

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE

1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine called the September 28, 2020 Council session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to order at 5:03 pm. The meeting was held via zoom.

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

Staff present: Jeff Sunderland, Chief Administrative Officer, Tyler Pulley, Manager of Municipal Services, Cora Lee Ross, Manager of Corporate Services 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 September 28, 2020 be approved as amended with the addition of Business Items 4.4 Weymouth Library roof and 4.5 Letter to TIR.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations

a) WREN – Angelique LeBlanc & Evan Nemeth

MOVED and seconded that Angelique LeBlanc & Evan Nemeth come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. LeBlanc thanked Council for their support for the next five years through the signed MOU. Mr. Nemeth gave an in-depth overview of the Western Region Energy Investment Plan.

Council thanked both for the well-done presentation.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2020

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from August 24, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of August 24, 2020

2.5 CAO Report

a) Meeting Reminders

Warden MacAlpine went over the meeting dates/reminders.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

All Action Items from Previous Meetings have been taken care of.

c) Update on Capital Projects 2020-2021

There were no questions on the Capital Project.

d) Financial Report

i) Payables

MOVED and seconded that the list of payables for August 2020 in the amount of \$880,115.32 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Income and Expense Report

MOVED and seconded that the Income and Expense Report from August 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

3.1 By-Law & Policy

a) FDA funding request

Councillor Tudor advised Council of the application that was sent on behalf of the FDA to the Wellness Fund program through the Province.

MOVED and seconded to approve the \$4,000 funding request to the Freeport Community Development Association for the Greenhouse Project.

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Island Paramedic Base

Council discussed the recent issues involving the lack of having an ambulance situated at the Island Paramedic Base. There will be a forensic audit on the Paramedic Base due to the recent death due to the delay in ambulance service.

MOVED and seconded to send a letter stressing the seriousness of the Islands being in seclusion and the necessity of having an ambulance parked at the base at all times to EHS and the Minister of Health. This letter is to be cc'd to MLA Gordon Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Energy Project Feasibility Study

Council discussed the Energy Project Feasibility Study.

MOVED and seconded that Council adopt the Energy Project Feasibility Study.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 Digby Harbour Port Association

MOVED and seconded to provide a letter in support of the Digby Harbour Capacity Building.

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 Weymouth Library roof

MOVED and seconded to accept the recommendation to approve the \$28,500 capital expense to install a new steel roof on the Weymouth Library during the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

4.5 Letter to TIR

Deputy Warden Gregory received a request from the principal at the Digby Neck Consolidated School requesting an electronic speed sign be installed by the school.

MOVED and seconded to send a letter of request to Tony Harvey and Mr. Newell of TIR requesting an electronic speed sign be installed by the Digby Neck Consolidated School.

MOTION CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence

There was discussion on the correspondence received this month.

5.2 General Information Items

There was no general information received this month.

5.3 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reports

November 2019 minutes and a request for Amendment or Removal of Section 18 of the NS Heritage Act were circulated.

MOVED and seconded to approve the recommendation that the Heritage Advisory Committee of the District of Digby support the removal of Section 18 from the Nova Scotia Heritage Act, providing, that Section 18 is still an option with existing registered property owners and not-for-profit groups. New registered owners will comply with the new amended Heritage Act.

MOTION CARRIED

5.4 Other Council Committees

5.5 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

a) Digby Development Agency

March minutes were circulated.

b) Western Counties Regional Library

June minutes and an annual report were circulated.

5.6 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

5.7 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district activities such as attending a federal announcement, assisting with the food bank, mental health issues and dealt with complaints of people not complying to staying within “the bubble”.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district activities such as attending an asset management workshops in Bridgewater, dealt with road calls and assisted with the cancer support group as well as campaigning for the upcoming election.

Councillor Ross gave an update to Council on various district activities such as attending the Brighton Barton fire department general meeting, dealt with telephone calls and attended several meetings.

Deputy Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district activities such as attending various committee meetings.

Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on the various district activities such as attending the Atlantic Mayors Congress and various committee meetings.

6. IN CAMERA ITEMS

MOVED and seconded to go In Camera for three Personnel Issues at 6:08 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Council discussed all of the In-Camera items.

Council resumed the regular meeting at 6:19 PM.

- 1) **MOVED and seconded that Danny Harvieux be appointed for a two-year term on the Digby Town and Municipal Housing Corporation Board (Tideview Terrace).**

MOTION CARRIED

- 2) **MOVED and seconded that Keith Weagle be re-appointed for another two-year term on the Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.**

MOTION CARRIED

- 3) **MOVED and seconded that Keith Weagle be appointed for a two-year term on the Planning Advisory Committee.**

MOTION DEFEATED

THREE OPPOSED

Staff is to find out if Simon Brown is a permanent resident of the Municipality of Digby and research as to whether a citizen can be appointed for more than two consecutive terms. Council will decide at the next Council meeting on October 26, 2020 who will be appointed as citizen representative on the PAC.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden MacAlpine

Jeff Sunderland, CAO