

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE

1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden MacAlpine called the February 26, 2018 Council session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to Order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Municipal Council Chambers.

The following Councillors were present: Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden Linda Gregory, Councillor David Tudor, Councillor Matthew Ross, Councillor George Manzer

Absent with regrets:

Staff present: Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer, Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant, who took the minutes of the meeting.

1.2 Pause to Seek Guidance

Warden MacAlpine welcomed everyone and asked that we pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

1.3 Reading of Mission Statement

Warden MacAlpine thanked everyone for coming and read the Municipality's mission statement.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 Approval of Agenda-Additions/Deletions

MOVED and Seconded that the agenda for February 26, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations

None

2.3 Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2018

MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of January 22, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of January 22, 2018

None

2.5 CAO Report

a) Meeting Reminders

The Warden highlighted the meeting dates/reminders.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Warden MacAlpine had congratulated Brad Barton on being inducted in the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame, in the Builder Category, and on being awarded as a recipient of the 2017 Order of Nova Scotia while the Warden attended the African Nova Scotian Gala held on February 17th at the Digby Legion.

c) Update on Capital Projects 2017-2018

d) Financial Report

i) Payables

MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for January 2018 in the amount of \$795,576.07 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Income and Expense Report

The Income & Expense report for January 2018 was circulated.

MOVED and Seconded that the Income & Expense report for January 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ITEMS/UPDATE

3.1 The update on the Strategic Priorities Work Plan was included in the package.

The review of the Strategic Priority Report, which was done by Council on Feb 5th, will be discussed at the March 5th By-Law & Policy meeting.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS4.1 Committee of the Whole Recommendationsa) Southville Fire Department loan request

MOVED and Seconded to approve the loan request from the Southville Fire Department for \$91,000 to be paid over a ten-year period.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Digby Scallop Days Apple Blossom Festival booster fee

MOVED and Seconded to approve the funding request of \$3,000 from Digby Scallop Days for booster fees for the Apple Blossom Festival.

MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ITEMS5.1 AMA Spring Workshop funding request

MOVED and Seconded to approve the funding request of \$1,000 in support of the AMA Spring Conference 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 County of Annapolis – Digby-Annapolis Regional Airport Committee

A letter is to be sent to Warden Timothy Habinski, County of Annapolis, to advise that the Digby-Annapolis Regional Airport Committee is no longer a standing committee of Council.

5.3 Epilepsy Association of NS Purple Day Ambassador Conference

The Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia is looking for Council to recommend anyone in their constituencies who live with epilepsy or a parent who has a child with epilepsy to serve as an ambassador for the community members at the Purple Day Ambassador Conference. Constituents' names can be brought forth to the next By-Law and Policy meeting to be forwarded to Debbie Tobin by Staff.

5.4 FCM Sponsorship

Council discussed the request for FCM sponsorship and has no interest at this time.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS6.1 Correspondence

There was no correspondence received this month.

6.2 General Information Items

There was a discussion on the general information that was received this month.

6.3 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reportsa) REMO Advisory Committee

October 2017 minutes were circulated.

6.4 Other Council Committees

6.5 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

a) Kings Transit Authority

November 2017 minutes, January 2018 Special Board meeting minutes, November/December 2017 ridership and December finance reports and a January 2018 Chair update were circulated. Deputy Warden Gregory advised that Kings Transit Authority received confirmation under the Motor Carrier Act that the changes to routes 5 and 5a Weymouth to Cornwallis have been granted. The issue with the bus fender bender has not been finalized yet.

b) Tideview Terrace

November 2017 minutes were circulated.

There have been no applications received for the committee rep as to date.

c) Waste Check

Waste Check Connections for January 2018 were circulated. Waste Check has concerns on how the disposal of the construction debris from the demolition in Yarmouth will affect the diversion credits we receive for the 2018-19 budget. The Municipality of Digby is the only unit that has responded to the question of supporting a provincial ban on single use plastic bags. A model solid waste by-law has been sent to the member units for approval.

d) Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee

December 2017 minutes were circulated.

6.6 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

a) Digby Harbour Port Association

May, June and November 2017 minutes and June, August and December 2017 Manager's reports were circulated.

b) South West Biosphere Society

January 2018 minutes and a funding request were circulated.

MOVED and Seconded to forward the funding request of \$ 2,000 from the South West Biosphere Society to the budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Upper Clements Park Society

January minutes were circulated.

6.7 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as assisting local organizations and clubs with issues, helping fundraise for the playground in Tiverton, overseeing the boardwalk bog walk work that is being done and has submitted fifteen volunteer awards.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as Flag Day on February 15 at St Mary's Bay Academy and the African Nova Scotian Gala at the Digby Legion on February 17th.

Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the open space public meeting at Digby East Fish and Game regarding the Haines Lake property, with approximately 30 in attendance, and has been dealing with telephone calls and emails of ongoing issues within the community.

Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district functions she attended such as the African Heritage launch for proclamation month, the pancake supper at St Patrick's Church, a valentine evening at Sandy Cove School, the UNSM Group Benefits annual renewal meeting, the Digby Fire Department awards banquet where she gave out six certificates of recognition, Flag Day on February 15 at St Mary's

Bay Academy and has been helping people with ongoing issues. She also advised that Steve Foster, manager for Kings Transit has left Kings Transit for a new position and he was given a Municipal golf shirt from Council.

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as the Municipal Modernization conference in Halifax on January 31st with the CAO, on January 9th he and Warden Ronnie LeBlanc met with the Premier, in Middleton, discussing tourism in China, the shortage of doctors and the senior home in Clare, then they both met with David Wong, for an hour, who is still bringing students over. He attended Flag Day on February 15 at St Mary's Bay Academy, with Greg Kerr as guest speaker, the African Nova Scotian Heritage Gala dinner on February 17th, and on 22nd he went to a meeting at the School Theatre, put on by Doctors Nova Scotia, with all medical practitioners in attendance. The weekend of February 24th Warden MacAlpine, Warden Ronnie LeBlanc and MLA, Gordon Wilson went to Sherbrooke, QC and met with twelve medical students for three hours. Eleven of the students were Nova Scotian and one was from PEI.

7. IN CAMERA ITEMS

7.1 Legal Issue

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting go In Camera to discuss a Legal Issue at 6:49 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

Linda Fraser, CAO/Clerk