

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

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine called the June 24, 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 Miranda Titus, Tax Clerk, 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 June 24, 2019 be approved as amended with the addition of a contractual issue under In-Camera.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations

- 1) Ian Ferguson – dangerous traffic conditions

MOVED and seconded that Ian Ferguson come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Ferguson is from the St Mary's Bay Academy Community. Mr. Ferguson is highly concerned with the safety issues on the Highway 101/1. He came forth with statistics representing the number of vehicles that travel per year along with the number of accidents per year. He is highly concerned about the speeding that happens along the highway, specifically the Barton area. His main concern is for the safety of the people traveling on this highway daily and for the residents that live along the highway.

Deputy Warden Linda Gregory and Councillor Ross spoke regarding the Highway 101 Joint Task Force Committee that has been in place since 2012. The committee has been lobbying the Federal and Provincial governments for Phase 2 funding for the completion of that section of uncontrolled access highway. The issue regarding better enforcement will be brought to the RCMP Advisory Board at the next meeting.

- 2) Alfred Doucet – dangerous & unsightly

MOVED and seconded that Alfred Doucet come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Doucet spoke about a complaint that came in from Freeport. He is looking for an approval to send an order to demolish within 30 days if the owner has not done so themselves before the 30 days is up.

MOVED and seconded that Alfred Doucet begin the order to demolish at 139 Water St., Freeport.

MOTION CARRIED

2.3 Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2019

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from Council of May 27, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of May 27, 2019

- 1) RCL Branch 22 Bear River – We have not yet received a funding application so we are removing it from the agenda.
- 2) Gwen Wilson – Climate Crisis.
Deputy Warden Linda Gregory- 10-minute presentation on climate change. We could not get the video to work so it was decided by council to watch the video at a later date and invite Terry Thibodeau to view the video as well.

2.5 CAO Report

a) Meeting Reminders

Warden MacAlpine went over the meeting dates/reminders with an addition of the public meeting to discuss a proposed Marketing and Promotion Levy on July 3rd at 2pm at the Digby Fire Hall.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

Letter to Dept of Justice regarding the reduction in one RCMP member was sent, with no response received to date.

c) Update on Capital Projects 2019-2020

d) Financial Report

i) Payables

MOVED and seconded that the list of payables for May 2019 in the amount of \$680,695.20 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.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

4.1 By-Law & Policy

1) Recommended that Warden MacAlpine be appointed to sit on the Western Region Crown Land Stakeholder Interaction Committee.

MOVED and seconded to approve the recommendation of appointing Warden MacAlpine to sit on the Western Region Land Stakeholder Interaction Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

2) Recommended to proceed with phase 1 of the Fundy Tidal Sculpture project at the cost of \$18,000.

MOVED and seconded to approve the recommendation to proceed with phase 1 of the Fundy Tidal Sculpture project at the cost of \$18,000.

MOTION CARRIED

3) Recommended to approve the 2019-2020 Operating Budget of \$8,973,098.

Cora Lee Ross went over the 2019-2020 statement of estimates with council.

MOVED and seconded to approve the 2019-2020 Operating Budget of \$8,973,098.

MOTION CARRIED

4) Recommended to approve the Tax Rate Resolution 2019-2020

MOVED and seconded to approve the Tax Rate Resolution 2019-2020. (attached to the minutes)

MOTION CARRIED

- 5) Recommended to approve Year 1 of the Capital Budget Plan 2019-2020
MOVED and seconded to approve Year 1 of the Capital Budget Plan 2019-2020.
MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 5.1 FRIIP Resolution
MOVED and seconded that the Municipality of Digby adopt the attached FIIRP Resolution.
MOTION CARRIED

- 5.2 Westport Recreation Auxiliary funding request
MOVED and seconded to approve the funding request in the amount of \$200 for flower pots.
MOTION CARRIED

- 5.3 The Electric City/La Nouvelle France Society
No cost estimate on solar street light was received, it was decided by council to table the topic until the next Council meeting.

- 5.4 Used Battery Disposal – Letter from Mr. Wally de Vries
The Deputy CAO, Jeff Sunderland will contact Waste Check and have a discussion about used battery disposal program and forward the information to update Council and Mr. de Vries.

- 5.5 Acacia Valley Trails
MOVED and seconded to approve the letter of support received for the 100 m buffer, notification of harvest operations, and Tupper’s Deadwater viewscapes.
MOTION CARRIED

- 5.6 Digby Fire Department fire safety
MOVED and seconded that Council support the Digby Fire Department who is partnering with Fire Safety-Smart Choices for Life in the amount of \$172.50.
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

- 6.4 Other Council Committees

- 6.5 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

- 1) Digby Area Recreation Commission
Recreation Director, Facility manager and Active Living June reports were circulated.
- 2) Digby Municipal Fire Association
A letter from the Barton Brighton Fire Department was circulated.
- 3) Kings Transit Authority
May minutes, June special meeting minutes, June General Manager, Financials and Ridership reports were circulated.
- 4) Senior Safety Committee
June 2017, June 2018 AGM minutes and June Coordinator’s report were circulated.

5) Waste Check

April minutes, June 2018 AGM minutes, April/May Waste Check Connections and Waste Check Connections annual report were circulated.

6) Tideview Terrace

Councillor Manzer wanted to add that he had an update about the proposed daycare. They have a room that they could use for the Daycare because it has a bathroom already attached, it being the rehab room. The issue of children bringing germs into a residential care facility isn't an issue as parents usually don't bring sick children to daycare. The Digby Area Learning Association, who operate the Learning Grove Daycare are still looking for some funding.

6.6 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Digby Area Tourism Association

April minutes were circulated.

6.7 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as individually handing out forms, 4 community meetings coming up, and village activities.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as Board of Trade's award night at the Digby Pines, Apple Blossom in Wolfville, cadets end of season ceremony in Havelock, and the ATV gathering in Weymouth.

Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as a meeting at Upper Clements Park, individual issues, garbage and recreational issues, cooking at Digby elementary school and the Richard Ellis golf tournament.

Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district functions she attended such as FCM, Freeport fire department appreciation for years of service awards, police advisory meeting in Truro, fresh food box launch, and Canadian Biosphere Association Conference held in Baddeck, NS.

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on the various district functions he attended such as Board of Trade's Awards Dinner, FCM, Labor Board negotiation meetings for the regional library, and relay for life survivor dinner. The Warden added he would like to see Council attend the Relay for Life in the future.

7. IN CAMERA ITEMS

7.1 Contractual Issue

MOVED and seconded to have a two-minute recess, at 7:40 PM, before going In Camera for a Contractual Issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed.

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality of the District of Digby provide a letter of support to the Internet Service Provider as described in a report from the Western Regional Enterprise Network with a financial contribution as discussed In-Camera which will be publicly announced upon completion of the competitive bid process.

MOTION CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

Linda Fraser, CAO/Clerk



Resolution of Council

WHEREAS potential flood areas within certain communities within the District of Digby have been identified in our MCCAP are prone to flooding.

AND WHEREAS issues such as coastal flooding and erosion will need to be assessed based on conditions in the past and present, and into the future considering the impacts of climate change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the District of Digby apply for funding through the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program for the purchase and installation of five tide gauges and five weather stations for the following areas:

- Bear River
- Weymouth
- East Ferry
- Freeport
- Digby (area known as the Digby Gut)

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a duly called meeting of the Municipality of the District of Digby held on the 24th day of June, 2019.

Given under the hands of the Warden and Municipal CAO/Clerk and under the seal of the Municipality this 25th day of June, 2019.

Warden

Municipal CAO/Clerk



Resolution of Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the authority contained in section 72 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby hereby adopts the Statement of Estimates in the amount of **\$ 8,973,098** as presented for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a commercial rate pursuant to section 72 (6) (a) of the Municipal Government Act be established at \$1.85 per \$100 of assessment, a residential and resource rate pursuant to section 72 (6) (b) of the Municipal Government Act be established at \$1.30 per 100 of assessment.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the following area rates pursuant to section 75 (2) be established for the provision of fire protection, street lighting and sidewalk maintenance.

Sidewalk Maintenance	Codes	
Conway Sidewalk	ARCM	4.5 cents per \$100 of assessment
Mount Pleasant	ARMM	4.5 cents per \$100 of assessment
Street lighting		
Weymouth Falls Light Rate	ARL0	4.07 cents per \$100 of assessment
Bear River Light Rate	ARL1	4.07 cents per \$100 of assessment
Digby Neck Light Rate	ARL3	4.07 cents per \$100 of assessment
Barton Light Rate	ARL5	4.07 cents per \$100 of assessment
Culloden Light Rate	ARL7	4.07 cents per \$100 of assessment
Smith's Cove Light Rate	ARL8	4.07 cents per \$100 of assessment
Weymouth North	ARL9	4.07 cents per \$100 of assessment
Fire Protection		
Digby Neck Fire District	ARF2	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Smiths' Cove Fire District	ARF3	6.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Freeport Fire District	ARF4	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Tiverton Fire District	ARF5	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Westport Fire District	ARF6	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Barton/Brighton Fire District	ARF7	10.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Plympton Fire District	ARF8	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Weymouth Fire District	ARF9	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Bear River Fire District	ARFB	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Digby Fire District	ARFD	5.0 cents per \$100 of assessment
Southville/Danvers Fire District	ARF0	15.0 cents per \$100 of assessment

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality will bill and collect on behalf of the Commissioners for the Village of Weymouth, Village of Tiverton, Village of Freeport and the Village of Westport an amount as determined by each Commission at duly convened meetings.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Municipal Government Act and Policy # 2001 Municipal Tax Collection, the Municipal Council hereby sets the interest rate on overdue taxes at the rate of **15 percent per annum**, and an interest rate of 10 percent per annum be established for overpayment on taxes due to assessment appeals.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopting the tax rates for the Municipality of the District of Digby passed the 24th day of June, 2019.

Linda Fraser, CPA, CGA
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipal Clerk