

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden Gregory called the September 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to Order at 5:03 pm. The meeting was held in Municipal Chambers.

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, Cora Lee Ross, Manager of Corporate Services, who took the minutes of the meeting, and Tyler Pulley, Manager of Municipal Services.

Regrets: Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant.

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

The CAO requested the addition of Personnel issue to In Camera.

MOVED and seconded that the agenda for September 13, 2022 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2022

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of August 9, 2022 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2.3 Presentation/Delegation

2.3.1 Robbie Bays, Oakdene Centre

MOVED and seconded to have Robbie Bays, Oakdene Centre come before Council to make a presentation.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Bays gave a presentation on the renovations that have happened at the Oakdene Centre with funding received from the Municipal Community grants program as well as funding through other agencies. Windows have been installed and metal roof has been put on the back. They are in hopes that the upgrades will reduce the oil bill. They hope to insulate the attic, and install heat pumps in the future, as well as other miscellaneous items. The building is being

used daily by various organizations. Mr. Bays asked if Council would consider an additional contribution of \$2,500 to help with the future planned projects.

A question-and-answer period followed the presentation.

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of August 9, 2022 - none

2.5 CAO Report

a) Meeting Reminders

The Warden highlighted the meeting dates/reminders.

b) CAO Report

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

c) Department Reports

The following department reports were included with the CAO report.

i) Manager of Corporate Services

ii) Manager of Municipal Services

iii) Renewable Energy & Climate Change Coordinator

iv) Trails & Open Space Coordinator

v) Building Inspection

MOVED and seconded to accept the departmental reports.

MOTION CARRIED

3. DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

3.1 There were no Dangerous and Unsightly reports at this time.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Pesticide Spraying

There was a discussion regarding the number of concerns received regarding herbicide spraying. The Warden advised that there are no municipal owned properties being sprayed.

MOVED and seconded to recommend to Council to send a letter to the Minister of Environment and MLA Jill Balser to request a moratorium on glyphosate herbicide spraying.

MOTION CARRIED

2 - Opposed

There was an ongoing discussion on the background as to why the sprays are being used and possible solutions that could be sought to eliminate the need to spray, and whether

Council should get involved or leave it to the Department of Environment to regulate the situation. Council agreed to do further research on their own to be more informed with their decision at the September Council meeting.

4.2 Updated Strategic Plan

The CAO presented an updated strategic priorities recap outlining the items that have been completed, and as well, the topics that could move to the next steps. The CAO asked Council to review the “next” items for priority to be discussed at the Bylaw & Policy meeting in November.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

There was discussion on the correspondence/information items circulated.

The meeting was opened up to the gallery for any questions or comments regarding the items discussed. There was a conversation regarding the herbicide spraying.

6. IN CAMERA ITEMS

6.1 Personnel

MOVED and seconded to go In Camera for a Personnel Issue at 5:58 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting resumed at 6:08 pm.

MOVED and seconded that, for this year only, the Municipality of Digby follow the Federal/Provincial leadership to observe the holiday on September 19 to honour the Queens funeral.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:08 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Linda Gregory

Jeff Sunderland, CAO