

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
August 14, 2017
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Deputy Warden Gregory in the chair at 5:00 PM.

Attendance
Councillors present:

- Linda Gregory, Deputy Warden
- George Manzer, Councillor
- Matthew Ross, Councillor
- David Tudor, Councillor

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

- Jimmy MacAlpine, Warden
- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer

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

Agenda **MOVED and seconded the adoption of the agenda as amended with the addition of New Business 8.4 Letter to the Minister of Community Services.**

MOTION CARRIED

Presentation/Delegation **MOVED and seconded that Derek Peters come before Council to present.**

MOTION CARRIED

Derek Peters, Clean Foundation

Derek Peters, program coordinator for the Clean Foundation, gave an in-depth overview of the Net Zero project the foundation is currently working on. The Clean Foundation is an environmental charity that provides the knowledge, tools and inspiration needed to encourage the individual actions that add up to positive environmental change. They work for a clean climate and clean water, helping reach green goals through education and support. Through energy efficiency & renewable energy this allows upgrades to insulation, draft sealing, windows and heat pumps. Clean Net Zero enables a house to produce as much energy

as it consumes. Net zero is becoming the new building standard. Currently they are dealing with several obstacles:

- Low awareness can be rectified through public education and engagement
- Low interest rates can be offered by upgrading financing
- Free upgrade to contractor and tradesperson education and skill development can be arranged

A study of the legal, financial and insurance-related risks posed to participating municipalities will be completed by October and sent to the Municipality. The analysis of these risks will allow reducing the risk profile for partners.

Mr. Peters was advised that this would be brought forth for discussion at a By-Law & Policy meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

MOVED and seconded that Samantha Peverill come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Samantha Peverill, Quest
NS Partners for Climate
Protection

Samantha Peverill gave an in-depth overview on the Quest Nova Scotia Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) presentation. PCP was established in 1994 to help reduce municipal and household energy costs. It provides new local economic development opportunities. PCP is a network of Canadian municipal governments committed to reduce GHG's and act on climate change

Ms. Peverill is requesting that Council consider signing a resolution to join the FCM-ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) Partners for Climate Protection Program.

Ms. Peverill was advised that this would be brought forth for discussion at a By-Law & Policy meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

MOVED and seconded that Council go into a 5 minute break before continuing.

MOTION CARRIED

Dangerous & Unsightly **MOVED and seconded that Alfred Doucet, Dangerous & Unsightly Administrator, come before Council to present.**

MOTION CARRIED

Doucetteville **MOVED and seconded to recommend to Council that an Order of Demolition be issued for the property at 1007 Doucetteville Road.**

MOTION CARRIED

Freeport Discussion ensued regarding the garage at 948 Highway 217, Freeport, which the owner was unknown until this year. Two names had surfaced as owners and both have indicated no interest in the property.

MOVED and seconded to recommend to Council that an Order of Demolition be issued for the garage at 948 Highway 217, Freeport.

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes
June 12, 2017 **MOVED and seconded that the minutes of June 12, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

**Business Arising/Old
Business**

Other Business Arising

Warden MacAlpine • No Business Arising

Councillor Manzer • No Business Arising

Councillor Ross • No Business Arising

Councillor Tudor • No Business Arising

Deputy Warden Gregory • No Business Arising

New Business

Eco Connects NS
Gathering invitation

Deputy Warden Gregory asked if any Councillors are interested in attending the Eco Connects NS Gathering on September 22nd & 23rd at the Glengarry Inn in Truro. Councillor Tudor will attend.

Municipality of Yarmouth
– Warden Leland
Anthony

MOVED and seconded that letters be sent to MLA Gordon Wilson & MP Colin Fraser in support of the Municipality of Yarmouth seeking consideration of placement of the installation of a Doppler radar system in the Yarmouth area.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy CAO Sunderland is to forward the letter to Lyle Goldberg to request letters of support be sent from the item be added to the upcoming regional meeting of the UNSM.

St Thomas Church –
direction on removal of
spire

The Weymouth Historical Society is requesting permission to remove the steeple spire on the St Thomas Church in Weymouth.

MOVED and seconded to recommend to council to give direction to have the Weymouth Historical Society remove the spire at St Thomas Church in Weymouth.

MOTION CARRIED

Minister of Community
Services

Discussion ensued on the policies of Community Services.

MOVED and seconded to send a letter to the Minister of Community Services requesting that their policies be looked into regarding the lack of support in alternative medicine such as massage and chiropractic services as well as their levels of financial assistance. The letter is to be copied to MLA Gordon Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

- Council discussed the circulated correspondence.

Deputy CAO Sunderland will meet with Jill Baxter, Conway Workshop, regarding the Recycle my Cell program.

Chief Administrative Report

- The CAO report dated August 14, 2017 was included in the meeting package.

Meetings

- The Deputy Warden reviewed the meeting schedule.

Request for Decisions/Direction

Department Reports

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.

Deputy CAO Sunderland gave an overview on the International Air Rally that took place August 12-15th.

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 unavailable.

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 &

- The Renewable Energy & Climate Change Coordinator

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Climate Change
Coordinator report was included in the meeting package.

Other Business

Updates from Previous Action Items • The updates from previous action items were included in the meeting package.

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

Deputy CAO Sunderland advised that the Smiths Cove sewer project is going smoothly.

Notice of Motion

Comments from the Gallery

In Camera **MOVED and seconded that Council go In Camera at 6:27 PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

Regular Council meeting resumed.

Adjournment **MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:50 PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

DEPUTY WARDEN

CLERK