

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:01 p.m.

Attendance

Councillors present:

- Linda Gregory, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- David Tudor, Councillor
- George Manzer, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

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Prayer

Warden Gregory welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting. Warden Gregory thanked everyone for coming and read the Municipality's mission statement.

Agenda

MOVED and Seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of #2 South West Health under Correspondence.

Motion Carried

Presentation –

MOVED and Seconded that Lianne Turner & Denise Vacon, Digby & Area Affordable & Supportive Housing Group present before Council.

Motion Carried

Lianne Turner & Denise Vacon, Digby & Area Affordable & Supportive Housing Group

Ms. Turner gave an overview on the statistics accrued by the Digby & Area Affordable & Supportive Housing Group.

Some highlights she gave details on were:

- Infrastructure
- Information
- Collaboration
- Rules & Regulations

Ms. Vacon advised that the Municipality of Digby could help by:

- advocating for a Federal housing strategy
- maintaining partnerships
- keeping communication lines open
- establishing minimum provincial standards

Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised the presenters that affordable and supportive housing is a priority with the FCM and Council will be going to a FCM conference at the end of May.

MOVED and Seconded to write a letter to the UNSM to see where they are with the 6A Resolution on Affordable Housing.

Motion Carried

Minutes

**February 24, 2014 -
Council.**

MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of February 24, 2014 be approved with an amendment under the Western Counties Regional Library to correct a typo with LBANS and rectify that it was the South West Region regarding modest funding.

Motion Carried

**February 24, 2014 –
Public Hearing.**

MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from the Public Hearing on February 24, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

**Business Arising
from Minutes/Old
Business**

#1

#2

Councillor Manzer

- No Old Business.

Councillor Adams

- No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor

- No Old Business.

Deputy Warden
MacAlpine

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that he has been in contact with Larry Knox regarding the access off Pleasant St. and is waiting to hear back from him.

Warden Gregory

- No Old Business.

New Business

**#1 Bulk E-Voting
Services**

Discussion ensued regarding bulk E-voting services. Council wants to make sure E-voting works before committing.

Moved and Seconded to acquire more information regarding bulk E-voting.

Motion carried

**#2 Funding Request:
- Society for the
Friends of Ferals
- Admiral Digby
Museum**

MOVED and Seconded that the funding requests for the Society for the Friends of Ferals and the Admiral Digby Museum be moved to the budget process.

Motion Carried

**#3 Objective
Reviews – John
Morash & Bernard
Smith**

Discussion ensued regarding the letter received from John Morash & Bernard Smith – Objective Reviews. The letter was concerning consulting work and the Municipality always sends out RFP's when hiring consultants.

**#4 New Regulations
for Animal
Protection Act**

The deadline for feedback on the New Regulations for the Animal Protection Act is March 31st. Discussion ensued regarding the draft. Municipal feedback is required. Council is to send the questionnaire in individually and also send to the CAO to compile the questionnaire, on behalf of Council as a whole, to be sent in as well.

MOVED and seconded that a letter be sent to the Department of Agriculture to see who would be responsible to enforce the new regulations.

Motion Carried

**Council Strategic
Priorities Agenda**

**#1 Recommendation
from the By-Law &
Policy Committee:**

That the Municipality investigates the possibility of installing three electric charging stations in the following locations.
Bear River;
Weymouth Library;
and at the Balancing Rock.

MOVED and Seconded that the By-law & Policy recommendation that the Municipality investigate the possibility of installing three electric charging stations in the following locations. Bear River; Weymouth Library; and at the Balancing Rock be approved.

Motion Carried

CAO Report:

The CAO report for March 24, 2014 was included in the meeting package and will be attached to the minutes.

**Request for Decisions
of Direction**

- **Write off of
Taxes**

MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality of District of Digby write off \$ 12,833.78 of the outstanding taxes on the second terminal parcel at Bay Ferries.

Motion Carried

**Meeting
Dates/Reminders**

The Warden read the Meeting Dates/Reminders.

Warden Gregory advised that she will be late for the April 7th By-Law & Policy meeting.

**Meeting Action Items
Update**

Warden Gregory read the action items.

**Capital & Special
Project Update**

Warden Gregory read the capital & special project items.

Payables

MOVED and Seconded that the February 2014 payables in the amount of \$ 366,508.00 be approved.

Motion Carried

Financial Report The financial report for February 2014 was presented to Council.

MOVED and Seconded that the financial report for February 2014 be accepted.

Motion Carried

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

Council Committees

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

#1 That the Warden and CAO be authorized to sign the contract with South West Eco Energy for the processing of municipal green waste.

MOVED and Seconded that the COTW recommendation that the Warden and CAO be authorized to sign the contract with South West Eco Energy for the processing of municipal green waste be approved.

Motion Carried

#2 That the Municipality of the District of Digby purchase a full page ad in the 75th Anniversary Book of the NS Mink Breeders Association and that the book be placed in the Weymouth Waterfront Library.

MOVED and Seconded that the COTW recommendation that the Municipality of the District of Digby purchase a full page ad in the 75th Anniversary Book of the NS Mink Breeders Association and that the book be placed in the Weymouth Waterfront Library be approved.

Motion Carried

By-law & Policy Recommendations

#1 That the Municipality advise the NS Mink Breeders Association that we are declining their offer that we take over their section of the Weymouth School.

MOVED and Seconded that the By-law & Policy recommendation that the Municipality advise the NS Mink Breeders Association that Council is declining their offer to take over their section of the Weymouth School be approved.

Motion Carried

#2

#3

#4

Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee	No meeting since last report.
Heritage Advisory Committee	No meeting since last report.
Planning Advisory Committee	The CAO gave an update on the PAC. The PAC will be starting a new project soon.
RCMP Police Advisory Committee Board	January – March 11, 2014 report and January 2014 minutes were circulated. Staff Sgt Calhoun has been advised of the District meetings.
REMO Advisory Committee	The December 2013 minutes were circulated. Don LeBlanc is in discussions with Province. There will be costs to update the TMR radios. The next REMO meeting is scheduled for June 3 rd .
Western Region Housing Authority	The February 2014 report was circulated.

Regional / Joint Committees

Age Friendly Community Planning Committee	The group last met February 27, March 5 and March 20. No minutes to report.
Airport Working Group	The Airport Working Group is waiting until safety standards have been set. They are trying to meet by the end of the month.
Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association	They met March 24 th and are asking to meet with the Board of Trade.
Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group	The logic model and meeting notes for March 2014 were circulated. Councillor Tudor missed the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 1 st .
Digby Annapolis Development Corp	DADC met in Annapolis on February 25 th . They had their building appraised by a commercial appraiser. The building was appraised at \$80,000. A realtor will be hired to list the property for six months.
Digby Area Learning Association	The DALA building, in Cornwallis, was sold. November 2013 & January 2014 board minutes were circulated.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	A copy of an email regarding the Digby & Area Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, February minutes and March reports were circulated.

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Digby Area Tourism Association	There was a meeting early March with 17 in attendance. No minutes were circulated.
Digby Development Agency (formerly Industrial Commission)	DDA met on March 3 rd regarding the final report on the Industrial Park lands. There would be some restrictions on developing on the lands. Should have final report within the next two weeks.
Digby Harbour Port Association	There was a meeting regarding Port Days and different aspects on the wharf.
Digby Library Committee	There is a meeting scheduled for April 2 nd .
Digby Municipal Fire Association	The DMFA will be holding their next meeting April 2 nd .
Healthy Eating Committee	The Healthy Eating Committee last met on February 28 th . They are getting close to a final draft.
Highway 101 Task Force	February 2014 minutes were circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for April 15 th .
Kings Transit Authority	February 2014 minutes and reports were circulated. There was a meeting on Wednesday, February 27 th . The bus has been delayed due to a strike.
Senior Safety Committee	They last met on March 24 th . The Senior Safety Committee are thinking about setting up a webpage.
Shared Services Committee	No meeting since last report. There will be a meeting on March 31 st .
Transport de Clare	No meeting since last report. There is a meeting scheduled for March 25 th .
Tideview Terrace	The Tideview Terrace Committee last met on February 26 th . The board meets new residents monthly.
Upper Clements Park	February 2014 minutes were circulated. The Committee met on March 20 th . The Park is still looking for new general manager. Interviews are being conducted and there are at least two good perspective replacements.
Waste Check	February 2014 minutes and March reports were circulated. The Committee last met on March 10 th . There was a dinner held on March 20 th , in Clare, for the recipients of the Business of the Month winner. The budget has not been passed yet.
Western Counties Regional Library	December 2013 minutes were circulated. There was a meeting on March 20 th . The Committee will have a strategic plan done before the year's end.
Western Regional Enterprise Network	No meeting since last report. The Committee is looking to bring back the six municipal units.
Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee	No meeting since last report. The CAO had attempted to set up a meeting to no avail. She will try again in April or May.

**Council Activity
Reports/Other
Committees**

Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.

Councillor Adams Councillor Adams gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings she has attended during the past month.

Councillor Tudor Councillor Tudor gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.

Warden Gregory Warden Gregory gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings she has attended during the past month.

Comments from the
Gallery

Adjournment **MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:51 PM.**

Motion Carried

WARDEN

CLERK