

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE

1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden MacAlpine called the February 12, 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

Absent with regrets: Councillor David Tudor

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 February 12, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations

MOVED and seconded that Gino Thibeault, Immigration Lead, EDO Western REN, come before Council to make a presentation.

MOTION CARRIED

a) Gino Thibeault, Immigration Lead, EDO Western REN

Mr. Thibeault gave an in-depth overview of the Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP) program. The Atlantic Immigration Pilot is employer driven program where eligible candidates include Intermediate Skilled Program, High Skilled Program and offers International graduates right out of Canadian university or college an opportunity for full time employment. Employers have to become designated by the Province and apply to have a full-time job endorsed. This initiative allows a big opportunity for Nova Scotia to grow with the influx of immigrants. The program accelerates the process for immigration as it only takes six months to get permanent residency. 274 primary applicants have been approved with some from the Digby area.

Mr. Thibeault was asked if this initiative would help if a group wanted to bring in another refugee family. Council was advised it would not help unless an employer wanted to hire an employee and brought his/her entire family.

Warden MacAlpine thanked Mr. Thibeault for his presentation.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2017

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of December 11, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of December 11, 2017

a) None

2.5 CAO Report

a) Meeting Reminders

The Warden highlighted the meeting dates/reminders.

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
 - Deputy Warden Gregory had questions regarding the dog found in a field. Two dogs were found in the field and one was deceased, the other was returned to the owner.
- 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

3.1

4. BUSINESS ITEMS4.1 Purple Day 2018 participation – Epilepsy Association

MOVED and seconded that Municipal Council participates in the Epilepsy Association Purple Day scheduled for March 26, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

Staff will arrange for pictures to be taken, sent to the Epilepsy Association and put on the Municipal WEB.

4.2 Southville Fire Dept – loan request

Discussion ensued regarding the loan request from the Southville Fire Department.

MOVED and seconded to recommend to Council to approve the loan request from the Southville Fire Department for \$91,000 to be paid over a ten year period.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 Digby Scallop Days – Apple Blossom Festival booster fee

MOVED and seconded to recommend to Council to approve the funding request of \$3,000 from Digby Scallop Days for booster fees for the Apple Blossom Festival.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 Municipality of Yarmouth – meeting date Doppler Radar

MOVED and seconded that Warden MacAlpine attend the meeting in Yarmouth on February 27th regarding the Doppler radar.

MOTION CARRIED

4.5 Funding Requests

MOVED and seconded that the funding requests from the Digby Area Tourism Association, Western Counties Regional Library Charitable Association, Admiral Digby Museum, Digby Scallop Days and Lobster Bash be forwarded to the budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS5.1 Correspondence

There was a discussion on the correspondence that was received this month.

Letter from Town of Middleton

MOVED and seconded to send a letter advising that Digby Municipal Council agree with changing the name from Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities or UNSM to Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities or NSFM.

MOTION CARRIED

Digby Area Board of Trade

The Digby Area Board of Trade sent a letter regarding Council's decision to remove the Council representative from the DABT Board.

Warden MacAlpine has spoken with Mayor Cleveland who attends the Digby Area Board of Trade meetings as a business owner and not a representative of the Town of Digby. The Town of Digby does not have a representative sitting on the DABT board. The Municipality will still retain membership in the Digby Area Board of Trade but will not have a representative sit on the board.

Staff is to respond to the letter and have the newsletter sent to Council via email.

5.2 General Information Items

There was a discussion on the general information that was received this month.

6. **IN CAMERA ITEMS** - None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:42 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

Linda Fraser, CAO/Clerk