

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance
Councillors present:

- Linda Gregory, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- David Tudor, Councillor
- George Manzer, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor (left at 7:30)

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 June 27, 2016 be approved as amended with the addition of New Business 8.5 Amended Voters List Recommendation.**

Motion Carried

Presentation/Delegation

1. Gloria Banks – Grant Thornton **MOVED and Seconded to have Gloria Banks, Grant Thornton, come before Council to present.**

Motion Carried

Gloria Banks gave an overview of the Independent Auditors report and Consolidated Financial Statements for March 31, 2016. It was noted that the audit committee had met on June 20th to review the financial statements in detail.

MOVED and Seconded that the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Municipality of the District of Digby, March 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

2. John Ferguson – CAO Annapolis Co **MOVED and Seconded to have John Ferguson, CAO Annapolis Co, come before Council to present.**

Motion Carried

**Municipality-
Rural internet**

As background information John Ferguson indicated that in November of 2015 Annapolis County issued an Expression of Interest to Internet Service Providers (ISO's) asking for proposals to address the problems with high speed internet in parts of their municipality. They had eight companies respond.

Council at that time decided that they should look at partnering with other municipal units in looking for a long

term solution. Discussions are on-going with Queens, Lunenburg Co, Clare, Chester, Barrington and now Digby. No one has officially signed on to the proposal. They are currently drafting an Intermunicipal agreement to create a municipal corporation. Then a RFP would be issued by the corporation. From that 2 or 3 companies would be paid to for develop a “design build” option and the corporation would choose which option to go forward with. Each municipal unit which is part of the corporation would individually negotiate with that company how best to reach that middle and last mile to provide high speed internet that was “future proofed”. reach their residents. Confirmation of the role of the Province of Nova Scotia on the project is to be obtained. Intentions are to ask the Province to pay for the design build approach, project management and legal fees.

In response to a question John indicated that it is not the intention of the municipal corporation to own any infrastructure built. Council also noted that this was similar to Fundy Broadband Project.

More discussion would take place in September. The Warden thanked Mr. Ferguson for his presentation and indicated that Municipal Council won't be meeting again until September.

Approval of Minutes

Council – June 27, 2016 **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of June 27, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

1. Second reading of Alternative Voting By-Law 2016-01 **MOVED and Seconded that Council approve the Second Reading for the Alternative Voting Internet and Phone By-Law 2016-1 with the forms provided.**

Motion Carried

2. Second reading – Tax Exemption By-Law 2000-02 **MOVED and Seconded that the Second Reading 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

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 there were any news on the old boat on the Sandy Cove beach. The CAO advised that the building inspector is trying to determine the owner of the boat.

New Business

- #1 Energy East Pipeline** Discussion ensued regarding the copy of the letter from Bernadette MacDonald, Tri County Women's Centre, to the Canadian National Energy Review Board.

MOVED and Seconded that a letter be sent to the Canadian National Energy Review Board, with the letter cc'd to Colin Fraser, MP, asking that Nova Scotia be included in the public consultative process of the Energy East Pipeline.

Motion Carried

- #2 Lack of Doctor in Weymouth – Earl Cook** Council discussed the letter received from Earl Cook regarding the lack of a Doctor in Weymouth.

MOVED and Seconded to write a letter in response to Mr. Cook advising what has been done for the residents of Weymouth, regarding Health Care, with the letter cc'd to the other names listed on his letter.

Motion Carried

- #3 Bailey Ross – funding request** **MOVED and Seconded that a letter be sent to Bailey Ross advising that the Me to We trip does not meet the criteria of the Youth Grant the Municipality of Digby offers.**

Motion Carried

- #4 Rural High Speed Internet Project Update** This issue was covered under the presentation by John Ferguson, CAO Annapolis Co.

- #5 Amended Voters List Recommendation** **MOVED and Seconded to approve the recommendation of the Deputy CAO to have the Amended List of electors prepared for 8:30 AM, September 2, 2016.**

Motion Carried

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

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

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

Capital Projects Update

Request for Decisions of Direction None

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Payables **MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for June 2016 in the amount of \$1,223,975.02 be approved.**

Motion Carried

Financial Report The financial report for June 2016 was circulated.

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

Council Committees

By-law & Policy Recommendations None

Committee of the Whole Recommendations None

Audit Committee Recommendations

Digby Area Health Coalition **MOVED and Seconded to approve the funding request of \$4000 from the Digby Area Health Coalition with the stipulation that the Municipality of Digby would get a copy of the study and a report on what the follow up would be from the study.**

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 Warden Gregory advised that June minutes were circulated and 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 has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for September.

REMO Advisory Committee Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for August 2nd at 3 pm.

Western Region Housing Authority CAO Fraser advised that there was no report available. The CAO has requested that the Regional Manager present to Council in September.

Regional / Joint Committees

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

Atlantic Mayors Congress Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for September.

Canada Legacy Society Warden Gregory advised that a Federal funding decision update has been circulated.

Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group Councillor Tudor advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for September.

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 there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Digby Area Recreation Committee Warden Gregory advised that the July pool report, May minutes and June/July reports were circulated. Everything is going well. Vacation time is being scheduled and maintenance is being done.

Digby Area Tourism Association Councillor Manzer advised that June minutes and the May marketing minutes were circulated. He was unable to attend the July meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for August 3rd with Nick Fry.

Digby Development Agency Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that June minutes were circulated. The DDA is looking at selling some of the land in the Industrial Park.

Digby Harbour Port Association Warden Gregory advised that May minutes were circulated. There was a meeting July 21st. They received a resignation from Jennifer Carter who has moved onto another job.

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. There is a meeting scheduled for September.

Kings Transit Authority Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting

since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for July 26th.

Open Spaces	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Senior Safety Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the committee met on July 6 th . Two service centres checked out the senior safety car. The consensus was that due to the age of the car it was not feasible to pay for the necessary repairs. Options on leasing vs buying are going to be reviewed at the next meeting.
Shared Services Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Tideview Terrace	Councillor Manzer advised that 2015 AGM minutes were circulated. The average waiting list for admission to Tideview Terrace is one year.
Upper Clements Park	Councillor Adams advised that June minutes were circulated. There was a meeting July 21 st . Admission numbers are up. Free admission into the park is working out well. The Jolly Trolley is a huge success. The campground opened July 1 st . The Society was appreciative of letter that was sent from Council.
Waste Check	Warden Gregory advised that June reports were circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for September.
Western Counties Regional Library	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the June CEO report was circulated. There was a meeting with the chair and vice chair of the board and a package was put together to present to the Bear River First Nations.
Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee	Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There will be a meeting scheduled soon.
FCM's 2016 Annual Conference and Tradeshow Report	Warden Gregory gave an in-depth overview of the FCM 2016 Annual Conference and Tradeshow held in Winnipeg June 2 – 5. Deputy Warden MacAlpine and CAO Fraser gave input on the Conference and Tradeshow as well. Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that he and CAO Fraser visited the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and advised that if anyone is ever in that area that the museum is a must see. A video tribute on the Fort McMurray Fires was shown.

Council District Reports

- Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as Weymouth Days festivities, the Gilberts Cove picnic and Music on the Sissiboo which had over 200 visitors two weeks ago.
- Councillor Adams Councillor 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 village meetings, internet meetings and a ferry approach meeting.
- Deputy Warden MacAlpine Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as the Bear River Canada Day festivities, Canada Day dinner at the Bear River Legion in which the MLA attended as well, Good Times Day on July 2nd in Smiths Cove, breakfast in Smiths Cove, Cherry Carnival in Bear River and the lighthouse dedication in Digby on the waterfront.
- Warden Gregory Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as the CBDC AGM, July 1st Canada Days in Weymouth, Bear River Canada Day, Good Times Day on July 2nd in Smiths Cove, the Parsonage Church yard sale, a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration, the Cornwallis Military Museum, a meeting with the RCMP, the Lobster Bash opening at the arena, volunteered at Lobster Bash, Community Conversation on Suicide Prevention, a WREN meeting on Internet Service in Clare, Digby Neck Firemen's day and the Heritage Tea at Digby Admiral Museum. Warden Gregory also gave an update on the Community Nova Scotia Stakeholder Health Authority meeting she attended.
- Comments from the Gallery Noah Richler introduced himself and invited Council to attend the Eldridge Memorial Library, Sandy Cove on Friday, August 12th, 3 PM for book readings.
Mr. Richler advised that the salmon farm debris on Sandy Cove beach, that was supposed to be cleaned up, is still there. An email will be sent to Jeff Nickerson from Cooke Aquaculture regarding this matter.
Speeding issues in Sandy Cove will be brought forward to the next TIR meeting.
- In Camera **MOVED and Seconded at 9:15 PM to go In Camera for a Legal Issue.**

Regular session resumed.
- Adjournment** **MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 9:30 PM.**

Motion Carried

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Council Minutes
July 25, 2016
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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