325

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Blair George

MOTION: THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough allow the Public

Works Department to award the purchase of a new 2013 half-ton truck to Keltic Motors at a purchase price of \$24,025.00 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

HOME MANAGEMENT BOARD 13-03-27326

Warden Hines stated that the Board met on March 5th in Canso. He noted that the tender was awarded for the window replacement project at the Milford Haven Home. He also stated that the Board is currently accepting applications for the Administrator position at the home as Mrs. Grady is retiring this Spring.

MOVED: Councillor Blair George

SECONDED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

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

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL ARENA STEERING COMMITTEE 13-03-27327

No Report

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 13-03-27328

No Report

EMERGENCY MANAGMENT OFFICE 13-03-27329

Councillor MacPherson stated that the Committee met on February 26th and he has been appointed Chair of that Committee and Councillor McLaren Vice Chair. He stated that a one hour table top exercise was held followed by the regular Committee meeting. He noted that the 2 year EMO self-evaluation that must be completed and submitted to the province is currently being worked on.

MOVED: Councillor Blair George

SECONDED: Councillor Rickey McLaren

MOTION: THAT Council approve the EMO Committee report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGMENT 13-03-27330

Deputy Warden Pitts stated that the Board met on March 7th and the majority of the meeting was focused on this year's budget. He noted that solid waste checks by the compliance officer will be increasing and enforcement activities will be picking up. He concluded his report stating that he attended the most recent Regional Chairs meeting which was held in Liverpool.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Vernon Pitts

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

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

MOTION CARRIED

GUYSBOROUGH ADULT LEARING ASSOCIATION 13-03-27331

No Meeting

WASTE MANAGEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEEE 13-03-27332

No Meeting

HOME SUPPORT BOARD

13-03-27333

Councillor Pelly stated that the Board met on February 27th. She stated that issues surrounding the involvement with Richmond County are still being worked on. She also stated that Staff have been equipped with Blackberry phones for the purposes of scheduling and keeping track of expenses.

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Vernon Pitts

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

MOTION CARRIED

ANTIGONISH GUYSBOROUGH BLACK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

13-03-27334

Councillor Pelly stated that a meeting was held on March 7th and she was selected as the new Board Chair. She stated the association has received funding until the end of June of 2013 and are hoping for a two year funding agreement post-June.

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

SECONDED: Councillor Blair George

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

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

13-03-27335

Councillor MacPherson stated that a meeting was held on February 28th with the provincial working group that the province has set up to travel around to various boards across the province to discuss needs and wants for libraries.

Councillor MacPherson also stated that he attended an event at the Canso Library to celebrate International Women's Day which was attended by a First Nations group of women who discussed women and First Nation's history in MODG.

MOVED: Councillor Myles MacPherson

SECONDED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Library Board report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

SABLE WIND COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

13-03-27336

Councillor Peitzsche stated that no formal meeting was held but the committee participated in a tour of the Nutby Mountain Wind Farm which was a very educational event.

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Vernon Pitts

MOTION: THAT Council approve the Sable Wind Community Liaison report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

CANSO ARENA BOARD

13-03-27337

Councillor Armsworthy stated that the recent meeting was attended by himself and Angie Tavares. He stated that good discussions were held regarding the finances, the zamboni and the upcoming Provincial Tournament to be held at the Canso Arena this weekend.

MOVED: Councillor Fin Armsworthy

SECONDED: Councillor Sheila Pelly

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

MOTION CARRIED

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OR BOARD **13-03-27338**

INTO CLOSED SESSION **13-03-27339**

MOVED: Councillor Sheila Pelly
SECONDED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** Council proceed into Closed Session.
MOTION CARRIED

MORIEN RESOURCES

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION **13-03-27340**

MOVED: Councillor Blair George
SECONDED: Councillor Myles MacPherson
MOTION: **THAT** Council return to Regular Session.
MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATES **13-03-27341**

- Wednesday, March 20th, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.- Budget Meeting
- Wednesday, March 20th, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m.- Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m.- Regular Monthly Council

ADJOURNMENT **13-03-27342**

MOVED: Councillor Janet Peitzsche
MOTION: **THAT** the March 13th, 2013 Regular Monthly Council session stand adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED (7:12 p.m.)

WARDEN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE