

**Call to Order**

The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 5:59 p.m.

**Attendance**

Councillors present:

- Linda Gregory, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- David Tudor, Councillor
- George Manzer, Councillor
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Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

- Maritza Adams, Councillor
- Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**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.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**MOVED and Seconded the adoption of the agenda for February 23, 2015, as amended, with the addition of #8 Temporary Borrowing Resolution under New Business.**

**Motion Carried**

**Presentation/Delegation**

**#1 Stephen Cushing, Teresa Thomas and Jonathan Lampier – Urban Perspectives**

**MOVED and Seconded that Stephen Cushing, Teresa Thomas and Jonathan Lampier, Urban Perspectives come before Council to present.**

**Motion Carried**

Stephen Cushing started the presentation with introductions. He said that the project idea was for a strategy for open spaces with a 15 year timeline and was to determine sustainability of open spaces and to obtain land.

The group had done primary research involving public engagement and engagement mapping. Their secondary research involved assessing existing open spaces, reviewing policy context and precedents. A digital map that can be imbedded on the Municipal website was given to Norman Levesque, Municipal IT. Research involved online and paper surveys, a public table session and stakeholder table sessions. From the surveys they found that Sandy Cove, Savory Park and Point Prim were some of the most used open space area. People's concerns were in losing resource harvesting such as seaweed and clams.

The final strategy indicated there were 30 actions or recommendations that should take place. Numbers 1-11 were priority and 12-30 were reliant on actions 1-11.

Ideas for open space funding:

Donations, tax dedication, subdivision cash in lieu, corporate

sponsorship, road right of way sharing, government grants, debt financing. The open space fund will ensure capital is in place for open space acquisition, development and maintenance. It was recommended that 50,000 year would be adequate to fund priority open space projects.

Ideas for acquisition methods:

Land donation, first option to buy, easement and/or maintenance agreements, offer to purchase, zoning, land swap.

**#2 Gino Thibeault and David Brown – Upper Clements Park**

**MOVED and Seconded that Gino Thibeault and David Brown, Upper Clements Park come before Council to present.**

**Motion Carried**

Gino Thibeault gave highlights of 2014:

- Retirement of Gregg Gaul
- New General Manager appointed
- Firefighter day now emergency services day
- Special day for Nova Scotia Special Olympics, Children's Wish Foundation and Family SOS – free access and catered meal
- Nova Scotia Public Libraries – 5000 fast passes for summer reading program
- Talent of local bands and individuals showcased
- Over 65,000 visitors
- Employing 175 people
- Open 68 days (72 in 2013)
- Cost to clean up from tropical storm Arthur was over \$20,000
- Average of 11,000 visits per month on UCP website

The strategic planning involves hiring a full-time marketing person. This marketing person will help increase the number and quality of partnerships and promote out of province market development.

Gino Thibeault gave an overview of impending changes for 2015:

- Purchase food service equipment
- Upgrade POS equipment
- Upgrade rides
- New partnership with GSAR in 2015

There were, in January 2015, over 16,000 visits on UCP website. This year a season pass, which gives full bracelet each visit to UCP, will cost \$59.99.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Council – January 26, 2015**

**MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of January 26, 2015 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from  
Minutes/Old Business**

**#1 From last COTW – SHIFT: Rural Conference 2015**      **MOVED and Seconded that the request for sponsorship for the SHIFT Rural Conference in March 2015 be approved for \$250.**

**Motion carried**

**#2**

Councillor Manzer      • No Old Business.

Councillor Adams      • No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor      • No Old Business.

Deputy Warden  
MacAlpine      • No Old Business.

Warden Gregory      • No Old Business.

**New Business**

**#1 YREACH – Jill Balser – letter of Support**      **MOVED and Seconded that a letter in support of the Outreach Settlement Program for YREACH, at the Fundy YMCA, be forwarded to Jill Balser.**

**Motion Carried**

**#2 Victoria Beach New Light**      Tammy Reyno's concern regarding the new Victoria Beach Light will be forwarded to MP Greg Kerr.

**#3 Society for Friends of Ferals – Funding Request**      **MOVED and Seconded that the funding request for the Society for the Friends of Ferals be moved to the budget process.**

**Motion Carried**

**#4 Sparks Fly @ DES – Funding Request**      **MOVED and Seconded that the funding request for the Sparks Fly @ DES be moved to the budget process.**

**Motion Carried**

**#5 Lobster Bash – Funding Request**      **MOVED and Seconded that the funding request for the Lobster Bash be moved to the budget process.**

**Motion Carried**

**#6 Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens – Funding Request**      **MOVED and Seconded that the funding request for the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens be moved to the budget process.**

**Motion Carried**

#7 Digby Print &  
Promo – Spring into  
Summer –  
Sponsorship Request

**MOVED and Seconded that the sponsorship request for the Spring into Summer Home Show be moved to the budget process.**

**Motion Carried**

#8 Temporary  
Borrowing Resolution

**MOVED and Seconded that Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution “under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality borrow a sum or sums not exceeding One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1 ,362,500) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs”**

**Motion Carried**

**CAO Report:**

The CAO report for February 23, 2015 was unavailable.

**Meeting  
Dates/Reminders**

**Meeting Action Items  
Update**

**Request for Decisions  
of Direction**

**Payables**

**MOVED and Seconded that the list of January 2015 payables in the amount of \$739,721.08 be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

**Financial Report**

The financial report for February 2015 was circulated.

**Correspondence**

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

**Council Committees**

**Committee of the  
Whole  
Recommendations**

#1

**By-law & Policy  
Recommendations**

#1 Low Income Tax  
Exemption for 2015-  
16

**Moved and Seconded to approve the recommendation that the Low Income Tax Exemption for 2015-16 be set at \$225 for those whose total household income for 2014 is less than \$23,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#2 First Reading of the Amendment to the Heritage Property By-Law 2006-02 **Moved and Seconded to approve the first reading of the proposed amendment to the Heritage Property By-Law to “The Committee shall consist of not more than six (6) members: a) one (1) member of Council”and b) five (5) residents of the District of Digby”.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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#4

#5

### **Advisory Committees**

Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee No meeting since Council last met.

Heritage Advisory Committee No meeting since Council last met.

Planning Advisory Committee No meeting since Council last met.

Joint RCMP Advisory Board No meeting since Council last met.

REMO Advisory Committee No meeting since Council last met.

Western Region Housing Authority No meeting since Council last met.

### **Regional / Joint Committees**

Age Friendly Community Planning Committee The Age Friendly plan dated January 2015 was circulated.  
**MOVED and Seconded to table the Age Friendly Community Plan to the next council meeting.**

**Motion carried**

Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association No meeting since Council last met.

Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group Last meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

Digby Annapolis Development Corp No meeting since Council last met.

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Digby Area Learning Association	November 2014 minutes, CRC January 2015 report and DCEC January report were circulated.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	January minutes and February reports were circulated. DARC talked about open space strategy. There are many programs lined up for March break.
Digby Area Tourism Association	No meeting since last Council met. There was a 1-83-Loop meeting in January but Councillor Manzer did not attend.
Digby Development Agency	The DDA last met on February 3.
Digby Harbour Port Association	There was a meeting last week. The wharf is being fixed a little at a time.
Digby Library Committee	No meeting since Council last met.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	No meeting since Council last met. Staff is to advise Bruce Snell that Councillor Tudor is now on the committee.
Highway 101 Task Force	No meeting since Council last met.
Kings Transit Authority	November 2014 minutes, January reports and the January Newsletter were circulated. Kings Transit Authority is now working on the budget. Council had concerns with problems with the new buses. There was another spare bus on today. There have been mechanical issues with the new buses. Ridership numbers have increased. There are advertising spots inside the bus to promote municipal services. The only cost would be in making the advertisement. Discussion on making this into a policy will be brought to a by-law and policy meeting.
Senior Safety Committee	January minutes and a letter from the Department of Seniors were circulated. No meeting since council last met.
Shared Services Committee	No meeting since Council last met.
Transport de Clare	October 2014 minutes were circulated. Transport de Clare is working towards having a surplus for this year. Someone emailed Deputy Warden MacAlpine asking if Kings Transit could go through Bear River. He emailed the info on Transport de Clare. A blurb is to be placed in the Coastline on what services the Municipality offers.
Tideview Terrace	No meeting since Council last met.
Upper Clements Park	There was a presentation tonight.
Waste Check	Waste Check last met on February 9 via video conference to cut costs. They will find out at the next board meeting the results of the survey on having this type of meeting. A solution is to be developed on the disposal of mercury based bulbs. There is a

My Waste plug in feature for computer to help streamline information on the website as well as a My Waste phone app. The recycles award dinner will be held in April. The committee is looking to update policies and looking at changes for roles and responsibilities of waste check committees and disciplining employees. The business of the month program is popular and ongoing.

Western Counties  
Regional Library

No meeting since Council last met.

Western Regional  
Enterprise Network  
Advisory Committee

No meeting since Council last met. Deputy Warden MacAlpine participated in a 45 minute interview last week to get ready for the strategic planning session.

Weymouth Doctor  
Recruiting Committee

No meeting since Council last met.

**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 was unavailable to give an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings she has attended during the past month.

Councillor Tudor

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Deputy Warden  
MacAlpine

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Warden Gregory

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Comments from the  
Gallery

**In Camera**

**MOVED and Seconded at 8:31 PM that the meeting go into a three minute break before going In Camera for a Contractual Issue.**

**Motion Carried**

The regular session resumed at 8:43 PM.

**MOVED and Seconded to award the tender of the Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste to Digby Salvage and Disposal in the amount of \$2,320,765.20 for a five year total bid.**

**Motion Carried**

**Adjournment**

**MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 PM.**

**Motion Carried**

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**CLERK**