

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

Warden Linda Gregory called the January 25, 2021 Council session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to order at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Municipal Chambers.

The following Councillors were present: Warden Linda Gregory, Deputy Warden Matthew Ross, Councillor George Manzer, Councillor David Tudor and Councillor Angela Thurber.

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

1.3 Reading of Mission Statement

Warden Gregory 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 January 25, 2021 be approved as amended with the addition of 6.1 Contractual Issue under In Camera.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations – Waste Check

MOVED and seconded that Gus Green and Amy Hillyard, Waste Check, come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Green gave an in-depth overview of the History of Solid Waste in Nova Scotia. He also touched base on funding, the facilities, budget information, various programs, curbside collection, community outreach and enforcement.

Mr. Green also discussed EPR – Extended Producer Responsibility. The CAO will arrange for a presentation to be made in March/April to Council on the EPR.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2020

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from November 23, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of November 23, 2020 - none**2.5 CAO Report****a) Meeting Reminders**

Warden Gregory went over the meeting dates/reminders.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings**c) Update on Capital Projects 2020-2021**

Rick Ramsay was hired as the interim manager at Kings Transit until a permanent manager is hired. The new transit bus should be ready late Spring/early Summer. The old bus was hit by a deer and is being repaired.

d) Financial Report**i) Payables**

MOVED and seconded that the payables for November 2020 in the amount of \$1,120,481.60 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that the payables for December 2020 in the amount of \$415,572.62 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Income and Expense Report

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

3. By-Law & Policy

1) 4000-04 Citizen Appointment Policy

MOVED and seconded that the amendments to the 4000-04 Citizen Appointment Policy be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

2) WCB for Volunteer Firefighters

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality of Digby fund the WCB for volunteer fire fighters out of regular operating revenue.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality of Digby issue a letter to all Municipal fire departments and to the Digby Fire Association explaining that the Municipality is paying for the program and also explaining how it works.

MOTION CARRIED

3) Digby Skating Club funding request

MOVED and seconded that the funding request of \$500 to the Digby Skating Club be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4) Foster for Cats funding request

MOVED and seconded that the \$3,000 funding request for Foster for Cats be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

5) Hillsbrough Water Society funding request

MOVED and seconded that the \$3,000 funding request for the Hillsbrough Water Society be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6) Village of Freeport funding request

MOVED and seconded the approval of \$1,000 funding for the Village of Freeport.

MOTION CARRIED

7) FCDA funding request

MOVED and seconded the approval of \$2,000 funding for the FCDA.

MOTION CARRIED

COTW

8) Letter of Support Brezo Energy

MOVED and seconded to send a letter in support of Brezo Energy for their 1 MW Floating Wind Turbine project.

MOTION CARRIED

9) Admiral Digby funding request

MOVED and seconded the approval of the \$500 funding request for the Admiral Digby Museum.

MOTION CARRIED

10) Letter to Department of Municipal Affairs regarding CSAP elections

MOVED and seconded to write to the Department of Municipal Affairs suggesting that the CSAP election be separated from the Municipal Election for future elections.

MOTION CARRIED

11) Agreement with Bell Canada regarding Internet

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality of Digby enters into an agreement with Bell Canada to install Fibre internet connections, to 644 addresses, for a total cost of \$259,502.86.

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4. BUSINESS ITEMS1. Long Term Care

The Warden received a complaint regarding the lack of support for mental health in Long Term Care facilities. There is no funding in place for mental stimulation. This complaint will be forwarded to the meeting with Gary Burrill, NDP leader, on January 26th. The complainant will receive a copy of the letter we send to the provincial authorities.

MOVED and seconded to send a letter requesting emergency funding for recreation for Long Term Care facilities to the Minister of Health Leo Glavine, leader of the opposition Tim Houston, NDP leader Gary Burrill, and our MLA Gordon Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Foghorns

MOVED and seconded to send a letter of concern, regarding the removal of foghorns on the Islands, to Shannon Sellers, Canadian Coast Guard.

MOTION CARRIED

3. St. Mary's Bay Protectors letter – Cooke Hatchery Proposal

MOVED and seconded to send a letter of response to Gwen Wilson, St. Mary's Bay Protectors.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Cooke Aquaculture – letter of support

Discussion ensued regarding the letter of support requested from Cooke Aquaculture.

MOVED to send a letter of support to Cooke Aquaculture.

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MOVED and seconded to delay the decision on sending a letter of support to Cooke Aquaculture until the February 8th Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

2 OPPOSED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS5.1 Correspondence

There was discussion on the correspondence received this month.

5.2 General Information Items

There was discussion on the general information received this month.

MOVED and seconded to share the Engage Nova Scotia Me to You information.

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reports

- a) PAC
October 2020 minutes were circulated.

5.4 Other Council Committees

5.5 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

- a) DARC
November 2020 and January 2021 Recreation Director, Facility Manager and Active Living Manager reports, December 2020 minutes and January 2020 AGM minutes were circulated.
- b) DDA
September 2020 minutes were circulated.
- c) Digby Municipal Fire Services
October minutes were circulated.
- d) Kings Transit Authority
September 2020 Manager report, minutes revised briefing notes and January 2021 E-News were circulated. Discussion took place on wearing masks on the transit bus.
- e) Senior Safety
Coordinator December 2020 reports and July 2020 minutes were circulated.
- f) Tideview Terrace
October 2020 minutes were circulated.
- g) Waste Check
December 2020 meeting notes, September 2020 minutes and Waste Check Connections September, October and November issue were circulated.
- h) Western Counties Regional Library
September 2020 minutes and December newsletter were circulated.
- i) WREN
A Q2 CEO report was circulated.

5.6 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

- a) South West Biosphere Society
A Committee resignation was circulated.

5.7 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district activities he attended such as helping constituents with housing grants, he gave a mobility scooter to someone and he started the process to try to get a version of the Conway workshop on the Island.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district activities he attended such as finished the asset management workshops, dealt with calls on road issues, access to dirt roads and highway safety.

Councillor Thurber gave an update to Council on various district activities she attended such as meeting with the Bear River board of trade, dealt with noise by-laws and the

lighthouse in Bear River, attended a webinar on mind set for travel, the quality of life in Nova Scotia and took her first course in Municipal finance with two more to do.

Deputy Warden Ross gave an update to Council on various district activities he attended such as committee meetings, phone calls on internet and road calls.

Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district activities she attended such as many zoom meetings, busy with trying to home the homeless, was advised that homelessness is not criteria of housing, attended three meetings on housing and dealt with phone calls.

6. IN CAMERA ITEMS

6.1 Contractual Issue

MOVED and seconded to go In Camera for a Contractual Issue at 6:40 PM

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and seconded to leave In Camera at 6:52 PM

The regular meeting resumed at 6:52 PM

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Gregory

Jeff Sunderland, CAO