

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
- Matthew Ross, Councillor
- George Manzer, Councillor

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

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

Motion Carried

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.

Presentation/Delegation

Gloria Banks, Aaron Kelly – Grant Thornton **MOVED and Seconded to have Gloria Banks, Grant Thornton, come before Council to present the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.**

Motion Carried

Gloria Banks gave an overview of the Independent Auditors report and Consolidated Financial Statements for March 31, 2017. It was noted that the audit committee had met on July 17th 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, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

FCM Conference –
Warden MacAlpine
Deputy Warden Gregory
Councillor Ross

Warden MacAlpine, Deputy Warden Gregory and Councillor Ross gave an update on the FCM Conference they attended. Some highlights of the conference:

- There were three party leaders in attendance and all did a great job presenting.
- There were many study tours offered
- Study groups included infrastructure and youth forums – great experience.
- All attended the Rural and Remote Broadband Opportunities workshop. Council is going in the right direction with the joint funding application to CTI program through the WREN.
- Warden MacAlpine found the tradeshow very informative. He brought brochures from the tradeshow for DARC and Digby Salvage and Disposal. Brochures included self cleaning washrooms, bridges for trails, pop up stages and electric bicycles.
- The Prime Minister and the Minister of Infrastructure spoke to the delegation.
- Next year the conference will be in Halifax.

Approval of Minutes

Council – June 26, 2017 **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of June 26, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

New Business

Letter of Authority – Rail
Bed Smiths Cove to
Weymouth

Deputy CAO Sunderland gave an update on a proposed letter of authority for the rail bed from Smiths Cove to Weymouth. The Province will continue to own the rail bed; however, having the Letter of Authority will allow the Municipality to manage the multi-use trail. The Digby ATV club has held short term letters of authority to do work on the rail beds and have indicated their willingness to enter into an agreement with the Municipality to maintain the trail. A steering committee for the management of the rail to trail should be established.

Deputy CAO Sunderland recommended that the Municipality of Digby start the process to obtain the letter of authority and have Jonathan Riley manage the committee. Members from the open space committee could sit on this committee, along with public representation of the various users of the trail.

MOVED and Seconded that a letter be sent to the Province indicating an expression of interest in obtaining a letter of authority for the 45.9 km of rail bed from Smiths Cove to Weymouth.

Motion Carried

Belliveau Motors Ltd –
Golf Tournament Hole
Sponsorship - \$300

MOVED and Seconded to sponsor a hole for \$300 at the 23rd Annual Belliveau Motors Golf Tournament with funds raised to go to the Clare Health Centre Foundation.

Motion Carried

Vision Check Up

Gordon McIntosh, the local government facilitator, is coming back to Nova Scotia in the fall. The CAO will check his timelines and costs of having him come to Digby in December. Discussion was held on inviting the Municipality of Clare and the Town of Digby to attend the session.

Red Bear Healing Home
– funding request

MOVED and Seconded to approve the funding request of \$200 from the Red Bear Healing Home Society to provide access to a free voicemail service for clients without a telephone.

Motion Carried

bNetworked – free Wifi

Council discussed the new advertising platform that bNetworked launched Friday, July 14th. The cost to advertise is \$3600 annually. Council decided not to participate at this time.

CAO Report: The CAO report for July 24, 2017 was circulated.

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

**Request for Decisions of
Direction**

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

Council has decided to discuss at a later date whether to continue to provide free ridership on Canada Day due to the low participation.

**Update on Capital
Projects** The contractor began the project in Smiths Cove today.

**Update on Corporate
NOW Priorities** The NOW items have been deleted and the NEXT items have been moved up.

Payables **MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for June 2017 in the amount of \$734,501.10 be approved.**

Motion Carried

**Income & Expense
Report** The Income & Expense reports for May & June 2017 were circulated.

MOVED and Seconded that the Income & Expense reports for May & June 2017 be approved.

Motion Carried

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 there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Western Region Housing Authority	CAO Fraser advised that the Board hasn't met. There will be a meeting in September.
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.
Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met but there is a meeting scheduled for September.
Digby Area Board of Trade	Councillor Tudor advised that there was a meeting a week ago where the logo that needs to be updated and the free Wifi offered downtown was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for September.
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 May minutes and June reports were circulated. Dan Harvey is looking at the reorganization of DALA.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that June minutes and July reports were circulated. The July meeting was cancelled. The pool is up and running. A kayak camp is being offered at Haines Lake. Another wilderness first aid course will be offered. Outdoor movie night will be starting soon.
Digby Area Tourism Association	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Digby Community/NS Health Authority Stakeholder Group	Warden MacAlpine advised that he had sent the CAO notes on the last meeting. A newsletter is being developed to so that the NSHA can better communicate to the public on their activities in the area.
Digby Development Agency	Warden MacAlpine advised that June minutes were circulated. A meeting that was scheduled last week was held but due to a lack of quorum no motions could be voted on.
Digby Harbour Port Association	Councillor Tudor advised that April 2017 and April 2016 AGM minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met.

Digby Library Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that March and May minutes were circulated. A meeting was held Sunday, July 23 rd , regarding group insurance. There will be a reduction in cost and an increase in benefits with the errors and omissions insurance with the provider being Frank Cowan Insurance. The committee thought this was an excellent program. They can also get accidental coverage for members. Three fire departments were unavailable to attend the meeting. They would like to see the insurance in place by September. Invites will be going out for the open house in the Barton/Brighton fire department. Deputy Warden Gregory requested that a certificate be sent to Wally Devries on having retired from the Westport Fire Department. An article will be put in a future Coastline to ask for volunteers for all fire departments.
Highway 101 Task Force	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there was a meeting earlier today. She gave a brief update on what had taken place at the meeting. She also advised that there will be a fundraiser for the Friends of Alms on August 5 and 6 – high bush blueberries can be picked on the Highway 217 side on August 5 th and the Marshalltown side on August 6 th .
Kings Transit Authority	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that May minutes and June newsletter were circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for July 26 th . Ridership is down. Youth summer passes are working well. There was an incident on the bus that was taken care of professionally. The Municipal Logo has been re-installed on the spare bus.
Open Spaces	Councillor Ross advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Senior Safety Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Shared Services Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Southwest Biosphere Society	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that June 2016 AGM and May 2017 minutes and International Youth Day, Chairman and Progress reports were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. They are meeting with the premier July 28 th .
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. This is the second year of the 50/50 Toonie draw.
Tideview Terrace	Councillor Manzer advised that June 2016 AGM minutes were circulated. The odor issues at Stehelin house have receded. In the area of concern, they have found the grout discolored and the floor beneath the tiles cracked thus allowing water in which may have caused the odor issues.

Upper Clements Park	Councillor Ross advised that there was a meeting last week. They have found that food services need to pick up and the four people pass needs to be promoted better in June.
Waste Check	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that an election of Officers report, April 2016 AGM and April 2017 minutes and Waste Check Connections for April/May/June were circulated. They meet four times annually now. There is an executive meeting scheduled for September in Digby.
Western Counties Regional Library	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. He attended a meeting last week with Joint Heritage of Nova Scotia to discuss core services with the library.
Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there is a meeting scheduled for July 31 st .

Council District Reports

Councillor Tudor	Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as helping five community members with the paperwork from losing entitlement of income tax due to paper filing.
Councillor Manzer	Councillor Manzer was unable to give an update to Council on various district functions he attended.
Councillor Ross	Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as Canada Day celebrations in Weymouth and taking phone calls from community members.
Deputy Warden Gregory	Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district functions she attended such as the Outlook training on calendar usage, the Cherry Blossom carnival and Digby Neck days. She also attended the journey to Birchtown, in Shelburne, where she watched a 45-minute video on champion of black rights. Pat Jarvis, his wife and Alfie & Sharon Bright were some of the entertainment. She had an interview with Dalhousie on Municipal Government. She has been dealing with issues with income tax in her community. Deputy Warden Gregory advised that Claudia Crocker of Freeport was one of 7 winners for the Divert NS Champion of the Environment Scholarship program for the Digby and Yarmouth area and asked that a certificate of congratulations be sent to her. Richard Parry received an award during the By-Law Officers Association conference.

Warden MacAlpine

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as going five times in the last month to PVSC meetings in Halifax, meeting with different directors, the CDBC AGM, the Smiths Cove good times day, Weymouth Days during the day and Bear River in the evening on July 1st and Cherry Carnival (next year is 125th).

Comments from the
Gallery

In Camera

MOVED and Seconded that Council take a five minute break before going In Camera for a Legal Issue at 8:37 PM.

Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Motion Carried

WARDEN

CLERK