

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

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine called the September 23, 2019 Council session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to order at 6:03 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

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

Regrets: Councillor George Manzer

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 September 23, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations**1) Melissa Comeau – Foster for Cats**

MOVED and seconded that Melissa Comeau come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Melissa Comeau gave an update on her plans to obtain a building to house Foster for Cats. The building is an unused building that is owned by the province. She has met with representatives from the NS TIR who were supportive of the request but who indicated it may take some time. The Municipality of Clare will help with cages or renovation costs. She is looking for further backing from the Municipality of Digby. Ms. Comeau was advised that the Municipality covers capital costs but not operational costs. The Municipality will send a letter of support to NS TIR regarding the acquisition of the building.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2019 and August 12, 2019

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from Council of July 22 and August 12, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of July 22, 2019**2.5 CAO Report****a) Meeting Reminders**

Warden MacAlpine went over the meeting dates/reminders.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

The CAO advised Council that the Bus Storage Lease has been signed.

c) Update on Capital Projects 2019-2020**d) Financial Report****i) Payables**

MOVED and seconded that the list of payables for July 2019 in the amount of \$1,082,852.10 and August 2019 in the amount of \$880,190.81 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Income and Expense Report

MOVED and seconded that the Income and Expense Reports for July and August be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ITEMS/UPDATE

3.1 The update on the Strategic Priorities Work Plan was not circulated in the package as there was no update.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

4.1 By-Law & Policy

1) By-Law respecting the Repeal of Various By-Laws

MOVED and seconded the approval of the first reading of the By-law Respecting the Repeal of Various By-laws.

MOTION CARRIED

2) Capital Budget Plan Year 2 to Year 5

MOVED and seconded the approval of the Capital Budget Plan Year 2 to Year 5.

MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 NSCC Design Thinking Challenge sponsor request

Council discussed the request to attend the NSCC Design Thinking Challenge.

Council agreed that Warden MacAlpine, Deputy Warden Gregory plus one additional seat will be reserved and funded with the Doctor Recruiting account.

MOVED and seconded that three seats be reserved for the NSCC Design Thinking Challenge to be funded by the Doctor Recruiting account.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Digby Pride Volunteer funding

Council discussed the funding request from Digby Pride Volunteer.

Moved to approve \$1000 funding to Digby Pride.

Due to the lack of a seconder this motion was removed from the floor and the following motion was made:

MOVED and seconded to approve \$500 funding to Digby Pride.

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 Dick Levy re: The Electric City

The letter from Dick Levy regarding The Electric City is to be forwarded to Hal Theriault.

5.4 Ivan & Maxine Bain – Eastlink cell & internet service

Councillor Ross left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

A letter is to be forwarded to Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety regarding cell and internet service. Mr. Bain will be advised that his complaint is being forwarded to the Minister of Public Safety.

5.5 De-registration of former Weymouth Trading Post

MOVED and seconded to file a Heritage de-registration notice with the Land Registry in Lawrencetown with regards to the vacant land that housed the former Weymouth Trading Post at 4613 Highway 1, Weymouth PID# 30249668.

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 Wellness Fund

The Wellness Fund information package is to be put on the Municipal website and Facebook page.

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) Heritage Advisory

July minutes were circulated.

6.4 Other Council Committees

6.5 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Digby Area Recreation Commission

July minutes and Recreation Director, Facility manager and Active Living August reports were circulated.

2) Kings Transit

Kings Transit financials were circulated.

3) Tideview Terrace

June minutes and June AGM minutes were circulated.

4) WREN LOC

April minutes were circulated.

6.6 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

1) DATA

July minutes were circulated.

2) Southwest Biosphere

A co-chair report was circulated.

3) Upper Clements Park Society

June minutes were circulated. The Mayor of Annapolis contacted Warden MacAlpine to meet with the Mayor of Digby, Wardens of Clare and Annapolis to discuss the Upper Clements Park.

6.7 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the Ferry Approaches project, contacted Feed Nova Scotia to get food to the Islands, attended a community dinner, the medical situation on the Island is going well, they have a nurse practitioner four days a week.

Councillor Manzer was unavailable to give an update to Council on various district functions he attended.

Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as issues with trash in the district, downed trees, helped at the Wharf Rat Rally, dealt with the aftermath of storm Dorian, there is a big clean up at Johnston Christian Park this weekend that begins at 3 am. Thanks to the Brighton Barton fire hall for opening a comfort station. Thanks to Bruce Snell for helping out on Loop Road, Marshalltown.

Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district functions she attended such as the celebration at the Admiral Digby museum and the museum in Smiths Cove, Digby Scallop Days, volunteered at Wharf Rat Rally, attended the 40th wedding anniversary of Vance and Ann Hazelton, the Historical Society tea for The Electric City/La Nouvelle France, talked to TIR and dealt with telephone calls.

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on the various district functions he attended such as the sunset ceremony on fishermen's wharf, the recognition in town for those lost at sea, the plaque unveiling at Point Prim – English, French & Mi'kmaq, met with Dr. Curtis and his wife, the marketing levy, the opening of Wharf Rat Rally, a Cultural Culinary exchange, a conference call on the Island regarding nurse practitioners, a housing forum in Cornwallis, to Halifax to hear the key note speaker Kate Gilmore. He advised that there will be the fundraiser Dining among the Stacks again this year.

7. IN CAMERA ITEMS

7.1 Contractual Issue

MOVED and seconded at 7:17 PM to have a five-minute break before going in Camera.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and seconded at 7:22 PM to go in Camera.

MOTION CARRIED

The regular session resumed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine

Linda Fraser, CAO/Clerk