Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Council Minutes
January 23, 2012
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

Call to Order

The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Councillors present:

- Linda Gregory, Warden
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- David Tudor, Councillor
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Maritza Adams, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Gordon Wilson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Karen Adams, Executive Secretary

Regrets:

Prayer

Warden Gregory welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting. Warden Gregory thanked everyone for coming and read the Municipality's mission statement.

Agenda

MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

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Presentations

#1. Gaels of Fundy Pipes and Drums

MOVED and seconded that Gaels of Fundy Pipes and Drums come before Council to make a presentation.

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- Drum Major Richard Parry introduced himself and gave a detailed presentation. He began with how this group came about. Pipe Major Stuart MacDonald moved to this area and wanted to start a band and it grew from this idea.
- Four members came tonight and all were dressed in their full uniform. He passed out information with the costs of the uniforms. The group is looking for funding in order to dress out all of their members.
- There was a discussion of the services and locations that they fulfill. They do charge for their services to play at events. They have 3 bookings for this upcoming year so far.
- The Town of Digby has already sponsored the group for one member's uniform which is equivalent to $1100.
- Deputy Warden MacAlpine told the group that he has heard them play and is very pleased to see how this changes the atmosphere at events.

Minutes

Nov 28, 2011-Council.

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from Council of Nov 28, 2011 be approved as circulated.

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Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

#1 Funding request for Health Centre

MOVED and seconded that the Funding request for the Health Centre be approved in the amount of $176,800 with

a maximum of $250,000 based on 10.4% of their budget for the health centre.

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1 OPPOSED-DEPUTY WARDEN MACALPINE

- There was a further discussion on how the Municipality will not be held responsible for this centre or its expenses and a letter will be provided to explain how the Municipality will not take ownership.

Councillor Amero
- No Old Business.

Councillor Adams
- No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor
- No Old Business.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine
- No Old Business.

New Business

#1 Banking and Borrowing Resolution

MOVED and seconded that the Banking and Borrowing Resolution will be approved as presented.

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#2 Digby Area Tourism Association-Funding Request

MOVED and seconded that this request be sent to our budget process.

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CAO Report
- The CAO report for January 23, 2012 was included in the meeting package.

Request for Decision/Direction
N/A

Meeting Schedule
On Jan 30th, Feb 6th & Feb 20th will be By-Law & Policy meetings. Feb 6th will also be a meeting with NS TIR. Feb 13th will be COTW and Feb 27th is Council.

Meeting Dates/Reminders
- The meeting dates and reminders were discussed above.

Kings Transit-Declining ridership
- A letter was sent to Councillor Mark Pearl, chair of Kings Transit Authority asking for a study on ridership. There were 3062 riders for Dec versus 1438 riders in Dec 2010. Annapolis reported having 1679 riders for the same time period. All surveys are to be completed and passed in by January 31st.

Transportation-Expansion of Kings Transit route
- Council and the Town of Digby met to discuss possible expansion into downtown and to Bay Ferry Terminal. Agreement reached between the Town and District on expansion of Kings Transit service to downtown. Waiting for approval from UARB.
- It has been approved that the bus will start going down town in February. There will be a meeting with the town to work out the final details.

Withdrawal of Annapolis County from Kings Transit
- There will be a meeting with Ron Mullins, Manager of Kings Transit to be scheduled. Warden Gregory will be discussing this issue with Warden Ritchie. There is a

meeting slated for Jan 30th.

Payables

MOVED and seconded that the payables in the amount of $267,099.83 for the month of December 2011 be approved as presented.

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Financial Report

The financial report for November 30, 2011 was included in the CAO report.

MOVED and seconded that the financial report for November be approved as presented.

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Correspondence

- There was a discussion on the correspondence that was received this month.

Council Committees

Recommendations to Council from Committee of the Whole

Appointment of Thomas Haynes-Paton to RCMP Police Advisory Committee.

MOVED and Seconded that the appointment of Thomas Haynes-Paton to the RCMP Police Advisory Committee be approved.

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Recommendations to Council from Bylaw & Policy Committee

Approval purchase of a 5kw Wind Turbine for $42,000 plus HST.

MOVED and Seconded that the approval for the purchase of a 5kw Wind Turbine for $42,000 plus HST be approved.

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Approval of Manager of Corporate Services job description.

MOVED and Seconded that the approval of Manager of Corporate Services job description be approved.

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By-law & Policy Committee

- January 16, 2012 was the last By-Law & Policy Committee meeting.

Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee

- The Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee has not met since the last report. Next meeting February 16, 2012.

Heritage Advisory Committee

- The Heritage Advisory Committee minutes for December 2011 were included in the package.

Planning Advisory Committee

- The Planning Advisory Committee has not met since the last report. There will be a meeting in February.

Police Advisory Committee	• The Police Advisory Committee has a meeting scheduled for January 24, 2012.
REMO Advisory Committee	• The REMO Advisory Committee minutes for June 2011 were included in the package. JEPP application was approved for the Westport Fire Department.
Western Region Housing Authority	• The Tri County Housing Authority report was circulated for September.
Regional / Joint Committees	
Airport Working Group	• The Airport Working Group has not met since the last report. ACCO has approved our application.
Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency	• The Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency has a board meeting scheduled for February 2012.
Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association	• The minutes for December 2011 were included in the package for the Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association.
Digby Annapolis Development Corp	• The minutes for September 2011 were included in the package for the Digby Annapolis Development Corp.
Digby Area Learning Association	• No meeting has been held since our last meeting.
Digby Area Tourism Association	• The Bay of Fundy Experience Centre Advisory Group December 2011 minutes were included in the package.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	• The DARC recreation reports for Nov 2011 were included in the package. • Minutes from the November 2011 meeting were included in the package. Next meeting will be February 7, 2012. • There was also a letter of concern about Motorized usage on the trails.
Digby Harbour Port Association	• The Digby Harbour Port Association minutes for December 2011 were included in the package.
Digby Library Committee	• The Digby Library Committee has not met since the last report.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	• There is a meeting this month scheduled.
Industrial Commission	• The minutes for October 2011 were included in the package. There was a meeting this month and it was decided that meeting would be held more often.
Kings Transit Authority	• The Kings Transit Ridership and Revenue report for December 2011 were included in the package. The next meeting is this week.

MEDIC	• The MEDIC minutes for Sept & Oct 2011 were included in the package. The next meeting will be in February 2012.
Senior Safety Committee	• Last meeting was in January 2012.
Transport de Clare	• No meeting since our last meeting. Transport de Clare will provide people from Barton School to the meeting with Tri-County Regional School Board in Yarmouth at no charge.
Tideview Terrace	• The Tideview Terrace minutes for October 2011 were included in the package. The next meeting will be this week. There will be an auction being held on items from the old Tideview.
Upper Clements Park	• There was a meeting last week. The next phase for the adventure park will be installing the zip lines and they still hope to be open for this season. The stats are in on last season and they had 9 rain days and still had a good season.
Waste Check	• There has been no meeting since the last report and the next scheduled meeting is set for February 13th, 2012.
Western Counties Regional Library	• No meeting since out last meeting. No meeting date at this time for the next meeting.
Council Activity Reports/Other Committees	
Councillor Amero	• Councillor Amero gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.
Councillor Adams	• Councillor Adams gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.
Councillor Tudor	• Councillor Tudor gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.
Deputy Warden MacAlpine	• Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.
Warden Gregory	• Warden Gregory gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings she has attended during the past month.
Comments from the gallery	• Jonathan from the Courier asked a few questions to the Councilors.
Recess	**MOVED and seconded that the meeting move in camera to discuss a Contractual Issue.** **MOTION CARRIED** Regular session resumed.

Adjournment **MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:55 PM.**

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WARDEN **CLERK**