

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

Warden Gregory called the February 22, 2022 Council session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to order at 4:59 pm. The meeting was held in Municipal Chambers.

The following Councillors were present: Warden Linda Gregory, Councillor George Manzer, Councillor David Tudor (left at 5:54 pm due to illness) and Councillor Angela Thurber.

Staff present: Jeff Sunderland, Chief Administrative Officer, Tyler Pulley, Manager of Municipal Services and Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant, who took the minutes of the meeting.

Regrets: Deputy Warden Matthew Ross and Cora Lee Ross, Manager of Corporate Services

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 February 22, 2022 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations**1) Digby Splash Pad**

MOVED and seconded that Alison Vassallo and Jillian MacNutt come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Alison Vassallo and Jillian MacNutt gave an in-depth overview of the presentation circulated requesting funding to build a Splash Park in Digby.

The Warden advised that there would be no decision made at the meeting tonight.

2) Fundy Hospice - The Atalanta Hospice Society

MOVED and seconded that David Cvet and Gary Davis of The Atalanta Hospice Society come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

David Cvet gave an in-depth overview on the Atalanta Hospice Project in Cornwallis Park. This project is for a 5-bed residential hospice facility to be built with a residential modular design but more beds can be added over time to meet the needs. The Society became a registered not-for-profit in 2017. The hospice will provide palliative and hospice care services. The Atalanta Hospice Society has a funding request for \$200,000 to be paid over a four-year period (\$50,000 yearly from 2022 to 2025).

The Warden advised that there would be no decision made at the meeting tonight.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2022

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from January 25, 2022 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of January 25, 2022 – none

2.5 CAO Report

- a) Meeting Reminders
Warden Gregory went over the meeting dates/reminders.
- b) Action Items from Previous Meetings
All action items have been addressed to date.
- c) Update on Capital Projects 2021-2022
The Warden reviewed the updates on the Capital Projects 2021-2022.
- d) Financial Report
 - i) Income & Expense Reports
The January Income & Expense report was circulated.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

By-Law & Policy Recommendations

- 1) Building Renovations
MOVED and seconded to have staff work further with the architecture firm to develop a cost estimate for the proposed building renovations.
MOTION CARRIED

COTW Recommendations

- 1) Digby Accessibility Plan
MOVED and seconded to approve the Digby Accessibility Plan.
MOTION CARRIED
- 2) Internet Service on Culloden Wharf Branch Road
MOVED and seconded to send a letter to Develop Nova Scotia and the WREN to make them aware of the lack of high-speed internet on the Culloden Wharf Branch Road and to send a response letter to Christine and Terry Newton.
MOTION CARRIED
- 3) Health Foundation funding request
MOVED and seconded to fund the Health Foundation \$26,750 per year, for three years, for a Digby Area Community Navigator position, providing that the Town of Digby participates as well.
MOTION CARRIED
- 4) Georges Bank Moratorium
MOVED and seconded to send a letter of support for the Georges Bank Moratorium.
MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Marketing and Promotions By-Law
MOVED to approve the Marketing and Promotions Levy By-Law.
MOTION CARRIED
2. Sewer By-Law
MOVED to approve the First Reading of the amended definitions in Sewer By-Law No. 2007-01 and No. 2007-02.
MOTION CARRIED
3. Tideview Terrace Letter
Tideview Terrace advised that there were issues with the pumping station due to the recent power outage. The CAO advised that the issue is being investigated with Public Works for options before responding to the letter.

MOVED and seconded to table responding to the letter from Tideview Terrace until staff looks into all aspects of the request.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Lobster Trap program

The CAO advised that the Lobster Trap program has updated the funding request of \$35,000 down to \$3,500. Council decided that there is not enough information to give an answer at this time. Once more Municipalities have been approached to participate an update can be sent to Council.

5. FCDA funding request

Discussion ensued.

Moved and seconded to move the FCDA funding request to the budget process unless the CAO finds out that it needs to be dealt with before budget.

MOTION CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence

There was discussion on the correspondence received this month.

Council requested to have Turning the Tide make a presentation to Council this summer.

5.2 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Heritage Advisory

July 2021 minutes were circulated.

2) PAC

January 2022 minutes were circulated.

5.3 Other Council Committees

5.4 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Digby Municipal Fire Association

November 2021 minutes were circulated.

2) Kings Transit

January 2022 minutes and January Financial, Ridership & General Manager reports were circulated.

3) Tideview Terrace

November 2021 minutes were circulated.

4) Waste Check

February 2022 meeting notes and EPR note were circulated.

5.5 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

5.6 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor was not available to give an update to Council.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district activities such as meeting with MLA Jill Balsler and dealing with various dog calls and snow plow issues.

Councillor Thurber gave an update to Council on various district activities such as the Housing Project Coalition meeting, many projects on the go, meeting with MLA Jill Balsler, working with DALA and dealing with garbage collection emails.

Deputy Warden Ross was not available to give an update to Council.

Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various district activities such as meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Electric City, NSFM putting on a seminar on the

mass casualties in Portapique, as well as Working with Others public engagement and dealing with snow storm issues.

6. IN CAMERA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Gregory

Jeff Sunderland, CAO