

**Call to Order** The Council meeting was called to order with Warden MacAlpine in the chair at 5:57 PM.

**Attendance**  
Councillors present:

- Jimmy MacAlpine, Warden
- Linda Gregory, Deputy Warden
- David Tudor, Councillor
- George Manzer, Councillor
- Matthew Ross, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

**Prayer** Warden MacAlpine welcomed everyone and asked that we pause to seek guidance for the meeting. Warden MacAlpine thanked everyone for coming and read the Municipality's mission statement.

**Adoption of Agenda** **MOVED and Seconded that the agenda for January 23, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Presentation/Delegation**

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Council – November 28, 2016** **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of November 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business**

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Councillor Manzer • No Old Business.

Councillor Ross • No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor • No Old Business.

Warden MacAlpine • No Old Business.

Deputy Warden Gregory • No Old Business.

#### **New Business**

#1 TIR Traffic Count Program Council agreed that there was no need to have a traffic count done, in the Municipality, at this time.

#2 Ferry Dock Project      **MOVED and Seconded to have staff set up a meeting between Council and the villages of Freeport, Tiverton and Westport to discuss the Ferry Dock Project.**

**Motion Carried**

#3 Admiral Digby Museum – letter of support      **MOVED and Seconded to provide a letter of support to the Admiral Digby Museum in their endeavor to achieve financial support from the Nova Scotia 150 Forward Fund.**

**Motion Carried**

#4 Digby Harbour Port Association – letter of support      **MOVED and Seconded to provide a letter of support to the Digby Harbour Port Association in their endeavor to achieve financial support from ACOA.**

**Motion Carried**

**CAO Report:**      The CAO report for January 23, 2017 was circulated.

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

Warden MacAlpine reminded Council of the computer course, from 1 to 4 pm, scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. Council requested the instructor go over the expense claim and outlook.

Warden MacAlpine advised that the launch for African Heritage Month is Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm at the Digby Heritage Centre.

**MOVED and Seconded that a table for eight be purchased for the SW African Heritage dinner in February.**

**Motion Carried**

Deputy Warden Gregory and Warden MacAlpine requested a ticket be reserved for them.

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

**Capital Projects Update**

**Special Projects Update**      CAO Fraser advised that a RFP was issued looking for partners for the Rural Internet project. Costs will factor in after partners hook up.

**Request for Decisions of Direction**      **MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality of the District of Digby enter into a 5 year Standing Offer Agreement for Engineering Services with exp. Services.**

**Motion Carried**



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

Joint RCMP Advisory Board Deputy Warden Gregory advised that June 2016 minutes were circulated. The board met the new staff sergeant. A letter went to the Minister of Transportation regarding signage that states “when children are present”. The response was that the sign was self explanatory.

**MOVED and Seconded that Lance Hasselbring and Alexander Royce Elderkin be appointed for a two year term on the Joint RCMP Advisory Board.**

**Motion Carried**

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

Western Region Housing Authority CAO Fraser advised that there was no report available. She advised that the committee appointment position has been advertised twice with no success. She asked that if Council knows of anyone that would be interested in filling the position to please advise.

**Regional / Joint Committees**

Age Friendly Community Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Atlantic Mayors Congress Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Canada Legacy Society **MOVED and Seconded that the motion to dissolve the Canadian Legacy Society be rescinded.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOVED and Seconded that Deputy Warden Gregory be appointed to the Canada Legacy Society board.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOVED and Seconded that Warden MacAlpine be appointed to the Canada Legacy Society board as alternate.**

**Motion Carried**

Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group Councillor Tudor advised that they are looking for board members for a DAASH society. The Society will have to send a letter requesting that a Councillor be appointed to the board.

Digby Area Board of Trade Councillor Tudor advised that October 2016 minutes were circulated. Councillor Tudor has missed the last couple of

meetings and he is to contact Karen Enright and advise that Deputy Warden Gregory is his alternate.

Digby Annapolis Development Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that April 2016 minutes were circulated.
Digby Area Learning Association	Councillor Manzer advised that DALA June, September, October minutes and the Adult Learning Program, Executive Director and Learning Grove November reports, DALA November board report, DALA memorandum, Strategic Plan update and DALA AGM November 2015 minutes were circulated. There is a meeting scheduled this week. DALA is having funding issues.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	Deputy Warden Gregory advised November and December minutes, December and January reports, 2016 AGM minutes and the list of Board of Directors were circulated. Deputy Mayor Brittain is the new chair, Deputy Warden Gregory is the vice chair and Councillor Turnbull is treasurer. Everything is going well at DARC.
Digby Area Tourism Association	Councillor Manzer advised that November minutes were circulated. Greg Turner is doing a wonderful job as chair. DATA are producing their own Digby Guide this year. They are hoping to make \$5000-\$6000 profit. Warden MacAlpine would like to be advised when they next meet as he would like to talk to them about the Halifax kiosk idea.
Digby Community/NS Health Authority Stakeholder Group	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for February 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Digby Development Agency	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for February 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Digby Harbour Port Association	Councillor Tudor advised that September and November minutes and November Manager's report were circulated. A new bookkeeper, for 20 hours weekly, was hired. The vendor fees have been eliminated.
Digby Library Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met..
Digby Municipal Fire Association	Councillor Tudor advised that the Digby Municipal Fire Association voted to hire the insurance consultant. They are looking at one insurance broker for all eleven departments at \$1000 per department totaling \$11,000 for a study.
Highway 101 Task Force	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Kings Transit Authority	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for January 26 <sup>th</sup> . They are working on forming a sub-committee to bring people in from Bear River to connect with Kings Transit.

Open Spaces Councillor Tudor advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There will be one scheduled for February.

Senior Safety Committee Warden MacAlpine advised that January coordinators report and September 2016 minutes were circulated. The new senior safety car has received three decals on the front of the car. There is appropriate senior safety signage on each door. Dawn Thomas will be educating seniors on driving in a round-a-bout. Warden MacAlpine met with Gordon Wilson, MLA on Friday who advised to submit a letter to the province requesting a 3 – 5 year financial commitment.

**MOVED and Seconded to send a letter to the Province, on behalf of the Senior Safety Committee, requesting a 3 – 5 year financial commitment.**

**Motion Carried**

Shared Services Committee Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. He requested that one be set soon.

Southwest Biosphere Society Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. They have been working on securing a grant. Their project coordinator left to go to a full time job.

Transport de Clare Councillor Manzer advised that November 2016 minutes were circulated. The board spent 20 hours doing up new by-laws and policies from scratch. The manager has been strumming up business.

Tideview Terrace Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Upper Clements Park Councillor Ross advised that November minutes were circulated. There was a meeting last week. The new budget is in place. They are looking at the measurement for rides to see what can be done. The measurement will be re-located to the entry gate.

Waste Check Deputy Warden Gregory advised that December meeting notes and Waste Check Connections report were circulated. The General Manager gave a presentation. There is a \$60,000 deficit from the RRFB. Deputy Warden Gregory is now vice chair and is on the finance committee. Deputy CAO Sunderland is working with Gus Green to get new carts that work with the lifts (the carts arrived today). There will be a video conference on February 13<sup>th</sup> which will be open to the public.

Western Counties Regional Library Warden MacAlpine advised that September board minutes were circulated. There was a meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Almost half of the board is new members. The dining among the staff fundraiser raised almost \$12,000. Henceforth they are going to alternate the adopt a book program and the dining among the staff fundraiser annually. There has been a

study done to determine accessibility to all libraries. There have been issues identified but nothing has been done yet to rectify any issues.

Western Regional  
Enterprise Network  
Liaison and Oversight  
Committee

Warden MacAlpine advised that a January 2017 update was circulated.

**MOVED and Seconded to approve the Municipality of Barrington joining the Western Regional Enterprise Network.**

**Motion Carried**

Weymouth Doctor  
Recruiting Committee

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

### **Council District Reports**

Councillor Manzer

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the first meetings on his new committees.

Councillor Ross

Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as breakfast with Santa at the elementary school.

Councillor Tudor

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as assisting Santa, the International Whale Festival, and the \$81,000 in funding for repairs announcement for the Islands legion. He is also working on selling the villages on working together and with the Municipality.

Warden MacAlpine

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as having met with the president of the Bear River Board of Trade who have a small project they will be looking for funding for, he also talked with them about the potable water issue in Bear River and met with Ben Cleveland and Cameron Wright on a beautification project.

Deputy Warden Gregory

Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as breakfast with Santa, was a judge for the Christmas tree lighting, met with Waste Check and advised what to do with the carts, met with Beth on finances and the Tideview terrace dinner

Comments from the  
Gallery

**In Camera**

**MOVED and Seconded to go In Camera.**

Regular session resumed.

**1) Municipal  
Properties**

**MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality of Digby write off the total costs, interest and taxes on AAN's 04107993, 04108019, 04108078, 10255384, 10255392 and 10255406.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOVED and Seconded that staff request that PVSC remove the properties attached to AAN's 04107993, 04108019, 04108078, 10255384, 10255392 and 10255406 from the assessment roll as the acreage on the properties are mostly situated in the Municipality of Clare.**

**Motion Carried**

**Adjournment**

**MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:22 PM.**

**Motion Carried**

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**CLERK**