

**Call to Order** The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:04 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
- Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Marsha Lewis, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

- Maritza Adams, Councillor

**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 June 27, 2016 be approved as circulated with the additions of item #4 Dangerous and Unsightly demolition under New Business and under Presentation/Delegation #2 Senior Safety Committee.**

**Motion Carried**

**Presentation/Delegation**

**1. Tony Kelly – Digby Area Health Coalition** **MOVED and Seconded to have Tony Kelly, Digby Area Health Coalition, come before Council to present.**

**Motion Carried**

Mr. Kelly thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Digby and Area Health Coalition (DAHC). He noted the ongoing concern for the lack of adequate access to quality health services. It is the mandate of the Coalition to find the reasons why the Digby area has been unable to retain health care professionals dating back from 1995. They will talk with past doctors who have left the area to discover factors that led to their short term employment. Also, with local citizens to hear their point of view.

Mr. Kelly asked for Council support in this endeavour as well as matching the \$4,000 that has already been raised for this project.

There were a few comments from Council. It was noted that the exit interviews that the Health Board conducted are confidential.

Mr. Kelly stated that there are three professionals who are willing to give their reasons for leaving the area.

Warden Gregory stated that Council will make a decision in time for the next Council meeting which will be July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Presentation by Senior Safety Committee**

Dawn Thomas and two other members of the Senior Safety Committee presented Muriel Goguen with a gift for her commitment to volunteer with Senior Safety. The gift was sea glass enclosed in a frame and a memory photo album. Council congratulated Muriel Goguen on her commitment to helping the community.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Council – May 24, 2016** **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of May 24, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

**Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business**

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| 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 ATV Road Access – Kevin Lombard**

Mr. Lombard requested letters of support be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure as well as to MLA Gordon Wilson for access through Weymouth as well as access from the Digby Ferry Terminal to the ATV trail located on Victoria Street.

**MOVED and Seconded that letters of support be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure for access through Weymouth from trailhead to trailhead for ATV use.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOVED and Seconded that letters of support be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure for access from the Digby Ferry Terminal to the ATV trail located on Victoria Street.**

**Motion Carried**

**#2 UNESCO – Interactive Science Atlas Climate Change**

UNESCO requested that they would like a Councillor or representative to sit on their Board. Warden Gregory suggested that this be tabled until after the municipal

**proposal** election. She feels that this should be revisited in November or December Council.

**#3 Eastlink Internet Tower – North Range** Council received a complaint regarding Eastlink service in the North Range area. Discussion ensued.

**MOVED and Seconded that a letter be written to Eastlink, by Council, raising the concerns of the residence with the lack of service at the North Range Tower and have them discuss with the complainant and other residents a solution to this issue.**

**Motion Carried**

**#4 Dangerous and Unsightly-Demolition** Deputy CAO Sunderland brought forward two dangerous and unsightly premises demolitions requiring Council approval.

**MOVED and Seconded that Council approves the demolition contract with the low bid of \$8,100, including HST, of civic number 1035 Weymouth Falls Road.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOVED and Seconded that Council approves the demolition contract with the low bid of \$5,400, including HST, of civic number 1088 Weymouth Falls Road.**

**Motion Carried**

**CAO Report:** The CAO report for June 27, 2016 was circulated.

**Meeting Dates/Reminders** The Warden went over the meeting dates/reminders. The Warden suggested coming in at 11:30 a.m. on July 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Digby Area Health Coalitions request. All agreed.

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

**Capital Projects Update** No questions

**Request for Decisions of Direction** No questions

#1

**Payables** **MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for May 2016 in the amount of \$675,364.58 be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

**Financial Report** The financial report for May 2016 was circulated.

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

## **Council Committees**

### **By-law & Policy Recommendations**

#1 Infrastructure  
Resolution

**MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine and Seconded by Councillor Tudor that the Resolution be approved by Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 for Capital Infrastructure Funding for the fiscal period for expansion of the sanitary sewer for Smith's Cove Cross Road and Sunset Drive in Smith's Cove.**

**Motion Carried**

#2 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Amendment #14 – Tax  
Exemption

**MOVED and Seconded that the First amendment # 14 to the Tax Exemption By-Law # 2000-02 be approved to exempt taxes from assessment account # 06042155-Weymouth Volunteer Fire Department; #05732476-Weymouth Volunteer Fire Department; and #07024126 Lot A-Digby East Fish & Game Association.**

**Motion Carried**

#3 Capital Budget

**MOVED and seconded that the capital budget year 1-2016-2017 be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

#4 Alternative Voting  
By-Law

**MOVED and Seconded that Council approves the First reading for the Alternative Voting Internet and Phone By-Law 2016-1 with the forms provided.**

**Motion Carried**

#5 Municipal School  
Board Voting

**MOVED and Seconded that Council approves Municipal School Board Voting with the forms provided.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOVED by Councillor Tudor and Seconded by Councillor Manzer that the Resolution be approved by Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 to use electronic and telephone voting for the Municipal and School Board Elections, and that electronic and paper ballots be available in one polling station per district.**

**Motion Carried**

### **Committee of the Whole Recommendations**

#1 Bay of Fundy  
Discovery Centre  
Association

**MOVED and Seconded to provide \$1,000 to the Bay of Fundy Discovery Centre Association towards the fabrication and installation of the Digby Neck & Islands Ecotourism signs.**

**Motion Carried**

### Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee      There has been no meeting since Council last met. Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Heritage Advisory Committee      The Legacy 2017, August 2015 Minutes and May 2016 minutes were circulated.

**MOVED and Seconded that the property at 74 Fort Point Road in Weymouth North (PID # 30213086), owner David Hall, be deregistered as a Heritage Property.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOVED and Seconded that a letter be sent from Council to the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage expressing the concerns regarding insurance costs for registered Heritage Homes and also ask Mr. Hall if his quote from the OTC can be used in the letter.**

**Motion Carried**

Planning Advisory Committee      Warden Gregory advised that August 2015 minutes were circulated. Duties were discussed with new members. Not meeting until fall.

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

**MOVED and Seconded that the Warden send a letter from Council to RCMP who leave their post in our community to express our appreciation for their service from Acting Staff Sgt. Sean Boulger forward.**

**Motion Carried**

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

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

### Regional / Joint Committees

Age Friendly Community      No information.

Atlantic Mayors Congress      Warden Gregory advised that that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There will be a meeting shortly.

Canada Legacy Society      Warden Gregory advised that that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There will be a meeting shortly.

Digby and Area      Councillor Tudor advised that May meeting notes, Not for

Affordable and Supportive Housing Group	Profit Housing Society May meeting notes and June meeting notes were circulated.
Digby Annapolis Development Corp	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Digby Area Learning Association	Councillor Manzer advised that April minutes and CRC, DCEC, Executive Director and Learning Grove's May reports, DCEC, Executive Director's June reports and May Board minutes were circulated. Fair Day went well.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. The minutes were not approved from the last meeting. There was a profit from the curling bonspiel.
Digby Area Tourism Association	Councillor Manzer advised that May 18 <sup>th</sup> , May 25 <sup>th</sup> minutes and June agenda were circulated. They had \$20,000 of their own which was matched by the Province.
Digby Development Agency	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there was a meeting on June 14 <sup>th</sup> they looked at potential sale of some property in the industrial park. View point gave final report. Discussed how changes could be made to the road in industrial park.
Digby Harbour Port Association	Warden Gregory advised that May Board package, Budget 2017 and DHPA Inc Comp 2009-2015 were circulated. Reg Hazelton stepped down and Vance Hazelton has become Chairman and Jason Denton will be vice Chair. Warden Gregory stated that she would like to have a meeting with MP Colin Fraser.
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 has been no meeting since Council last met.
Kings Transit Authority	Warden Gregory advised that April minutes, the General Manager's May report, ridership report May and June newsletter and Board package were circulated. They are deciding if we can get Wi-Fi hardware paid for through capital. Slight profit last year. At the meeting there was a discussion concerning Federal funding for Kings Transit. There will be free ridership on July 1 <sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Open Spaces	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Meeting a couple of weeks ago discussing property at Hillgrove and ATV trails.
Senior Safety Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that April minutes and June 2015 AGM minutes were circulated. No meeting yet. There will possibly be one in a week or 10 days.

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 April and June minutes were circulated. New Manager working out well. It was suggested that they be told that Claredon Robicheau is still listed in their brochure.

Tideview Terrace Councillor Manzer advised that May 4<sup>th</sup> minutes were circulated.

Upper Clements Park May minutes were circulated. The Shriners Trolley is a big hit. Free admission has gone well. Plans in August to have wrestling in the Park.

**MOVED and Seconded that Council write a letter to the Society telling them how pleased we are with the changes, all the positive things happening, and the great job they are doing for the community.**

**Motion Carried**

Waste Check Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Email received on contract for new compost bins with round bottoms. Supposed to dump more easily

Western Counties Regional Library Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the February minutes and June Library report were circulated. At the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting Deputy Warden MacAlpine was reappointed as Chairman. There was discussion concerning raising money for the Library. The fiscal period numbers to remain the same from the Province.

Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Meeting tomorrow. Discussing respective rolls according to Inter Municipal Agreement, and communications. The DMA and WREN support update. Process for new members.

Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Need to have a meeting.

### **Council District Reports**

Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as Board of Trade Dinner at the Pines, Dalhousie graduation at NSCC building, Relay for Life, Digby Health Coalition meeting and Regional meeting at Municipal building.

Councillor Adams Council Adams was unavailable to give an update to Council

on various district functions she attended.

Councillor Tudor

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as looking after individuals issues. Design Specs for ferry areas. Festivals will be coming up.

Deputy Warden  
MacAlpine

Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as attended a meeting in Baer River at 28<sup>th</sup> of June where the property at the old sewer treatment facility was bought back by the community to house a green house with 28 or 30 plots to be used for \$50.00 a year and volunteer of time for maintenance. Attended Digby Area Board of Trade Dinner was pleased that Terry Thibodeau got an award. Attended FCM were it was stated that the federal Government will contribute 500 million which will flow through the FCM for rural internet service in Canada. Launch of Bear River Interruptive panels and the Cherry Brook store parking lot. Praise for Rob Hersey's efforts. Also was pleased we hosted the Regional meeting here with such a good turnout.

Warden Gregory

Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as the FCM where the Prime Minister spoke. Enjoyed rural sessions. Attended awards dinner pleased to see Roberta Journey and Paul Gidney getting awards. World tour dinner on May 30<sup>th</sup> with princesses. Our Scallop Days princess is representing us well. Curling Club thank you event. RCMP to see what is happening on a regional approach to services. Enjoyed the Spring and Summer event. UNSM directors meeting. Fair and Relay for Life. Attended the cultural event at NSCC a representation from other countries. Bear River First Nations and the RCMP had booths there. Meeting with Nova Scotia Power from around the region to discuss no rate hikes. The president offered to come before Council to discuss issues such as the wiring of the grid and other concerns. Bear River Kiosk opening very well done. Board of Trade dinner MP Colin Fraser spoke would like to have him in to speak to Council. MLA brought up money needed for health care from the Federal Government.

Comments from the  
Gallery

In Camera

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Carried**

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**WARDEN**

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**CLERK**