

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:00 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
- Nicole Robbins, Recording Assistant

Regrets:

-

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 that the agenda for September 28, 2015 be approved as amended with the addition of Islands Consolidated School Sponsorship Request under New Business.**

Motion Carried

Presentation/Delegation

#1 Nick Hill & Dr. John Brazner, Fern Hill Institute Plant Conservation – Westport Bog Restoration and Boardwalk Proposal **MOVED and Seconded that Nick Hill & Dr. John Brazner, Fern Hill Institute Plant Conservation, come before Council to present.**

Motion Carried

The presentation was on the importance of bog to community & ecosystem, various people involved in rebuild of bog and phases of rebuild and cost.

#2 Grant Thornton – 2014/2015 Audit Presentation **MOVED and Seconded that Gloria Banks, Grant Thornton come before Council to present.**

Motion Carried

Gloria Banks gave an overview of the Independent Auditors report.

MOVED and Seconded that the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Municipality of the District of Digby for March 31, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

Council – August 24, 2015 **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of August 24, 2015 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

**Business Arising from
Minutes/Old Business**

#1 Digby Scallop Days – Apple Blossom Princess Funding The Digby Scallop Days Apple Blossom Princess funding request is to be put on hold awaiting response from the CAO's contact on the Scallop Days committee.

#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 Meadow Carman – Jersey Sponsorship – Municipal Marketing The girls are introduced every game indicating the Municipality they represent. Concern is that this could open the door to a large number of other requests for jersey funding. Funding could be possibly be done through DARC through Elite athlete funding.

The request is to be tabled until the next Council meeting and the request can be discussed with DARC.

#2 Letter from Dept of Agriculture Honourable Keith Colwell Discussion on the letter received from the Department of Agriculture regarding the *Fences and Impounding of Animals Act* and the *Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act*. Council agreed on the importance of both acts and the need for the act or a revised act.

MOVED and Seconded that a response be sent to the Department of Agriculture stating that Council agrees there is a need for the *Fences and Impounding of Animals Act* and the *Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act* but feels there is a need for revision.

Motion Carried

#3 MGA Review Discussion ensued regarding the dates for MGA meetings and the interference with the Heritage Conference. Council is responsible for registering themselves for MGA meetings. There is not much time allotted for revisions. Council is to attend the sessions and then the revisions will be discussed at a later date.

#4 Islands Consolidated School – Sponsorship Request This sponsorship request falls under the Youth Grant policy. \$250.00 funding is allotted per student.
MOVED and Seconded that Islands Consolidated School be sponsored for \$250.00 for the recommended student in the Encounters with Canada program.

Motion Carried

CAO Report: The CAO report for September 28, 2015 was circulated.

Meeting Dates/Reminders The Warden went over the meeting dates/reminders.

Meeting Action Items Update The Warden went over the action items.

Request for Decisions of Direction **MOVED and Seconded that the action items be approved.**

Motion Carried

Payables **MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for August 2015 in the amount of \$404,485.65 be approved.**

Motion Carried

Financial Report The financial report for August 2015 was circulated.

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

Council Committees

By-law & Policy Recommendations

#1

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

#1 That the Municipality of the District of Digby enter into a 5 year lease with Digby Ground Search and Rescue for the sum of \$1 for the hangar at the airport and that the Municipality provide an annual grant to Digby Ground Search and Rescue of \$1,500 to help cover the cost of electricity.

Motion Carried

and that the Municipality provide an annual grant to Digby Ground Search and Rescue of \$1,500 to help cover the cost of electricity.

Advisory Committees

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

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting to take place this week regarding Heritage Conference.

Planning Advisory Committee **MOVED and Seconded that Municipal Council give first reading to the draft Digby Wellfield Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Digby Wellfield Area Land Use By-law dated August 18, 2015 and set a date for a public hearing.**

Motion Carried

Joint RCMP Advisory Board June minutes were circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15th.

REMO Advisory Committee No meeting since last Council meeting.

Western Region Housing Authority Last report April 2015, trying to get updated report.

Regional / Joint Committees

Canada Legacy Society Report to be included in next meeting.

Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group Minutes not included as they are not yet approved.

Digby Annapolis Development Corp Meeting today, financials of 2014-2015 approved. Discussion as to the future of DADC. Future meeting to discuss what can take place with disbursement of money and assets. Agreement to be reviewed at next meeting.

Digby Area Learning Association Minutes & reports not sent due to computer problems. To be included in next meeting package.

Digby Area Recreation Committee Minutes to be resent as not attached. Oral review of minutes, of repairs that have taken place and still need to take place. Review of what took place at meeting.

Digby Area Tourism Association No meeting during summer.

Digby Development Agency Meeting 1st week of September. Discussion of what took place at meeting, Energy, Cold Storage Facility and Industrial Park.

Digby Harbour Port Association	No meeting this month.
Digby Library Committee	No meeting since summer.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	June minutes were circulated.
Highway 101 Task Force	No meeting since last Council meeting.
Kings Transit Authority	Last meeting cancelled. No meeting since last Council meeting.
Open Spaces	No Minutes. A few grants approved and a few sent back for more information. Form being worked on for submission of funding request.
Senior Safety Committee	No meeting since last Council meeting.
Shared Services Committee	No meeting since last Council meeting.
Transport de Clare	No meeting since last Council meeting. Manager has been hired to help with workload.
Tideview Terrace	May minutes were circulated. Next meeting scheduled for October.
Upper Clements Park	August minutes were circulated. Next meeting scheduled for October.
Waste Check	Updates from April to September 2015 were circulated.
Western Counties Regional Library	Meeting to take place Thursday, October 1, 2015.
Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee	Meeting to take place Tuesday, September 29, 2015.
Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee	Meeting to take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.
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 had attended during the past month.

Comments from the Gallery

In Camera

Adjournment **MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:35 PM.**

Motion Carried

WARDEN

CLERK