

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
- 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 April 25, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Presentation/Delegation **MOVED and Seconded that John Davis, Director – The Clean Ocean Action Committee (COAC) and Graeme Gawn– Maritime Fisherman's Union come before Council to present.**

Motion Carried

John Davis, Director – The Clean Ocean Action Committee (COAC) and Graeme Gawn– Maritime Fisherman's Union John Davis, Director of Clean Ocean Action Committee (COAC) and Graeme Gawn, Maritime Fisherman's Union, gave an in-depth presentation.

COAC was formed in the fall of 2015. The Committee is working towards the permanent removal of sites 3 and 4 from any future Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board Oil and Gas Exploratory lease site auctions. Further information on this board can be obtained from the CNSOPB website.

Current concerns:

Shell is working at the very edge of its technological capabilities on and near the richest fishing grounds in North America.

Shell is being allowed to drill on the Scotian Shelf without any capability to clean up and remove from the ocean any large offshore oil spill.

The use of chemical dispersants as per Shell's CNSOPB-approved "Oil Spill Response Plan" is both dangerous and dysfunctional.

COAC is requesting that Council put forth a resolution in support of the renewable fishery resources. They feel it is critically important that municipal councils ensure that their opinions help inform the regulatory process.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised Mr. Davis who to contact to present to the UNSM board.

The COAC request will be discussed at the May COTW.

Approval of Minutes

Council – March 29, 2016

MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of March 29, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

Councillor Manzer

- Councillor Manzer advised that there are now four abandoned boats in Weymouth, one which has been burned. The CAO advised that it is still under review to determine whether in they are in the TIR right of way.

Councillor Adams

- No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor

- No Old Business.

Deputy Warden
MacAlpine

- No Old Business.

Warden Gregory

- No Old Business.

New Business

#1 Loan – Westport Fire Department

MOVED and Seconded that the request for an additional \$20,000 be added to the existing loan, for the Westport Fire Department, increasing the term of the loan by four more years, be approved.

Motion Carried

#2 Letter of Support DARC RFD

MOVED and Seconded to send a letter of support towards the application, by Digby Area Recreation Commission, for funding under the RFD grant program.

Motion Carried

CAO Report:

The CAO report for April 25, 2016 was circulated.

Meeting Dates/Reminders

The Warden went over the meeting dates/reminders.

Councillor Adams will not be available for the June 27th Council meeting.

The summer schedule will be looked at in May.

Meeting Action Items Update

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

Provincial Voters list **MOVED and seconded to acquire the Provincial Voters list from the Province for the upcoming Municipal election.**

Motion Carried

Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Councillor Adams advised that there was a meeting March 31 and they are to meet again in June. There has been interest in the advertisement for a citizen representative.

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. They are to meet in May to discuss ideas for the next project.

Joint RCMP Advisory Board Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

REMO Advisory Committee Warden Gregory advised that there was a meeting April 12. This was Don LeBlanc's last meeting and Bruce Snell has now taken over as coordinator. On their agenda was the upcoming 2016 Wharf Rat Rally. Mr. LeBlanc gave an update on the REMO meeting he attended in Truro. The next meeting is slated for late June or early July.

Western Region Housing Authority CAO Fraser advised that there was no report available.

Regional / Joint Committees

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

Canada Legacy Society Warden Gregory advised that an April update was circulated. Conference call today. Four members going to Halifax to discuss the project. Still looking for \$2.4 mil to produce the 15 vignettes. Meeting with Parks Canada, Department of Heritage and ACOA which replaces the trip to Ottawa.

Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group Councillor Tudor advised that there were two meetings April 19, one being a public meeting. DAASH is looking to become a registered society. Bethany Place has provided around \$80,000 in funding to assist in the renovation of the apartment building.

Digby Annapolis Development Corp Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there was a meeting this morning, April 25, in Annapolis. Deputy Warden MacAlpine became the new chair and Councillor Gregory Heming, County of Annapolis, became the new vice-chair. The Deputy Warden gave an overview of the motions made at DADC that morning. He talked of the potential of

renewable energy and the clamming industry as new projects.

Digby Area Learning Association Councillor Manzer advised that DALA did not win the contract with Employment Nova Scotia.

Digby Area Recreation Committee Warden Gregory advised that March minutes and April reports were circulated. The Everett Senior Curling Championship was a great success. DARC is currently looking at the hiring of summer staff.

MOVED and Seconded to send a letter of commendation to Bob Powell and Cindy O'Neil for their outstanding work as co-chairs and to the other DARC staff for volunteering; at the Everett Senior Curling Championship.

Motion Carried

Digby Area Tourism Association Councillor Manzer advised that there have been a couple of meetings since Council last met. Saltscapes has finished. Deputy Warden MacAlpine received a call from April Hannam, Department of Tourism, regarding the Halifax Waterfront Development. There is a possibility of setting something up outside the tourist bureau in Halifax instead of setting up in a kiosk. He will talk with them again this week while in Halifax.

Digby Development Agency Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that March minutes were circulated. The DDA had an update from Design Point regarding the property. The storage facility is going forward. The turbine is set to go in the water in May.

Digby Harbour Port Association Warden Gregory advised that February minutes, March Manager report and April 2015 AGM minutes were circulated. Elections took place with Reg Hazelton remaining the chair and Vance Hazelton the vice chair. Two cruise ships are to come this summer. The DHPA has formed two new committees – policy and finance.

Digby Library Committee Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. He reminded Council about the adopt-a-book program at the library. The libraries have reached 500 of their 1000 book goal.

Digby Municipal Fire Association Councillor Tudor advised that at the last meeting he advised the DMFA that Council will not be buying foam and the fire association made a motion to buy the foam themselves. His discussion with them regarding the fire departments charging insurance companies for calls did not go over well.

Highway 101 Task Force Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. They are waiting until late summer/early fall, for the design to be completed, to schedule a meeting.

Kings Transit Authority Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for

April 27.

Open Spaces	Councillor Manzer advised that they had a meeting on April 20 to discuss what projects are taking place. The committee awarded the VanTassell Lake Committee \$1,000 to cover the insurance for the trail. The Bog Project has been put on hold until they find if it is ecologically safe to install a boardwalk or would doing so endanger the bog.
Senior Safety Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that February minutes were circulated. There was a meeting April 18 with Karley Titus, the new citizen representative, in attendance. MLA Gordon Wilson, who attended the first part of the meeting, is trying to get a three or five year commitment instead of the usual one year application for the annual grant. This year the Senior Safety Committee got \$20,000 from the Province. The Senior Safety vehicle has to be replaced. The committee is hoping to do this by corporate sponsorship or fundraising. The committee is putting a booth in Spring into Summer show. Muriel Goguen spoke with the Warden indicating that she feels the subject of seniors should be on the Senior Safety agenda for the next meeting. She feels that to have seniors attend, for their input, would be beneficial.
Shared Services Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that the new manager, of six months, is doing well. There is an Anniversary celebration Saturday, May 14 th at the Saulnierville Legion from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. Both Warden Gregory and Councillor Manzer were asked to speak.
Tideview Terrace	Councillor Manzer advised that there was no meeting in March. There is a meeting scheduled for May 3.
Upper Clements Park	Councillor Adams advised that there was a meeting April 21 but she was unable to attend.
Waste Check	Warden Gregory advised that there was a board meeting and then the AGM April 11. Leland Anthony has remained as chair and Deputy Warden MacAlpine as vice chair. Grant Thornton was appointed as the auditors. The EPR program has been put on hold. Council would like, at a future By-Law & Policy meeting, the subject of when a person obtains a permit to demolish, to charge a deposit and once the material was taken to the C&D site he/she could come back with a receipt to get his/her deposit back.
Western Counties Regional Library	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. He gave a radio interview promoting the adopt-a-book campaign. The next meeting is scheduled for June.
Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the WREN final report was circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for April 26. He attended a meeting in Saulnierville where they

Committee discussed issues with the business community such as: rural internet, seafood, event tourism and opportunities in renewable energy, etc.

Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There will be a meeting scheduled after the end of May.

Council District Reports

Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the Volunteer Awards dinner at the Digby Fire Hall and he also volunteered two days at the Everett Senior Curling Championship.

Councillor Adams Councillor Adams gave an update to Council on various meetings she attended such as the Heritage Fair, April 7 in Barton and April 8 in Digby as well as attending the School Options meetings.

Councillor Tudor Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as attending the School Hub meetings, aiding the villages with upcoming festivals, the food bank and housing and mobility issues in community.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as the Volunteer Awards dinner at the Digby Fire Hall, met with Larry Knox on the water issues and met with a couple that has issues with a dangerous and unsightly property.

Warden Gregory Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as the Volunteer Awards dinner at the Digby Fire Hall, the Everett Senior Curling Championship, the Atlantic Recreation Conference, the Warden/CAO forum, a benefit for Carolyn Young and Susan Wilson, helped set up the station for Epilepsy Run/Walk, the DARC volunteer dinner in Halifax, the pancake breakfast, has met with residents in her area and is going to the Solid Waste Conference on April 26.

Comments from the Gallery

In Camera

Adjournment **MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:03 PM.**

Motion Carried

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CLERK