

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden MacAlpine in the chair at 6:00 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 February 27, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Presentation/Delegation

Laura Simmons, Rickey Stewart, Wayne MacDonald - Wharf Rat Rally **MOVED and Seconded that Laura Simmons, Rickey Stewart & Wayne MacDonald, Wharf Rat Rally, come before Council to present.**

Motion Carried

Laura Simmons went over the 2015 – 2016 Strategic report. Wayne MacDonald advised that WRR is currently developing a new three year strategic plan. They are looking at the current standard operating procedures and policies to see if changes required. Ms. Simmons advised that they are scheduled to have a meeting with TIR February 28th. They will find out at that time if the cost of traffic control will be covered by TIR and if TIR plans on installing traffic counters for the 2017 Rally. She reviewed the plans for the 2017 entertainment and that they are putting the Concert in the Quarry on hold due to the unlikelihood for getting provincial funding.

Approval of Minutes

Council – January 23, 2017 **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of January 23, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Business Arising from

Minutes/Old Business

- 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

Funding requests: **MOVED and Seconded that the funding requests for Weymouth Waterfront Development Committee, Digby East Fish & Game, Fundy WhaleFest Association and Baie Ste Marie Animal Society be forwarded to the budget process.**

- Weymouth Waterfront Development Committee
- Digby East Fish & Game
- Fundy WhaleFest Association
- Baie Ste Marie Animal Society

Motion Carried

Council would like a report on the animals taken in and disbursed before the budget meeting. Deputy Warden Gregory has a meeting on March 1st and will request a report.

Digby Neck Collective **MOVED and Seconded to support the Digby Neck Collective, in the amount of \$1500, towards their application to the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia.**

Motion Carried

Council Strategic Priorities report **MOVED and Seconded to approve the Council Strategic Priorities report of February 27, 2017.**

Motion Carried

Communities in Bloom program Council discussed the Communities in Bloom program. Council decided against participating in the program.

CAO Report: The CAO report for February 27, 2017 was circulated.

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

The Joint RCMP Advisory meeting scheduled for March 15th conflicts with the DARC meeting. It was requested to have the meeting rescheduled to March 8th. As April 17th is a holiday the CAO will check the schedule for another date for a budget meeting.

Request for Decisions of Direction

Update on Action Items The Warden reviewed the action items and asked if there

were any questions from Council.

**Update on Capital
Projects**

**Update on Corporate
NOW Priorities**

Payables

MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for January 2017 in the amount of \$743,823.10 be approved.

Motion Carried

**Income & Expense
Report**

The Income & Expense report for January 2017 was circulated.

Correspondence

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

Council Committees

**By-law & Policy
Recommendations**

Minister of TIR

MOVED and Seconded to have a letter sent to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure in support of paving the Upper Cross Road be approved.

Motion Carried

**Committee of the Whole
Recommendations**

SEEL

MOVED and Seconded that for a 90 day period, starting March 1, 2017, that the Municipality of the District of Digby pay SEEL \$0.17 5 (seventeen and ½ cents) per kWh (kilo watt hour) of electricity sold by the Municipality of the District of Digby to Nova Scotia Power Inc under the following conditions:

- That the shareholders of SEEL agree to sign a Notice of Intention to Make a Proposal (NOI)**
- Monthly maintenance costs for the generator are deducted from the payment to SEEL**
- That SEEL/BDRAE provide monthly income statements along with monthly receivable and payable list to the Municipality of the District of Digby**
- That the Municipality of the District of Digby receives a copy, and has input, to the business plan that has to be submitted under the terms of the (NOI)**

Motion Carried

Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water
Protection Advisory
Committee

Councillor Ross advised that he had attended the last meeting and met the committee members.

Heritage Advisory Committee	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Planning Advisory Committee	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. The CAO will arrange for a meeting, once she has contact with Chris Millier, for orientation for the new members.
Joint RCMP Advisory Board	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
REMO Advisory Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that August 2016 and January 2017 minutes were circulated.
Western Region Housing Authority	CAO Fraser advised that there was no report available. Council will keep searching for a Citizen representative to fill the opening.

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	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that a letter to MP Colin Fraser was circulated. The Society is withdrawing the funding application to the provincial and federal governments as there is not enough time to properly produce the video vignettes. The Society will not be dissolved for the time being.
Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group	Councillor Tudor advised that January meeting notes and points of discussion were circulated. He was unavailable for the last meeting. They have only found three people for the DAASH board for non profit.
Digby Area Board of Trade	Councillor Tudor advised that November, December 2016 & January 2017 minutes were circulated. Ed Chisholm is to present at the next meeting.
Digby Annapolis Development Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Digby Area Learning Association	Councillor Manzer advised that DALA November 2016 Board minutes, January 2017 Adult Learning Program, Executive Director, YouthWorx, Learning Grove & November to January Family Literacy reports were circulated. There was a monthly meeting last week. The funding reserve has been almost depleted.
Digby Area Recreation	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there was a meeting in

Committee	February. The town is in the process of selecting a new DARC rep. There is a big problem in obtaining lifeguards. In January there was the largest attendance for Senior day.
Digby Area Tourism Association	Councillor Manzer advised that January minutes were circulated. Warden MacAlpine had wanted to talk to them about the kiosk on the Halifax waterfront.
Digby Community/NS Health Authority Stakeholder Group	Warden MacAlpine advised that he attended a meeting on February 1 st with four in attendance, 2 of which were by telephone. The group is waiting for an announcement.
Digby Development Agency	Warden MacAlpine advised that October 2016 minutes were circulated. The new business that was to go in the Industrial Park has fallen through. Terry Thibodeau is going to set up a meeting with Open Hydro to get an update on the turbine in the water.
Digby Harbour Port Association	Councillor Tudor advised that a new part time administrative person has been hired.
Digby Library Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. The committee only meets once a year.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	Councillor Tudor advised that the fire departments are putting in for the insurance plan.
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 the January newsletter, January minutes, General Manager and Ridership reports and the Operating Budget were circulated. She was unable to attend the last meeting due to a scheduling conflict.
Open Spaces	Councillor Tudor advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for March.
Senior Safety Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Shared Services Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that the current Shared Services list and November 2015 minutes were circulated. He advised that there are other opportunities out there for sharing services.
Southwest Biosphere Society	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that the 2017 MAB Youth Forum information was circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. The Southwest Biosphere Society have applied for a grant.
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been a meeting within the last two weeks. They are looking to buy a new bus. They have implemented new by-laws, policies and procedures over the last couple of months.

Tideview Terrace Councillor Manzer advised that October and November 2016 minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

Upper Clements Park Councillor Ross advised that January minutes were circulated. They are currently interviewing for management services.

Waste Check Deputy Warden Gregory advised that December meeting notes and Waste Check Connections report December 2016 – January 2017 were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

Western Counties Regional Library Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. He attended a meeting on February 25th at LBANS regarding funding.

Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee Warden MacAlpine advised that the IMA proposed changes, funding allocation and CEO report were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

MOVED and Seconded that the recommended amendments to the Municipal Agreement be approved.

Motion Carried

Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee Deputy Warden Gregory advised that a letter to Dr. Lynne Harrigan, a presentation to the Minister of Health and a letter to Minister Glavine were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

Council District Reports

Councillor Tudor Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as dealing with the villages regarding the Ferry Approach, met with the Freeport and Tiverton Harbour Authorities and advised that the International Whale Festival is going well.

Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the Weymouth fire department meeting regarding funding and the Black Heritage Gala on February 18th. The Weymouth fire department will be having another meeting in March. Councillor Manzer spoke with Roger LeDrew regarding the water plant by the fountain and the machinery that was put there.

Councillor Ross Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as dealing with snow breakup and dirt roads.

Deputy Warden Gregory Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as the Black Heritage launch at the heritage centre, Kid Start at Canadian Tire, the

Robbie Burns dinner in Cornwallis, attended a fundraiser for the Foodbank, meetings for the Acaciaville project, met with Dawn Thomas for Closing Gaps, went to the UNSM directors, UNSM medical benefits meetings and UNSM workshop on Transparency, attended a fundraiser for Marc Phillips, the Digby Fire Dept awards dinner and the Black Heritage GALA dinner.

Warden MacAlpine

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as he was interviewed by Eastlink regarding In Focus, he attended the launch of African Heritage month, the Robbie Burns dinner and the African Heritage GALA dinner.

Comments from the
Gallery

In Camera

Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:02 PM.

Motion Carried

WARDEN

CLERK