

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
January 11, 2016
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 4:28 PM.

Attendance
Councillors present:

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

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

- Maritza Adams, Councillor

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

Agenda **MOVED and seconded the adoption of the agenda as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

Presentation/Delegation **MOVED and seconded that Dianne Theriault and Tina Frost come before Council to present.**

1. Dianne Theriault
& Tina Frost –
Digby Neck, Long
& Brier Island
Eco-Tourism Map

MOTION CARRIED

Dianne Theriault stated that she, Tina Frost and Linda Graham are working on re-vamping the Digby Neck, Long & Brier Island Eco-Tourism Map. The map was last printed in 2013.

The Digby Neck Development Association is closing and will be giving approximately \$2800 to DATA which will be used towards this project. Their goal is to have the map on line with clickable links and they are asking Council to include this map on the Municipal website.

Council advised that the Municipal website is currently being re-vamped and that By-laws will be checked into as to what links can be allowed from the website.

Dangerous & Unsightly

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Minutes
December 14, 2015

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of December 14, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**Business Arising/Old
Business**

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 to talk to Nick Fry to see if he or someone else can attend the meeting on January 18th concerning the Ferry Approaches. The CAO advised that Mr. Fry was unable to attend.

Warden Gregory

- No Business Arising

New Business

#1 Fundy Coastlines &
Cultures - Saltscapes

Discussion ensued on the letter received from DATA regarding Fundy Coastlines & Cultures – Saltscapes.

The CAO will speak with Robert Hersey regarding the upfront costs involving Saltscapes.

MOVED and seconded that the CAO allocate Robert Hersey to work with the tourism sector in regards to the promotion of the community at Saltscapes.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Sample Letter of Support for the Provincial Active Transportation Policy Framework

MOVED and seconded to send a letter of support for the Provincial Active Transportation Policy Framework.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Conway Workshop – interest in land on Shreve Street

Warden Gregory left the meeting due to conflict of interest and Deputy Warden MacAlpine assumed position of chair. Council discussed the request from Conway Workshop of their interest in the land on Shreve Street.

MOVED and seconded that Municipal Council allow Conway Workshop to lease the land on Shreve Street, on a year to year basis, for the storage of wood fiber as pending that the Town of Digby agree to the same usage and conditions.

MOTION CARRIED

Bob Powell, DARC, is to be informed of this situation.

#4 African Heritage Month Launch

As Warden Gregory will be away, Deputy Warden MacAlpine will speak during the African Heritage Month Launch. He is to advise the contact person that he will speak on behalf of the Municipality of Digby.

MOVED and seconded that a table for eight be purchased for the SW African Heritage dinner in February at the cost of \$160.

MOTION CARRIED

#5 Nova Scotia International Student Program – funding request

Council discussed the Nova Scotia International Student Program funding request. The CAO will check further into the request and bring back to Council.

#6 Internet Service in Little River – Councillor Tudor

From 75-80 households are required to install internet service in the Little River area and the petition only had 28 signatures. The CAO will check with Annapolis County regarding the Fibre-Op Solution.

#7 UNSM Spring
Workshop and Fall
Conference

The UNSM Spring Workshop is scheduled for May 4-6 and the Fall Conference is slated for late November after Municipal elections.

Topics discussed to be put forward:

- session on CAP - Spring
- pros and cons on amalgamations and mergers - Spring
- people aspect of what can/cannot do when new Councillor – Fall
- sessions to help new Councillors
- Municipal Law, MGA – Fall
- web use, social media – Spring
- usage of laptop is public information – Fall
- what can be done in rural areas with lack of internet – Fall

#8 Kings Transit

Council discussed the letter from Kings Transit regarding the recommendation for service reduction to 8 pm during weekdays and 6 pm on weekends.

MOVED and seconded to look at changes for the January, February, March and April Kings Transit winter schedule, to having the last run at 8 pm for 6 days per week.

MOTION CARRIED

The schedule will be looked at again for the Spring/Summer months.

Correspondence

- All correspondence items were discussed.

**Chief Administrative
Report**

- The CAO report dated January 11, 2016 was included in the meeting package.

Meetings

- The Warden went over the meeting schedule.

Warden Gregory and Councillor Adams will be away on February 8th.

**Request for
Decisions/Direction
#1**

Department Reports

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| Building Inspection Report | • The Building Inspection reports were included in the meeting package. |
| Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Report | • The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer report was included in the meeting package. |
| Airport/Dispatch | • The Airport/Dispatch reports were 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 | • The Fire Inspection report was unavailable. |
| 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. |

Other Business

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Updates from Previous meetings

- The updates from previous meetings were included in the meeting package.

Donna Jewers will contact the CAO when she has the results of the review of the RCMP complement to set up a meeting to present to Council.

- Capital Projects Updates** • The capital projects updates were included in the meeting package.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine has spoken with Colin Fraser regarding having a joint Council meeting on capital programs. He is anticipating the meeting to be on February 16th (while Colin Fraser is in Digby for the flag day ceremony) or February 29th.

Notice of Motion

- Comments from the Gallery** •

In Camera

MOVED and seconded at 5:37 PM to take a five minute recess before going In Camera for a Contractual Issue.

1. Contractual Issue

MOTION CARRIED

After regular session resumed.

MOVED and seconded that the COTW recommend to Council the purchase of the E-48 Enercon 800 Kw Wind Turbine from RESL for the purchase price of \$ 600,000 plus migrating costs pending a blade inspection.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that the COTW recommend to Council that the Warden and CAO be authorized to sign the Letter of Intent with the NS Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of approximately 5.13 hectares of crown land in North Range, known as the former DNR property, for \$ 1,000.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:20 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

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WARDEN

CLERK