

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:03 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 February 22, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Presentation/Delegation

#1 Greg Turner, Acting Chair – Digby Area Tourism Association **MOVED and Seconded that Greg Turner, Acting Chair – Digby Area Tourism Association come before Council to present.**

Motion Carried

Greg Turner gave an overview of the EXPLORE DIGBY Inspiring Content Partner Program that DATA is participating in. He showed Council an advertisement that Cape Breton is using to promote their area. DATA will be looking into obtaining partner investments from the local Digby area businesses, the Municipality and Town of Digby. Tourism Nova Scotia will match all investment dollars up to \$50,000.

Mr. Turner was advised that this financial request will go to the budget process.

Approval of Minutes

Council – January 25, 2016 **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of January 25, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

#1

Councillor Manzer

- No Old Business.

- Councillor Adams • No Old Business.
- Councillor Tudor • No Old Business.
- Deputy Warden
MacAlpine • No Old Business.
- Warden Gregory • Warden Gregory asked if the drone for the windmill had been completed. The CAO advised that an onsite inspection is to be done.

New Business

#1 MediBus Health Care is on the agenda for the joint meeting with Town Council, the MP and the MLA on February 29th.

#2 DAASH – letter of support **MOVED and Seconded that a letter of support for the Digby and Area Affordable Supportive Housing be approved.**

Motion Carried

#3 Funding requests **MOVED and Seconded that the funding requests for**
i. Lobster Bash
ii. Baie St. Marie Animal Society
iii. Trinity Anglican Church
iv. Digby Area Tourism Association
v. Scallop Days
vi. Freeport Community Development Center
Center be forwarded to the budget process.

Motion Carried

#4 TIR – Traffic Count Council decided that traffic volume counts, on Municipal private streets, are not required at this time.

#5 Upper Cross Road Special funds are available to get the Upper Cross Road paved due to commercial use of trucks and public drop off weighing scales used by logging trucks.

MOVED and Seconded to send a letter of request to have the Upper Cross Road paved.

Motion Carried

#6 Seniors Curling Championship – Ice Logo request Council discussed the options of placing two or five logos on the curling sheets at the 2016 Everest Canadian Seniors Curling Championship. Two of the logos will be live streamed during all games.

MOVED and Seconded to place logos on two curling sheets that will be live streamed at the 2016 Everest Canadian Seniors Curling Championship at the cost of \$150 plus HST.

**Motion Carried
One Opposed**

CAO Report:

The CAO report for February 22, 2016 was circulated.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that under Regional Tourism VIC Kiosk Warden MacAlpine has to be changed to Deputy Warden.

**Meeting
Dates/Reminders**

The Warden went over the meeting dates/reminders.

Councillor Adams will be unavailable for the RCMP Joint Advisory meeting on March 9th.

**Meeting Action Items
Update**

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

The Deputy CAO has released the Citizen Budget online this week.

Capital Projects Update

**Request for Decisions of
Direction**

The CAO provided a synopsis from Evan Nemeth, WREN on Rural Internet in Nova Scotia. Council has decided to wait until the study on Rural Internet in Nova Scotia is complete.

Payables

MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for January 2016 in the amount of \$1,029,194.29 be approved.

Motion Carried

Financial Report

The financial report for January 2016 was circulated.

Correspondence

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

Council Committees

**By-law & Policy
Recommendations**

#1 Low Income Tax
Exemption 2016-17

MOVED and Seconded to approve the By-Law & Policy recommendation that the Low Income Tax Exemption for 2016-17 be set at \$250 for those whose total household income for 2015 was less than \$24,000.

Motion Carried

**Committee of the Whole
Recommendations**

#1

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 there is a meeting scheduled for March 9 th . Cpl. Sean Bolger is currently acting as S/Sgt.
REMO Advisory Committee	Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Don LeBlanc has been providing 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 a Legacy Society update was circulated. There was a meeting held two weeks ago. There is a news release coming out soon.
Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group	Councillor Tudor advised that DAASH met twice in February. Dan Harvey has been assisting the group in developing a business plan.
Digby Annapolis Development Corp	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for March 7 th .
Digby Area Learning Association	Councillor Manzer advised that Learning Grove, DALA, DCEC and Executive Directors minutes/reports were circulated. This year Learning Grove will remain open for the summer.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	Warden Gregory advised that a report from Bob Powell called "A Decade Worth" and January minutes & February reports were circulated. The Committee has met to elect the volunteers to represent the Municipality and Town of Digby. The Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for April 13 th . DARC is looking for volunteers to assist with the 2016 Everest Canadian Seniors Curling Championship.
Digby Area Tourism Association	Councillor Manzer advised that November 2015, January 2016 minutes and the Marketing Committee February minutes were circulated.

Digby Development Agency	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised October 2015 minutes were circulated. The group talked about the 5 year tidal strategy at the meeting on January 26 th . Supply change, marketing & promotions are things that they have to work on. Design Point has submitted a proposal for wetland strategy for land in the Industrial Commission.
Digby Harbour Port Association	Warden Gregory advised that December 2015 minutes and the February Manager report were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. Warden Gregory advised that the number of vessels tied up is usually high. There is no meeting scheduled for March as they are to meet every other month. The AGM will be held in April. DHPA was asked to take over Port Days and Tartan Classic but declined.
Digby Library Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. They only meet once a year.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	Councillor Tudor advised that he has not heard from the Digby Municipal Fire Association in several months. He will contact Bruce Snell to find out when the next meeting is.
Highway 101 Task Force	Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for March 10 th .
Kings Transit Authority	Warden Gregory advised that the January 2016 newsletter, December 2015 minutes and January reports were circulated. The bus had to replace a wheel bearing and was down for over 2 hours.
Open Spaces	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since last fall.
Senior Safety Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for February 23 rd .
Shared Services Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that October 2015 minutes and the January 2016 President report were circulated. The transition to the new office has taken place. Celebrating 20 years in the spring.
Tideview Terrace	Councillor Manzer advised that November 2015 minutes were circulated.
Upper Clements Park	Councillor Adams advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for next week.
Waste Check	Warden Gregory advised that November 2015 minutes and February reports were circulated. There was a meeting last week but there was not enough for a quorum so the meeting

was canceled.

Western Counties
Regional Library Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that December 2015 board minutes were circulated. He advised that a letter will be sent regarding the funding formula set forth by the Province.

Western Regional
Enterprise Network
Liaison and Oversight
Committee Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the CEO report November 18, 2015 to January 12, 2016 and September 2015 minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

Weymouth Doctor
Recruiting Committee Warden Gregory advised that there has been no response to date from the doctor that visited last month.

Council District Reports

Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as working with a cancer support group in Weymouth that are raising money to help with gas/expenses to assist cancer patients in need. He advised that the bottling plant will create 12-14 jobs and should be up and running by late spring/early summer.

Councillor Adams Councillor Adams gave an update to Council on various meetings she attended such as the FCM in Ottawa and an Age Friendly group meeting.

Councillor Tudor Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as attending a couple of benefit dinners, assisting residents with paperwork, aiding in fixing up rundown homes, and attended a meeting with the SAC hub school. He also advised that Dan Harvey put on business plan class which was a great hit in the community.

Deputy Warden
MacAlpine Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as the flag day ceremony and he attended a meeting with Jonathan Welch and Larry Knox of Bear River regarding water issues. Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that Robert Hersey is to be commended on the excellent job he does yearly with the flag day ceremonies. He also wanted Council made aware that Les Barr, Hillgrove participated in the TV program Masterchef Canada.

MOVED and Seconded that a letter be sent to Les Barr commending him on his efforts in participating on the TV program Masterchef Canada and wishing him good luck in his business venture.

Motion Carried

Warden Gregory Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference, the Digby Fire Department banquet and the Flag Day Ceremony. Warden Gregory and Mayor Cleveland met with first Syrian refugees that came to

Digby and presented the family with a Canadian Flag.

Warden Gregory advised that the Climate Change Workshop was worthwhile to attend and feels that Terry Thibodeau should attend next year.

Warden Gregory and Councillor Adams gave a presentation on the Sustainable Communities Conference they attended in Ottawa from February 9-11th.

Comments from the
Gallery

In Camera

#1 Municipal Properties **MOVED and Seconded that the meeting, at 8:15 PM, go**
#2 Contractual Issue **In Camera to discuss three Contractual Issues.**
#2 Contractual Issue

Motion Carried

Regular session resumed.

MOVED and Seconded to write off the taxes and interest on AAN 00485578 in the amount of \$2,966.32 as per staff recommendation.

Motion Carried

MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality of the District of Digby enter into an agreement with DH Business Services for the provision of economic development services for 2016-2017 with the same terms and conditions as 2015-2016.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Motion Carried

WARDEN

CLERK