

## 1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE

### 1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden MacAlpine called the January 13, 2020 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 David Tudor, Councillor Matthew Ross and Councillor George Manzer

Staff present: Jeff Sunderland, Chief Administrative Officer, Tyler Pulley, Manager of Municipal Services and 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

2.2 **MOVED and seconded that the agenda for January 13, 2020 be approved as amended with the addition of Business Item 4.3 Sophie Desjardins funding request that was included in the package but was not on the agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2.3 Delegations/Presentations - none

### 2.4 Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2019

**MOVED and seconded that the minutes of December 9, 2019 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2.5 Unfinished Business from Minutes of December 9, 2019

1) St Mary's Bay Protectors Council requests

**MOVED and seconded to send a letter to Gwen Wilson and the St. Mary's Bay Protectors with answers to the requests submitted to Council at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Warden MacAlpine advised that he spoke to MLA Gordon Wilson regarding setting up a meeting with the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

With the exception of Councillor Tudor, Council indicated that they would like to hear from the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture before making any decisions as

to whether they are for or against the placement of salmon cages in the St. Mary's Bay.

## 2.6 CAO Report

### a) Meeting Reminders

The Warden highlighted the meeting dates/reminders.

There has been no word on a Joint meeting with the Town of Digby. Flag day will be celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Digby Regional High School at 2 pm.

### b) Update on Capital Projects 2019-2020

The Internet is still on schedule. The Library should be open by the first week in February.

### c) Department Reports

The following department reports were included in the CAO report.

i) Building Inspection

ii) Manager of Municipal Services

iii) Airport/Dispatch

Airport flights are down due to the weather.

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

ix) Economic Development

## 3. **DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES** - none

## 4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### 4.1 Smart Meter Program

A person has the choice to opt out of the Smart Meter Program. Fact sheets were given to Council regarding No Smart Meters in Nova Scotia and the website [www.nspower.ca/smartmeters](http://www.nspower.ca/smartmeters). Citizens are concerned with potential job loss, the accuracy of the meter read and safety issues.

**MOVED and seconded to have a representative from Nova Scotia Power come to Council to present on the Smart Meter Program.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 4.2 Municipality of Barrington – Volunteer Fire Departments and Youth

**MOVED and seconded to send a letter to the Municipality of Barrington in support of allowing schools in Nova Scotia to offer a Personal Development Credit for students that join a fire department and undergo the required training.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

A letter will also be sent to the Digby Municipal Fire Association.

4.3 Sophie Desjardins – funding request

**MOVED and seconded to approve \$250 funding to Sophie Desjardins to attend leadership camp in Campeche, Mexico in March 2020.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The amount of Youth funding approval will be looked at during a future By-Law & Policy meeting.

Warden MacAlpine left the meeting at 5:21 pm to deal with a telephone call from the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 Correspondence

Council discussed the correspondence received this month.

5.2 General Information Items

There was no general information received this month.

**6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER FROM AUDIENCE**

1) Several questions came forward asking what can CERMAQ say that may persuade Council to agree with them.

All council, with the exception of Councillor Tudor, stated that they wanted to hear both the pros and cons of placing salmon cages in the St. Mary's Bay.

2) Can Council have someone come from the no Smart Meter Program to present?

**MOVED and seconded to have a representative from NO Smart Meter Program present to Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Warden MacAlpine returned to the meeting at 5:32 pm. He advised that the Minister of Aquaculture will only speak to members of Council regarding the possible placement of salmon cages in St. Mary's Bay. The Council will meet him in Halifax and take the citizens concerns to the meeting.

**7. IN CAMERA ITEMS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 5:55 pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Warden Jimmy MacAlpine**

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**Jeff Sunderland, CAO**