

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

Warden Gregory called the September 27, 2022 Council session of the Municipality of the District of Digby to order at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held in Municipal Chambers.

The following Councillors were present: Warden Linda Gregory, Deputy Warden Matthew Ross, Councillor David Tudor, Councillor George Manzer 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 September 27, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Delegations/Presentations**1) Trisha Ryan, Digby Family Resource Centre**

MOVED and seconded that Trisha Ryan, Digby Family Resource Centre come before Council to present.

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Ryan gave an in-depth overview on the free programs offered by the Digby Family Resource Centre.

Warden Gregory thanked her for her presentation.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2022 and August 9, 2022

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from July 26, 2022 and August 9, 2022 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

2.4 Unfinished Business from Minutes of July 26, 2022 and August 9, 2022 - none**2.5 CAO Report****a) Meeting Reminders**

Warden Gregory went over the meeting dates/reminders.

As Council will be away for the first Tuesday in November a By-Law & Policy meeting has been scheduled for after the COTW on November 8th.

b) Action Items from Previous Meetings

All action items have been addressed to date.

c) Update on Capital Projects 2022-2023

The Warden reviewed the updates on the Capital Projects 2022-2023.

The CAO advised that there has been no update on the internet project.

d) Financial Report**i) Income & Expense Reports**

The July and August Income & Expense reports were circulated.

MOVED and seconded to accept the July and August Income & Expense reports.

MOTION CARRIED

3. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

By-Law & Policy Recommendations

1) Repeal By-Law

MOVED and seconded to adopt the By-Law to Repeal By-Laws.

MOTION CARRIED

2) Sick Leave Policy

MOVED and seconded to approve Sick Leave Policy # 5.005, as revised, with the word “expects” changed to “encourages” under the medical appointments section, and “three days” changed to “two days” under the Illness or Injury during Vacation section.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and seconded to cancel the short-term disability benefit coverage for Municipal Staff.

MOTION CARRIED

3) Marketing Levy By-Law

MOVED and seconded to adopt the Marketing Levy Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

4) Community Safety Net

MOVED and seconded to help 15 kids for 225 dollars this year for the safety initiative for kids conducted by the Digby Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIED

5) Scallop Days Funding request

MOVED and seconded to send a letter responding to the Scallop Days advising that there will be no grant issued but instead \$500 worth of tickets will be purchased if the event takes place.

MOTION CARRIED

COTW Recommendations

1) Pesticide Spraying

MOVED and seconded to send a letter to the Minister of Environment and MLA Jill Balser to request a moratorium on glyphosate herbicide aerial spraying.

MOTION CARRIED

TWO OPPOSED

MOVED and seconded to amend the above motion that a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment and MLA Jill Balser to request a moratorium on glyphosate herbicide aerial spraying.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and seconded to send a letter to the Minister of Environment and MLA Jill Balser to request a moratorium on glyphosate herbicide aerial spraying and to have the polices and regulations of glyphosate herbicide aerial spraying reviewed.

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Fire Reduction – Schneider AAN 07015542

MOVED and seconded to approve a Property Tax Reduction of \$269.10; due to Fire Damage (June 29, 2022) on AAN #07015542 – Clifford Schneider – 11030 Highway 217, Roxville with the reduction effective June 29, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Fire Reduction – Maillet AAN 04995821

MOVED and seconded to approve a Property Tax Reduction of \$269.28; due to Fire Damage (June 25, 2022) on AAN #04995821 – Paul Maillet – 797 Sissiboo Rd, Weymouth Mills with the reduction effective June 25, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 NS Dept of Agriculture – Weed Control Act

Discussion ensued regarding the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Weed Control Act.

4.4 Atlantic Canada 48 Hour Film project

Discussion ensued regarding the funding request from the Atlantic Canada 48 Hour Film project. Further information is required before proceeding with this request.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence

There was discussion on the correspondence received this month.

5.2 Advisory Committees Minutes/Reports

5.3 Other Council Committees

5.4 Joint Intermunicipal Committees Minutes/Reports

1) Atlantic Mayors Congress

May minutes were circulated.

2) DARC

April and July minutes and June and August reports were circulated.

3) Digby Library

October 2020 minutes were circulated.

4) Kings Transit

Information on the Kings Transit buses was circulated.

5) Waste Check

Waste Check reports, June minutes and Waste Check Connections for June/July/August were circulated.

6) Western Counties Regional Library

June minutes, 2021/2022 Annual report and newsletter were circulated.

5.5 Outside Boards/Committees Minutes/Reports

1) DATA

August meeting notes were circulated.

5.6 Councillor District Activity Report

Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district activities such as assisting the food bank, met with MLA Jill Balsler, transported a male to the Digby ER, aided with housing grants assistance, dealt with residency tenancy board issues, set someone up for medically necessary dental work, dealt with complaints for the RCMP and hornet problems.

Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district activities such as dangerous and unsightly problems, met with MLA Jill Balsler and the Cancer self-help group in which raised \$1,800.

Councillor Thurber gave an update to Council on various district activities such as the New France Electric City play, met with the Smith Cove lighthouse group, attended the

Emancipation ceremony in Digby Town, assisted with the Wharf Rat Rally registration, met with MLA Jill Balsler, met with Rob Hersey and John Rice and dealt with community issues.

Deputy Warden Ross gave an update to Council on various district activities such as attending the opening of the Digby community gardens, assisted with the Wharf Rat Rally registration, met with MLA Jill Balsler, discussed long term care with Dawn Thomas and dealt with washed out roads.

Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on her various district activities such as attending the Wharf Rat Rally opening and closing, the Emancipation ceremony, the Atlantic Mayors Congress, a community BBQ, dealt with rat, speeding and ATV problems.

6. IN CAMERA ITEMS

6.1 Personnel Issue

MOVED and seconded to go In Camera at 6:08 pm for two Personnel Issues.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed at 6:17 pm.

MOVED and seconded that Danny Harvieux be re-appointed, for a two-year term, to the Digby Town & Municipal Housing Corp (Tideview Terrace).

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Personnel Issue

Moved and seconded that Municipal Staff each receive a one-time payment equal to 1% of their full-time annual salary, to be paid during a pay period in November, in appreciation and recognition of the impact of the high level of inflation.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:18 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Gregory

Jeff Sunderland, CAO