

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
January 13, 2014
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:00 pm.

Attendance
Councillors present:

- Linda Gregory, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Maritza Adams, Councillor
- David Tudor, Councillor
- George Manzer, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

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Prayer Warden Gregory asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

Agenda **MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of Signage for the Vision Statement added under New Business.**

MOTION CARRIED

Hearings & Presentations **MOVED and seconded that Robert Hersey come before Council to present.**

MOTION CARRIED

#1 Robert Hersey – Road to 2017 (150th Anniversary of the Dominion of Canada) Mr. Hersey gave an in-depth update on the Road to 2017 (150th Anniversary of the Dominion of Canada) initiative. The Federal Government is building towards the 150th anniversary of Confederation with a multi-year, government wide program called “The Road to 2017”. Potential local projects could include the development of New France Interpretative Centre and Trail; sculpture of James Moody who was from Weymouth and our first government representative in the 1790’s ; series of plays i.e. Fundy Stock; Bayview Canon Project.

Mr. Hersey advised that the initiative is currently in the preliminary stage but he has attended two meetings with Greg Kerr with another meeting scheduled for January 15th to obtain more information on the budget that has been allotted. Mr. Hersey was advised that until a budget is available Council cannot proceed with any input.

Minutes
December 9, 2013

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of December 9, 2013 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising/Old Business

#1.0

Other Business Arising

Deputy Warden
MacAlpine

- No Business Arising

Councillor Manzer

- No Business Arising

Councillor Adams

- No Business Arising

Councillor Tudor

- Councillor Tudor would like a copy of the new RCMP contract and how it relates to the Municipality.

Warden Gregory

- No Business Arising

New Business

#1 Tri-County School Board request –
School Bus Violations

Discussion ensued regarding the letter received from the Tri-County School Board concerning School Bus Violations. CAO Linda Fraser added this item to the Joint RCMP Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for January 14th.

MOVED and seconded that a letter be sent to the Tri-County School Board advising that this matter has been forwarded to the Joint RCMP Advisory Committee for further action.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Viola Desmond – Social Justice in Canada
Discussion ensued regarding the letter requesting the Municipality send a letter of support in naming the proposed Provincial holiday in February “Viola Desmond Day”.

Council decided that a letter be sent stating that although Ms. Desmond played an important role for social justice in Canada, Council is not prepared, at this time, to endorse any individual to be named as the proposed Provincial holiday in February. MLA Gordon Wilson will be requested to get more information on this holiday for Council.

#3 Robbie Burns Dinner
Discussion ensued regarding the Robbie Burns Dinner on January 25th. Warden Gregory has been asked to attend to give thanks to Premier Stephen McNeil.

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality purchase three tickets for the Robbie Burns Dinner on January 25th, 2014 for Warden Gregory, Deputy Warden MacAlpine and Councillor Adams to attend.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Videotaping of Council Meetings – Councillor Manzer
Jeanne Nesbit called Councillor Manzer last week to advise that she was going to stop taping the Council minutes. She volunteers her time and it is time consuming and costly for her to continue but if Council deems it necessary, she will continue to do so.

Discussion ensued. Deputy CAO Jeff Sunderland will have the Municipal IT check the costs involved in putting in a live stream directly to the Municipal website.

Councillor Manzer will advise Ms. Nesbit that the Municipality is looking at other options.

This matter has been deferred to the next COTW meeting so staff could check out other options and the involved costs.

#5 Doctor Issues – Councillor Adams Discussion ensued regarding the multitude of issues involving the lack of doctors in the area.

#6 Island Ferry Emergency Plan – Councillor Tudor Discussion ensued regarding devising an Island Ferry Emergency Plan.

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality set up a meeting with the REMO coordinator Don LeBlanc, MLA Gordon Wilson and all involved emergency services, at the Municipal building, to devise an Island Ferry Emergency Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

#7 Sign with Vision Statement Discussion ensued on placing a copy of the vision and mission statements in either the entryway to the building or chambers.

MOVED and seconded that the vision statement and the mission statement be made into plaques and placed in the entryway of the administration building for public viewing.

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- All correspondence items were discussed.

Chief Administrative Report

- The CAO report dated January 13, 2014 was included in the COTW package.
- A letter from Warden Gregory, on behalf of Council, is to be sent to Norma Wamboldt in appreciation of her years of service to the Municipality.

Meetings

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**Request for
Decisions/Direction**

#1

#2

Department Reports

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| Building Inspection Report | • The Building Inspection report was included in the meeting package. |
| Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Report | • NIL |
| Airport/Dispatch | • The Airport/Dispatch report was included in the meeting package. |
| Dog Control Activity and Financial Report | • The Dog Control Activity and Financial reports were included in the meeting package. |
| Coordinator Program Development & Heritage | • The Coordinator Program Development & Heritage report was included in the meeting package. |
| Fire Inspection Report | • NIL |
| Manager of Corporate Services Report | • The Manager of Corporate Services report was included in the meeting package. |
| Renewable Energy & Climate Change Coordinator | • The Renewable Energy & Climate Change Coordinator report was included in the meeting package. |
| Business Retention & Expansion Report | • NIL |

Other Business

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| Updates from Previous meetings | • The updates from previous meetings were included in the CAO report. |
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**Special Projects
Updates**

- The special projects updates were included in the CAO report.
- CAO Linda Fraser advised that the internet service project is going forward although the testing has been delayed due to the recent inclement weather.

**Strategic Priorities
Update**

- N/A

Notice of Motion

**Comments from the
Gallery**

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In Camera

MOVED and seconded, at 7:30 PM, that Council takes a five minute break before moving In Camera for a Contractual Issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular Session Resumed.

Adjournment

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN

CLERK