

**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 amended with the addition of Removal of Spire under Heritage Advisory Committee.**

**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**

Brenda LaGrandeur – Connector Program - WREN **MOVED and Seconded to have Brenda LaGrandeur, Connector Program, WREN come before Council to present.**

**Motion Carried**

Brenda LaGrandeur introduced herself and gave an overview of the Connector Program through WREN. She asked that Municipal Council consider becoming a connector for the program. Deputy Warden Gregory advised that she will become a connector. Ms. LaGrandeur will email the information to the Councillors.

Mary Thompson,  
Principal, NSCC  
Burrige Campus  
& Nina Barnaby

**MOVED and Seconded to have Mary Thompson, Principal of NSCC Burrige Campus & Nina Barnaby come before Council to present.**

**Motion Carried**

Mary Thompson gave an in-depth overview on what is going on at the Digby NSCC. On October 5<sup>th</sup> they are going to launch a Public Foundation campaign with a breakfast from 08:15 to 09:30 AM. The Community launch invitation will go out September 26<sup>th</sup>. They are currently working on a Make Way Campaign for NSCC to use for bursaries and scholarships for schools. The goal is to raise \$350,000 for NSCC Burrige & Digby and they are halfway there.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Council – July 24, 2017**

**MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of July 24, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

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

#### **New Business**

TIR – 3 year cost share agreement

**MOVED by Deputy Warden Gregory and Seconded by Councillor Tudor that the resolution that the Warden & CAO be authorized to sign the three year cost share agreement for subdivision streets be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

Airport Privatization

Council discussed the issue on airport privatization. Council will research the issue online and Airport Privatization will be tabled until the next Council meeting.

DAASH request re: COMPASS

DAASH is aligning with COMPASS and want to encourage the Municipality to commit to exploring this opportunity under COMPASS Nova Scotia, as a viable way to create and sustain affordable housing across the Municipality of Digby.

Staff will arrange DAASH to present to Council on the COMPASS initiative.

Town of Yarmouth – request for support

**MOVED and Seconded to send a letter to the Nova Scotia Health Authority in support of the initiative to establish a Regional Radiation Unit at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.**

**Motion Carried**

Digby-Clare Minor Hockey Association – funding request

**MOVED and Seconded to purchase a half page ad from the Digby-Clare Minor Hockey Association in the amount of \$200.**

**Motion carried**

<b>CAO Report:</b>	The CAO report for September 25, 2017 was circulated.
<b>Meeting Dates/Reminders</b>	The Warden went over the meeting dates/reminders.
<b>Request for Decisions of Direction</b>	
<b>Update on Action Items</b>	The Warden reviewed the action items and asked if there were any questions from Council.
<b>Update on Capital Projects</b>	
<b>Update on Corporate NOW Priorities</b>	Council will meet late November/early December regarding the Haines Lake property.  There is interest in the property where the Barton School is situated. The shoreline property will be accessible by the public. The open spaces committee will bring options for the Barton School property to Council.
<b>Payables</b>	<b>MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for July 2017 in the amount of \$993,746.00 and August 2017 in the amount of \$628,198.97 be approved.</b>  <b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>Income &amp; Expense Report</b>	The Income & Expense reports for July & August 2017 were circulated.  <b>MOVED and Seconded that the Income &amp; Expense reports for July &amp; August 2017 be approved.</b>  <b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>Correspondence</b>	There was a discussion on the correspondence that was received this month.  Ranking the 17 resolutions will be added to the October 2 <sup>nd</sup> By-Law & Policy agenda. Council is to read up on the resolutions.
<b>Council Committees</b>	
<b>By-law &amp; Policy Recommendations</b>	
<b>Committee of the Whole Recommendations</b>	
<b>2-5 Year Capital Investment Plan</b>	<b>MOVED and Seconded to approve the Years 2 to 5 Capital Investment Plan.</b>  <b>Motion Carried</b>

Partners for Climate  
Protection

**MOVED and Seconded that the resolution for Partners  
for Climate Protection be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

Doctor Housing Costs

**MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality of the  
District of Digby cover the housing costs (Sept to Oct 31,  
2017) for the two new doctors in the amount of \$7,500  
and that the funds are withdrawn from the Doctor  
Recruiting Reserve.**

**Motion Carried**

Home Computer  
Purchase Plan

**MOVED and Seconded the approval of the proposed  
amendment to the Home Computer Purchase Plan Policy  
# 1009.**

**Motion Carried**

### **Advisory Committees**

Digby Source Water  
Protection Advisory  
Committee

Councillor Ross advised that there has been no meeting since  
Council last met.

Heritage Advisory  
Committee

Deputy Warden Gregory advised that July minutes were  
circulated. The balcony and railing on the tower at the St  
Thomas Church, Weymouth are deemed as having Character  
Defining Elements as well as the spire.

**MOVED and Seconded that the spire at the St Thomas  
Church, Weymouth be included as having Character  
Defining Elements.**

**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 the registration form  
for the NSPAG conference, the 2016 Annual report of NS  
Office of Police Complaints, June minutes and the RCMP  
Digby Detachment report for June/July and August were  
circulated. Alexander Elderkin is going to the NSPAG  
conference.

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 September report was  
circulated.

### **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 July meeting notes and Needs Assessment News were circulated.
Digby Area Board of Trade	Councillor Tudor advised that the board met two days ago. They went over the website and the new logo.
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 there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for September 27 <sup>th</sup> .
Digby Area Recreation Committee	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for September 26 <sup>th</sup> . DARC purchased gym equipment. The soccer fields are well maintained. They had a kayak camp at Haines lake. Painting has begun on the building. Learning Grove daycare is attending DARC daily. Ice going in both sides on October 1 <sup>st</sup> . The Deputy CAO will again this year help with the DARC manager evaluation.
Digby Area Tourism Association	Councillor Manzer advised that July minutes were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a new member from First Nations. There was a shortage of the Digby Area guides.
Digby Community/NS Health Authority Stakeholder Group	Warden MacAlpine advised that the group met with Mayor Cleveland and MLA Wilson but there was a low turnout. This was a good opportunity to talk with the Minister of Health to advise what is going on and issues in Weymouth.
Digby Development Agency	Warden MacAlpine advised that there is signage posted with land for sale. Interested persons have been phoning in for information.
Digby Harbour Port Association	Councillor Tudor advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for September 28 <sup>th</sup> .
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 an Insurance special meeting was held in July and minutes were circulated. They have not finished with the insurance issue. The next meeting is scheduled for October. Staff will promote for volunteers for the fire departments in a future Coastline.

Highway 101 Task Force	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that November 2016 minutes and a letter from a concerned citizen were circulated. There has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for October 23 <sup>rd</sup> . TIR has started working on the bridge at Seeley lake.
Kings Transit Authority	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met but one is scheduled for this week.
Open Spaces	Councillor Ross advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Senior Safety Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that June minutes were circulated. The Committee is updating bylaws. The Province is working on a multi-year funding program. Decals are being installed on the car.
Shared Services Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Would like to have one scheduled for October.
Southwest Biosphere Society	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that an update on Western Crown Land Forest, Periodic Review & Emerging Issues, Meeting Issue update, Atlantic Coastal update, letter to Premier and decisions of the MAB Council were circulated.
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that there was a meeting two weeks ago. They are looking at buying two new buses.
Tideview Terrace	Councillor Manzer advised that May minutes were circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for this week.
Upper Clements Park	Councillor Ross advised that the Finance Committee August minutes and July minutes were circulated. Attendance was low this past summer at UCP. There were issues with the food vendors.
Waste Check	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that July 2016 AGM and July 2017 meeting notes and Waste Check Connections for July and August were circulated. There has been no meeting since July. There is an executive meeting scheduled for October. The By-law Officer has been kept very busy.
Western Counties Regional Library	Warden MacAlpine advised that June board minutes and the September library report were circulated. They met last week and amended several policies. There is a fundraiser coming up soon. The Organized Library 150 hosted authors in Digby in celebration of Canada 150.
Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee	Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Deputy Warden Gregory went to Baddeck to the WREN conference and will circulate the minutes.
Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee	Deputy Warden Gregory advised that October 2016 minutes and an update from the June meeting were circulated. The

Committee is waiting to see what be done before the next meeting is scheduled.

### **Council District Reports**

Councillor Tudor Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as a benefit for the Tiverton Deputy Fire Chief, a meeting with NSP regarding the Islands, a Freeport village commission meeting, a poverty group invited him to attend meeting, he lobbied the Province regarding Nova Scotia Pharmacare, he is the chairman for the SAC, he attended a meeting with the Health Authority on the Islands and is looking for information on nurse practitioners.

Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as his regular committee meetings and Outlook training.

Councillor Ross Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such Scallop Days and the Haines lake open house.

Deputy Warden Gregory Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district functions she attended such as the celebration in July for museums in Digby and Bear River, she was the MC for Scallop Days scallop shucking as well as volunteering for other Scallop Day areas, she volunteered during the Tall Ships, attended the tea at the Deep Brook Lions hall fundraiser, the Digby County exhibition, a strawberry shortcake social, the Municipal poker rally, the closing of the Cornwallis Museum, Digby Fire Department Firemen's day, volunteered at Wharf Rat Rally, attended a WREN conference, worked on the UNSM marketing study, attended the Fisherman's memorial service and several funerals, spoke with concerned citizens regarding mink ranches and attended Outlook training.

Warden MacAlpine Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as a Mayor and Warden workshop in August, a trip to China and attended the Wharf Rat Rally opening ceremony and volunteered at the rally.

Comments from the Gallery

### **In Camera**

**Adjournment** **MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:21 PM.**

**Motion Carried**