

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE****1.1 Roll Call/Regrets**

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine called the May 27, 2019 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 Matthew Ross, Councillor David Tudor and Councillor George Manzer

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

**1.2 Pause to Seek Guidance**

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

**1.3 Reading of Mission Statement**

Warden MacAlpine 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 May 27, 2019 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2.2 Delegations/Presentations**

Gwen Wilson & Judy Green – Climate Crisis

**MOVED and seconded that Gwen Wilson and Judy Green come before Council to present.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Gwen Wilson advised Council that she and Judy Green would like the Municipality of Digby to take a leadership role by declaring a Climate Emergency.

They would like a committee struck of council, community members, stakeholders for fishing, forestry and agriculture industries, representatives from small craft harbor's, TIR and Lands and Forests to review and update the existing Climate Change Action Plan.

Ms. Green offered to speak to council on climate change. She has spoken to a group in Bear River and is speaking on Wednesday in Yarmouth.

Warden MacAlpine advised that there would be no decision made tonight and thanked them for their presentation.

**2.3 Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2019**

**MOVED and seconded that the minutes from Council of April 23, 2019 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of April 23, 2019**

1) RCL Branch 22 Bear River – We have not yet received a funding application

2) Marilyn Keddy – “The Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia” (CPONS) –  
**MOVED and seconded to call for a full and independent public inquiry into the pros and cons of oil industry exploration in offshore Nova Scotia to provide our communities, who bear the lion's share of the risk of a disaster in the offshore, a full appreciation of the extent of that risk and of the steps we can take to minimize it. We also call for a moratorium on all further oil and gas exploration in the offshore pending the completion of that inquiry.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2.5 CAO Report

a) Meeting Reminders

Warden MacAlpine went over the meeting dates/reminders.

Neither Deputy Warden Gregory nor Councillor Manzer are able to attend the June 17<sup>th</sup> By-law & Policy meeting.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

c) Update on Capital Projects 2019-2020

The Capital Projects for 2019-2020 will be discussed at the June 17<sup>th</sup> By-Law & Policy meeting.

d) Financial Report

i) Payables

**MOVED and seconded that the list of payables for April 2019 in the amount of \$746,744.07 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

ii) Income and Expense Report

There was no Income and Expense Report provided at this time.

**3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ITEMS/UPDATE**

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

There will be a more in-depth discussion on the priorities at a later date.

**4. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS**

4.1 By-Law & Policy

**1) MOVED and seconded to approve the recommendation of a \$500 bagpipe honorarium to Mary Saulnier to play at sunset on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays for the months of June, July and August at the Point Prim Lighthouse.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2) MOVED and seconded to approve the recommendation of \$2,500 for the Visitor Information Services Proposal for Bay Ferries.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3) MOVED and seconded to approve the recommendation of the installation of slat walls at the Weymouth Waterfront Library not to exceed \$1,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

5.1 Riverside Baptist Church Municipal Heritage registration

**MOVED and seconded to register the Riverside Baptist Church, Weymouth North, Digby County, 242 Fort Point Road PID 30213219 as a Municipal Heritage Property.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5.2 Weymouth Trading Post de-registration

**MOVED and seconded to de-register the former Weymouth Trading Post property, 4613 Hwy #1, Weymouth, Digby County. The reason for de-registration is the building was completely destroyed by fire in August 2018**

**MOTION CARRIED**

5.3 Freeport Village Commission funding request

**MOVED and seconded to provided \$500 funding to the Freeport Village Commission to purchase one (1) of the Easy Sorter Community 3-stream recycling container for garbage, recyclables and refundables.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

6.1 Correspondence

Council discussed the correspondence received this month.

6.2 General Information Items

There was no general information received this month.

6.3 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Joint RCMP Advisory

January minutes were circulated.

2) Planning Advisory Committee

June 2018 minutes were circulated.

6.4 Other Council Committees

6.5 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Atlantic Mayors Congress

October 2018 minutes were circulated.

2) Digby Area Recreation Commission

March 2019 & April minutes, Recreation Director, Facility manager and Active Living April & May reports were circulated.

3) Digby Library Committee

May 2018 minutes were circulated.

4) Digby Municipal Fire Association

February minutes were circulated.

The Secretary of the Digby Municipal Fire Association has been advised that all information regarding the Long Service awards has to be put on application forms and submitted by the end of June. Deputy Warden Gregory has emailed the list of names for the Long Service awards to the Executive Assistant.

5) Kings Transit Authority

February & March minutes, March General Manager, Financials and Ridership reports, an Implementation Plan and a report for service partners were circulated. The Kings Transit budget which will be presented June 10<sup>th</sup>. Maintenance will be done on the Eldorado.

6.6 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Digby Harbour Port Association

April 2018 AGM minutes, February 2019 minutes and April Manager's report were circulated.

2) Upper Clements Park Society

March minutes were circulated. A General Manager was hired from the Halifax area.

6.7 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as attending a meeting regarding mental health, working on tidal development, aiding in a neighbor dispute in Tiverton, helping with grant applications, dealing with child care preschool that has been brought up again, met with TIR and wants to talk with salmon cage owners on the Island.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the Health Foundation dinner, several Wake up Weymouth meetings and dealt with road issues.

Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the DALA graduation, attended the NSFM conference, dealt with road issues, went to the breakfast at the Barton Church and attended a Digby East Fish and Game meeting.

Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district functions she attended such as the Digby and Area Foundation gala, the accessibility sessions at the Nova Scotia Community College, the Day of Mourning in Yarmouth, the National Conference on Aging in Halifax, the Event Atlantic at DARC, East Coast music awards, the spring NSFM conference, a 211 information session, Dr. Ron Matsusaki's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and the Lions child guide dog conference.

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on the various district functions he attended such as the Health Foundation dinner, Dr. Ron Matsusaki's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, the renaming of the community garden in Bear River, a session in Antigonish County with first the Nations and has been busy with PVSC.

**7. IN CAMERA ITEMS**

7.1 Contractual Issue

7.2 Legal Issue

**MOVED and seconded to have a five-minute recess, at 7:16 PM, before going In Camera for Contractual and Legal Issues.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Regular session resumed.

**MOVED and seconded to write to the Department of Justice regarding the reduction of one RCMP member from the Municipality of the District of Digby's RCMP contract.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Warden Jimmy MacAlpine**

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**Linda Fraser, CAO/Clerk**