

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE

1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden Gregory called the June 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to Order at 5:04 pm. The meeting was held via zoom.

The following Councillors were present: Warden Linda Gregory, Deputy Warden Matthew Ross, Councillor David Tudor, Councillor George Manzer and Councillor Angela Thurber.

Staff present: Jeff Sunderland, Chief Administrative Officer, Tyler Pulley, Manager of Municipal Services, Cora Lee Ross, Manager of Corporate Services and Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant, who took the minutes of the meeting.

1.2 Pause to Seek Guidance

Warden Gregory 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 June 8, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2021

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of May 11, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.3 Unfinished Business from Minutes of May 11, 2021 - none

2.4 CAO Report

a) Meeting Reminders

The Warden highlighted the meeting dates/reminders.

Councillor Manzer advised that he will be away during the June 15th By-Law & Policy meeting.

b) CAO Report

The Warden gave an in-depth update on the action items in the CAO report.

c) Department Reports

The following department reports were included with the CAO report.

i) Building Inspection

ii) Manager of Municipal Services

iii) Airport/Dispatch

iv) Dog Control Activity and Financial

- v) Program Development & Heritage Coordinator
- vi) Manager of Corporate Services
- vii) Renewable Energy & Climate Change Coordinator
- viii) Trails and Open Spaces Coordinator

3. DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES - none

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 988 Suicide help line

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed 988 Suicide help line.

MOVED and seconded that, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the Municipality of the District of Digby call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hotline that is accessible to all Canadians.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Covid-19 update

The CAO suggested to Council that if the province moves to Phase 2 of the Covid-19 restrictions that the office open to the public on June 21st. Council will be provided an update at the June 15th By-Law & Policy meeting.

4.3 Asset Management presentation

The Manager of Municipal Services gave an in-depth overview of the Asset Management Program.

4.4 Weymouth Water Front Development

The CAO advised Council that the Weymouth Water Front Development provided a Beautification and Streetscaping proposal. They are asking that the Municipality of Digby apply, via online application, for the grant of \$50,000 to cover the cost of the project.

MOVED and seconded to approve the Weymouth Water Front Development request to partner with them for the Beautification and Streetscaping project.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 The Saulnierville Wharf

Council discussed the correspondence received regarding the Saulnierville Wharf. The CAO advised that there are no provincial plans to divest of the Saulnierville Harbour.

6. IN CAMERA ITEMS

6.1 Contractual Issue

MOVED and seconded at 6:00 pm that the meeting move In Camera for a Contractual Issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed at 6:13 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:13 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Linda Gregory

Jeff Sunderland, CAO