

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

Warden Linda Gregory called the June 22, 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 (arrived at 5:09 pm), 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 Miranda Pyne, Tax Clerk, 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 June 22, 2021 be approved as amended with the addition of Business Item 3. YMCA letter and 6.1 Legal issue under In Camera.
MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations – none**2.3 Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2021**

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from May 25, 2021 be approved as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of May 25, 2021 - none**2.5 CAO Report****a) Meeting Reminders**

Warden Gregory went over the meeting dates/reminders.

Deputy Warden Ross indicated he would be absent during the August 10th 2021 meeting.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

All action items have been addressed to date.

c) Update on Capital Projects 2020-2021

The Warden reviewed the updates on the Capital Projects 2020-2021.

d) Financial Report**i) Payables**

MOVED and seconded that the payables for May 2021 in the amount of \$636,837.09 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Income & Expense Reports

MOVED and seconded that the Income & Expense Report for April and May 2021 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS**3. By-Law & Policy Recommendations**

1) Senior Housing – Julie Long

MOVED and seconded to send a letter of acknowledgement to Julie Long to advise that the Municipal Council will advocate to the next MLA for Senior Housing.

MOTION CARRIED

2) Delap’s Cove Black Indian Pioneer Society

MOVED and seconded that a response letter to the Delap’s Cove Black Indian Pioneer Society be sent.

MOTION CARRIED

3) Capital Budget

MOVED and seconded to approve Year 1 of the Capital Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

4) Letter to Minister of Municipal Housing

MOVED and seconded to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Housing asking that the three-year waiting list backlog of housing repair applications be looked into to enable seniors to remain in their homes once repairs are done.

MOTION CARRIED

COTW Recommendations

1) 988 Suicide Help Line

MOVED and seconded that, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the Municipality of the District of Digby call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hotline that is accessible to all Canadians.

MOTION CARRIED

2) Weymouth Waterfront Development

MOVED and seconded to approve the Weymouth Water Front Development request to partner with them for the Beautification and Streetscaping project.

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Conway Workshop – road conditions

Warden Gregory left the meeting at 5:11 pm due to a conflict of interest, passing the chair duties over to Deputy Warden Ross.

Conway Workshop is requesting the dirt part of Shreve Street be paved due to the damage done from the traffic during the fish plant construction and the dust from driving on the dirt.

MOVED and seconded to write a letter responding to Conway Workshop indicating the Municipality’s current contributions to the road and explaining that the fish plant traffic is no longer an issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Gregory returned to the meeting at 5:17 pm and the chair duties were passed back to the Warden.

2. Freeport Community Development Association – dumpster on the Islands

MOVED and seconded to approve \$1000 funding for this year regarding the dumpster fee and re-visit the current funding amount during the budget process next year.

MOTION CARRIED

3. YMCA - letter

Discussion ensued on the funding request from YMCA.

MOVED and seconded to approve waiting until the YMCA is settled into their new permanent location before approving any funding request.

MOTION CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence

There was discussion on the correspondence received this month.

MOVED and seconded that a letter be sent to TIR with respect to the Marshalltown to Gilbert's Cove section of Highway 101 that notes that the safety study is outdated and a new one should be completed.

MOTION CARRIED

Council suggested that staff post on the Municipal Facebook Page about the Environment & Climate Change public engagement and that our Renewable Energy and Climate Change Coordinator should order a do-it-yourself kit.

5.2 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reports

5.3 Other Council Committees

5.4 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

a) Tideview Terrace

March minutes were circulated.

5.5 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

5.6 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district activities such as talking with dept of transportation on islands, mental health intakes, raising money for families, and organizing vaccine clinics. Lots of phone calls and emails.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district activities such as a few road calls and zoom meetings.

Councillor Thurber gave an update to Council on various district activities such as lots of phone calls, emails, and some noise complaints.

Deputy Warden Ross gave an update to Council on various district activities such as phone calls about roads and internet, emails and regular committee meetings.

Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on the various district activities she attended such as a virtual meeting, the Joe Casey humanitarian award ceremony, and a climate change meeting.

MOVED and seconded to write Gail Hersey a letter to congratulate her on being awarded the Joe Casey Humanitarian Award.

MOTION CARRIED

6. IN CAMERA ITEMS

6.1 Legal Issue

MOVED and seconded at 6:10 pm to move In Camera for a Legal Issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Manzer declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Regular session resumed at 6:27 pm.

Councillor Manzer returned to the meeting at 6:27 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:28 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Gregory

Jeff Sunderland, CAO