

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 and asked that we 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 January 25, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Presentation/Delegation

#1 Jay Stone – excessive noise in his area due to firewood operations

MOVED and Seconded that Jay Stone come before Council to present.

Motion Carried

Mr. Stone had spoken with Alfred Doucet last November about the excessive noise problem in his area but criteria was met under the Noise By-law so no further action was taken.

Mr. Stone advised that his neighbor's firewood business has been expanding and is running 8 to 12 hours daily, seven days weekly. The activities are taking place 300 feet from his residence.

Mr. Stone asked if there were any by-laws that would prevent businesses from out-growing their locations, particularly if they cause excessive noise, smell, or pollution. Council advised there were no land use by-laws in his area and any new by-law would not affect businesses existing at the time the by-law came into effect.

He advised that most days fumes flow into his work area from the exhaust from diesel usage. Staff is to check with the Department of Environment to determine if there are any regulations regarding exhaust fumes.

Approval of Minutes

Council – November 23, 2015

MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of November 23, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

**Business Arising from
Minutes/Old Business**

#1

- Councillor Manzer
- No Old Business.
- Councillor Adams
- Councillor Adams had questions regarding the “Welcome to Digby” sign in Annapolis County. Warden Gregory advised she had spoken with Warden Ritchie and that Annapolis County Council had granted permission for the placement of the sign.
- Councillor Tudor
- No Old Business.
- Deputy Warden
MacAlpine
- No Old Business.
- Warden Gregory
- No Old Business.

New Business

#1 Everest Canadian Senior Curling Championship – funding request

MOVED and Seconded that the funding request for \$250 to purchase scallops for the Taste of Digby event during the Everest Canadian Senior Curling Championship be approved.

Motion Carried

#2 Encounters with Canada Program – funding request

MOVED and Seconded that the funding request for \$250 towards Jasmine Gidney’s registration fee to attend the Encounters with Canada Program be approved.

Motion Carried

CAO Report: The CAO report for January 25, 2016 was circulated.

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

Warden Gregory advised that she and Councillor Adams would be away for the COTW meeting on February 8th and that she would not be available for the RCMP Resource Study Presentation on February 17th.

Councillor Manzer suggested that budget meeting could be held a couple of afternoons instead of multiple evening meetings. Council indicated that the By-law & Policy budget meeting could begin at 3 PM instead of the usual 4:30 PM.

Meeting Action Items Update The Warden reviewed the action items and asked if there were any questions from Council.

Capital Projects Update Councillor Tudor advised that he has a couple of options to check into regarding internet services in his area.

**Request for Decisions
of Direction**

Payables **MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for November 2015 in the amount of \$441,105.73 be approved.**

Motion Carried

MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for December 2015 in the amount of \$407,085.20 be approved.

Motion Carried

Financial Report The financial report for November and December 2015 were circulated.

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

Councillor Tudor will have Taylor Barnaby contact the CAO to set up a presentation to the COTW or Council on her experience with the Encounters with Canada Program.

Council Committees

By-law & Policy Recommendations

#1 On-line Citizen Budget **MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality engage with Citizen Budget to develop a customized on-line budget simulator for citizen engagement.**

Motion Carried

Ideas for the on-line budget simulator are to be emailed to the Deputy CAO.

#2 PACE By-law **MOVED and Seconded to approve first reading of Property Assessed Clean Energy Program PACE By-Law.**

Motion Carried

#3 Amendment to Council Travel & Remuneration Policy **MOVED and Seconded to amend the Council Travel & Remuneration Policy to allow a \$3,000 increase to the Deputy Warden annual salary, beginning next term.**

Motion Carried

#4 TBR 15/16-01 **MOVED and Seconded to approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution File No. 15/16-01 for \$ 500,000 for the purposes of purchasing a 50 Kw Wind Turbine.**

Motion Carried

#5 TBR 15/16-02 **MOVED and Seconded to approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution File No. 15/16-02 for \$690,000 for the purposes of purchasing a 800 Kw Wind Turbine.**

**Motion Carried
1 Opposed**

**Committee of the
Whole
Recommendations**

#1CHA2 Working Group **MOVED and Seconded to appoint Councillor Tudor as Municipal representative on the CHA2 Working Group.**

Motion Carried

#2 Epilepsy Awareness Initiative **MOVED and Seconded to support the request from the Epilepsy Awareness Initiative and wear the purple ribbon the month of March 2016.**

Motion Carried

One picture of Council wearing the purple ribbons at March COTW is to be sent for the Epilepsy Awareness Initiative website.

#3 Tiverton Fire Department Loan Agreement **MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality of Digby enter into a ten year loan agreement with the Tiverton Volunteer Fire Department for a \$40,000 loan to cover costs of firefighting equipment in accordance to the Non Municipal Borrowing Policy # 2007.**

Motion Carried

#4 Community Energy Sustainability **MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality of Digby enter into the initiative concerning community energy sustainability and the transition of Nova Scotia municipalities to a sustainable future and have the Warden sign the collective request on behalf of Council.**

Motion Carried

#5 2016 Saltscapes Expo **MOVED and Seconded that the CAO allocate Robert Hersey to work with the tourism sector in regards to the promotion of the community at Saltscapes.**

Motion Carried

#6 Provincial Active Transportation Policy Framework **MOVED and Seconded to send a letter of support for the Provincial Active Transportation Policy Framework.**

Motion Carried

#7 Conway Workshop Lease Warden Gregory excluded herself from voting due to conflict of interest.

MOVED and Seconded that Municipal Council allow Conway Workshop to lease the land on Shreve Street, on a year to year basis, for the storage of wood fiber as pending that the Town of Digby agree to the same usage and conditions.

Motion Carried

#8 SW African
Heritage dinner

MOVED and Seconded that a table for eight be purchased for the SW African Heritage dinner in February at the cost of \$160.

Motion Carried

Councillor Adams requested a ticket be reserved for her.

#9 Kings Transit
Schedule changes

MOVED and Seconded to look at changes for the January, February, March and April Kings Transit winter schedule, to having the last run at 8 pm for 6 days per week.

Motion Carried

#10 Purchase of E-48
Enercon 800 Kw Wind
Turbine

MOVED and Seconded to the purchase of the E-48 Enercon 800 Kw Wind Turbine from RESL for the purchase price of \$ 600,000 plus migrating costs pending a blade inspection.

**Motion Carried
1 Opposed**

#11 Letter of Intent for
purchase of former
DNR Property

MOVED and Seconded that the Warden and CAO be authorized to sign the Letter of Intent with the NS Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of approximately 5.13 hectares of crown land in North Range, known as the former DNR property, for \$1,000.

Motion Carried

Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water
Protection Advisory
Committee

Councillor Adams advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Heritage Advisory
Committee

Councillor Adams advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Planning Advisory
Committee

Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Joint RCMP Advisory
Board

Warden Gregory advised that the last meeting was cancelled due to a storm. The meeting has been re-scheduled for March 9th.

REMO Advisory
Committee

Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Don LeBlanc has continued to give weather updates.

Western Region
Housing Authority

CAO Fraser advised that there was no report available.

Regional / Joint Committees

Canada Legacy Society Warden Gregory advised that the Premier has met with the Federal Minister. There has been no confirmed date of the next meeting.

Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group Councillor Tudor advised that the December 2015 mapping process has been circulated. Councillor Adams attended the December meeting on behalf of Council Tudor. Councillor Tudor was unavailable for January's meeting. DAASH is looking at options for affordable housing. They are raising funds to purchase a property to be used for affordable housing.

MOVED and Seconded that Councillor Adams be added as an alternate Council representative for the Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group.

Motion Carried

Digby Annapolis Development Corp Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that September 2015 minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

Digby Area Learning Association Councillor Manzer advised that Learning Grove, DALA, DCEC and Executive Directors minutes/reports were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

Digby Area Recreation Committee Warden Gregory advised that January 2015 AGM, November and December 2015 minutes, and December 2015 and January 2015 reports were circulated. They are moving ahead with the Senior Curling. Jennifer Jones and Randy Ferbey will be attending. There is a leak in the children's pool and DARC is looking into the cost to repair.

Digby Area Tourism Association Councillor Manzer advised that October minutes were circulated. There was a meeting in January but Councillor Manzer was unavailable to attend.

Digby Development Agency Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the NS Marine Renewable Legislation was circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for January 26th.

Digby Harbour Port Association Warden Gregory advised that October and November 2015 minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. There are 76 boats tied at the wharf.

Digby Library Committee Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Digby Municipal Fire Association Councillor Tudor advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Highway 101 Task Force Warden Gregory advised that there is a meeting scheduled for March 3rd.

Kings Transit Authority Warden Gregory advised that the September report to the Board, October minutes and the October and November newsletters were circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for January 27th. The buses are running over 825 k daily. The

diesel fuel costs are below budget due to low costs.

Open Spaces	Councillor Manzer advised that the Freeport Community Development Agency has been allotted \$1000. More information is required on the DNR property.
Senior Safety Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that he was unable to attend the last meeting. Councillor Tudor advised that the Senior Safety Committee received \$20,000 from the Province. Councillor Tudor will follow up on obtaining the minutes.
Shared Services Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that June 2015 minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since November 2015.
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that there is a meeting scheduled for January 26 th .
Tideview Terrace	Councillor Manzer advised that October 2015 minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for January 27 th .
Upper Clements Park	Councillor Adams advised that there was a meeting on January 21 st . There was no meeting in December. This year they are looking at replacing the liner and repairing the flume ride. The roller coaster is to be inspected this year. The Ferris wheel will be painted this year when taken apart for service. This year the campsite will be completed and will host 45 sites with washrooms and showers (not full service). The Shriners' bus is on the property being fixed up. The Shriners will be installing and maintaining a water fountain at the park.
Waste Check	Warden Gregory advised that the next meeting is scheduled for February. The HHW summit was on January 14 th .
Western Counties Regional Library	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that October 2015 Board minutes were circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for February. The new funding formula not favorable for this region. The impact on Cape Breton is about \$400,000. Concerns are to be brought forth to the next library committee meeting.
Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the CEO Final 2015 report was circulated. There was a meeting January 15 th . The minutes of September 2015 will be in next month's package.
Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee	Warden Gregory advised that the Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee have been meeting regularly. A potential doctor toured the Weymouth Clinic and met with Dr Westby, Dr Black and Dr Ron. She also toured the Digby hospital and Health Clinic.

Council District Reports

Councillor Manzer	Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the Parade of Lights, a pancake
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breakfast, the Tideview Terrace dinner, and the Municipal New Years Levee.

Councillor Adams Councillor Adams advised Council that the School of Options Committee will be hosting a public meeting, on January 27th, regarding possible school closures in Digby County.

Councillor Tudor Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various projects he is working on in his district such as the Destination Brier Island idea, collecting and distributing gifts in his district, two funding raising dinners and the Ferry Approaches project.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as the WREN's session put on by province, PVSC All Staff event in Halifax, a land registration meeting by PVSC, the Municipal New Years Levee. He also advised that there will be a fundraiser at the Bear River Fire Hall on January 29th at 7 pm for the Syrian refugees.

Warden Gregory Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as the Municipal New Years Levee, meeting a potential doctor for the Weymouth Clinic and attended her first UNSM board meeting.

Comments from the Gallery Jonathan Riley asked who to speak to regarding the 800 Kw Turbine. He was advised to contact either Terry Thibodeau or the CAO.

In Camera

Adjournment **MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 PM.**

Motion Carried

WARDEN

CLERK