

## 1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDENCE

### 1.1 Roll Call/Regrets

Warden Linda Gregory called the February 22, 2021 Council session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to order at 5:01 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. Warden Gregory requested that everyone pause in remembrance of the mother and her son who lost their lives in a fire, as well as the other deaths that occurred, in the Digby area this past weekend.

### 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 February 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2.2 Delegations/Presentations – St. Mary's Bay Protectors

**MOVED and seconded that Rick Wallace and Gwen Wilson, St. Mary's Bay Protectors, come before Council to present.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Wallace gave an in-depth overview of the concerns of the St. Mary's Bay Protectors on the proposed hatchery to be installed by Cooke Aquaculture. Ms. Wilson gave an overview on the environmental issues they have concerns about.

Mr. Wallace and Ms. Wilson were advised, by the Warden, that the proposed hatchery was a Provincial issue and all questions should be forwarded to the Province or Cooke Aquaculture. They were offered contact information for Cooke Aquaculture but declined.

### 2.3 Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2021

**MOVED and seconded that the minutes from January 25, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of January 25, 2021 - none

### 2.5 CAO Report

#### a) Meeting Reminders

Warden Gregory went over the meeting dates/reminders.

#### b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

There was a meeting with MP Chris d'Entremont regarding fog horns.

#### c) Update on Capital Projects 2020-2021

The Warden gave an update on the Capital Projects 2020-2021.

d) Financial Report

i) Payables-

**MOVED and seconded that the payables for January 2021 in the amount of \$457,236.09 be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

ii) Income and Expense Report

The Income and Expense Report for January 2021 was circulated.

**3. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**3. By-Law & Policy**

1) Friends of Ferals funding request

**MOVED and seconded to approve the \$2,000 funding request from Friends of Ferals.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2) Access to the Weather Station Information

**MOVED and seconded to allow third party access to the raw data from the Weather Station.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COTW**

3) Tobeatic Wilderness Committee funding request

**MOVED and seconded to approve the \$100 funding request for the Tobeatic Wilderness Committee.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

4) Letter to WREN regarding internet

**MOVED and seconded to send a letter of concern, to WREN, regarding areas with children in school requiring internet services.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Digby Municipal Fire Association funding request foam

**MOVED and seconded to move the Digby Municipal Fire Association funding request for foam to the budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Digby Municipal Fire Association funding request dry hydrants

Staff is to find out further information regarding the dry hydrants before proceeding with the request.

3. Smiths Cove Fire Department resolution

**MOVED and seconded to approve the Smiths Cove Fire Department resolution to purchase a Rescue/Utility Vehicle, as per Section 10 (d) of the Societies Act.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 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.

5.3 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reports

a) Joint RCMP

September 2020 minutes were circulated.

- b) PAC  
January 2021 minutes were circulated.

#### 5.4 Other Council Committees

#### 5.5 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

- a) Digby Development Agency  
January 2021 minutes were circulated.
- b) DARC  
January 2021 and February Recreation Director, Facility Manager and Active Living Manager reports were circulated. The ice will be removed on March 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- c) Digby Municipal Fire Association  
October 2020 minutes were circulated.
- d) Western Counties Regional Library  
A library report was 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 he attended such as the meeting with Gary Burrell, fund raising, still working on getting a Conway workshop idea on Island, is talking with a reporter tomorrow and working with EHS for service on the Island.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district activities he attended such as the meeting with Gary Burrell, regular meetings and dealing with phone calls.

Councillor Thurber gave an update to Council on various district activities she attended such as a Municipal Finance course, a webinar put on by the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Housing, a Heritage Interpretive course, and dealt with internet calls.

Deputy Warden Ross gave an update to Council on various district activities he attended such as dealing with internet calls, road conditions, telephone calls and assisted with issues at the Digby East Fish and Game.

Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district activities she attended such as a Finance Meeting with Waste Check, a webinar on Anxiety in the Boardroom, the Mayor/Warden meeting, a policing meeting in Bridgewater, a webinar on the End-of-Life Fishing Gear, internet issues and affordable housing issues.

### 6. **IN CAMERA ITEMS**

#### 6.1 Personnel Issue

**MOVED and seconded to go In Camera for a Personnel Issue at 6:19 PM**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The regular meeting resumed at 6:24 PM

**MOVED and seconded that Brian Bowerman and Tammy Fitzgerald each be appointed for a two-year term on the Joint RCMP Advisory Board.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Warden Gregory**

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**Jeff Sunderland, CAO**