

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE

1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden MacAlpine called the May 14, 2018 Committee of the Whole session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to Order at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Municipal Council Chambers.

The following Councillors were present: Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden Linda Gregory, Councillor Matthew Ross, Councillor George Manzer and Councillor David Tudor

Absent with regrets:

Staff present: Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer, Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant, who took the minutes of the meeting.

1.2 Pause to Seek Guidance

Warden MacAlpine welcomed everyone and asked that we pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 Approval of Agenda-Additions/Deletions

MOVED and seconded that the agenda for May 14, 2018 be approved as amended with 4.5 4th Annual Kespuwick Mi'kmaq Golf Tournament added under Business Items.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations

a) Dan Harvey – Multiuse Terminal report

MOVED and seconded that Dan Harvey come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Harvey gave an in-depth overview of his Multiuse Terminal report. He advised that the Cruise sector averages at 300,000 to 351,000 passengers per year. This sector is broken in to two parts: the Niche Cruise Lines and the Large Cruise Lines. The Boat Building & Repair sector would have an impact with a huge job creation. The Marine Renewable Energy sector is the most uncertain of the three sectors.

The project scope is 2 to 3 years. Mr. Harvey is in participation with the Digby Harbour Port Association and said opportunities continue from here. Site 1 is owned by the Province whom the Town of Digby has a verbal commitment with. A dry port could be placed anywhere along Bay of Fundy.

Warden MacAlpine thanked Mr. Harvey for his presentation.

- b) Virginia Smith – Disposable plastic shopping bags
MOVED and seconded that Virginia Smith come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Virginia Smith introduced herself and advised that she has been working on the issue of plastic bag usage in Nova Scotia for the past twenty years. There are sustainable alternatives to the 2.86 billion plastic bags used annually. She started a petition against plastic bag usage and has obtained over 1000 signatures worldwide.

Ms. Smith was advised that all municipalities are working together to ban plastic bags. She was also advised to contact the Town of Digby and Municipality of Clare as well.

The CAO advised that she would have to check to see if the Municipality has the authority to pass a by-law on the banning of plastic bags and who would have the authority to enforce.

Warden MacAlpine thanked Ms. Smith for her presentation.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2018

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of April 9, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of April 9, 2018

- a) None

2.5 CAO Report

- a) Meeting Reminders

The Warden highlighted the meeting dates/reminders.

Warden MacAlpine talked to the Minister of Justice last Thursday and advised that the Digby Municipal Council is looking at a reduction in the RCMP complement.

June 4th By-Law & Policy meeting – The CAO has made two attempts to secure a Valley REN member to come to the meeting but has not received confirmation.

- b) Update on Capital Projects 2017-2018

An update on the status of capital projects was included in the CAO report.

- c) Department Reports

The following department reports were included in the CAO report.

- i) Building Inspection
- ii) Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- iii) Airport/Dispatch
- iv) Dog Control Activity and Financial
- v) Coordinator Program Development & Heritage
- vi) Manager of Corporate Service

- vii) Renewable Energy & Climate Change Coordinator
- viii) Trails and Open Spaces Coordinator

3. DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES - none

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Summer Meeting Schedule

MOVED and seconded to approve the recommended Summer Meeting Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Recycle My Cell

Council was advised that Conway Workshop accepts cell phones for recycling.

4.3 Decision Direction Highway 101 Task Force Committee request

MOVED and seconded that a letter be sent to the Mayor/Wardens of: Annapolis County, Town of Annapolis Royal, Town of Digby, Municipality of Clare, Municipality of Yarmouth, Town of Yarmouth, and Municipality of Argyle. And that letters of request for support go to the major users of the section of highway from Digby to Weymouth.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 Digby Neck Litter Cleanup/Control Campaign

Deputy Warden Gregory has spoken to Waste Check regarding the Digby Neck Litter Cleanup/Control Campaign. The campaign committee is trying to get all the residents of Digby Neck to clean the ditch in front of their house. There will be extra clear garbage bags allowed per pickup to accommodate the extra garbage. An ad can be put in the June coastline to alert of the Cleanup/Control Campaign. The Styrofoam issue is to be brought forth for the Regional chairs to deal with. Deputy Warden Gregory has taken the issue to waste check.

4.5 4th Annual Kespuwick Mi'kmaq Golf Tournament hosted by Bear River First Nation

MOVED and seconded to sponsor a hole in the 4th Annual Kespuwick Mi'kmaq Golf Tournament up to a maximum of \$250.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors that wish to participate in the golf tournament will pay their own fees.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence

Council discussed the correspondence received this month.

5.2 General Information Items

Council discussed the general information received this month.

6. **IN CAMERA ITEMS** - None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:06 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

Linda Fraser, CAO/Clerk