Municipal Council Minutes
February 27, 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 amended. Councillor Amero added an item to In Camera Personnel Issue. Deputy Warden MacAlpine added to New Business #10 Kings Transit. Councillor Adams added an item to New Business #11 DATA.

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations

#1. Digby Area Tourism Association- Dean Kenley, Co-Chair of Bay of Fundy Experience Centre Advisory Working Group (BoFEx)and Dianne Theriault, Past Chair of DATA

MOVED and seconded that Digby Area Tourism Association come before Council to make a presentation.

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- Mrs. Theriault started the presentation and thanked Council for their support. She indicated that Phase II of their Product Development Plan has just been completed. This included signage, study for a septic system design for the Tiverton VIC as well as picnic tables and benches within the area. DATA's future plans include identifying gaps in the tourism project. A new executive has been appointed with Ian Barnes as the new Chair. They have come before Council tonight to request funding support in the amount of $1,000 to hire a consultant to provide governance for the formation of a new committee, the Bay of Fundy Experience Centre.
- Mr. Kenley spoke about tourism and the facts show that tourism is down. The past year was worse than ever. He mentioned the 7 Wonders contest and how we have this wonder at our doorstep. Mr. Kenley explained all that has taken place since BoFEx has been formed. Mr. Kenley and Mrs. Theriault both are the co-chairs of this new committee. A letter was passed out to everyone from Darrell Dexter in support of Mr. Kenley's letter to him. He stated he is excited about the Tidal power energy and how it can and will change our landscape forever and that we have a wow factor. We have an obligation to encourage the world to come see it. DATA is a huge supporter of this project. We have so many

assets in this area but most are based with the Bay of Fundy and most are seasonal assets. So therefore we need to make the most out of this season or introduce a year round tourism season. This would change the tourism and economical development for this area. Roger Outhouse from the Bay of Fundy Discovery Association has been a huge asset. The official name has not been acquired as of yet but some suggestions have been chosen.

- There was a question and answer period. Warden MacAlpine stated that the key to this is to be able to partner with other organizations so that we can connect with them and to share the knowledge.

Minutes Nov 28, 2011-Council.

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from Council of Jan 23, 2012 be approved as circulated.

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Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

#1 Digby and Area Health Services Charitable Foundation

- A letter of response was received from Digby and Area Health Services Charitable Foundation.

Councillor Amero

- No Old Business.

Councillor Adams

- No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor

- No Old Business.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine asked when the tender for the renewal of the remainder of the Conway sidewalk would be going out. CAO Linda Fraser stated that she hoped it would be early to mid April.

Warden Gregory

- Warden Gregory stated that she has been approached by citizens in the Lake Midway area whom have concerns of not having internet services in certain areas around Lake Midway. She asked on behalf of these people a letter be sent to Eastlink.

MOVED and Seconded that a letter be sent to Eastlink on behalf of the residents of the Lake Midway area for the installation of two towers for the use of internet.

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New Business

#1 Change of Road Request-East Fort Point Road & Weymouth Falls Road

- In regards to the East Fort Point Road Alfred Doucet from the Municipality's Building Department gave a description of the location of the roads. He also indicated details and the quality of the road conditions. In case of a fire or an emergency this road is not passable. The community of Weymouth North is not

accessible from Weymouth. This issue has been raised because of a medical emergency and EHS having to respond in a timely manner.

- Hubert Vroom indicated at this time the Weymouth Falls Road is in the exact same situation.
- Councillor Amero stated that he knows these roads and he agrees with the issues on hand.

MOVED and Seconded that the name change request for East Fort Point Road be approved and changed to Doty Branch as required.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that the name change request for Weymouth Falls Road be approved and changed to Sissiboo Falls Road as required.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Digby County Family Resource Centre-Letter of Support

MOVED and Seconded that a letter be sent in support of the Digby County Family Resource Centre to The Public Health Agency of Canada as requested.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Municipality of Argyle-Resolution regarding provincial boundary review

MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality send a letter to the Premier regarding the provincial boundary review.

MOTION CARRIED

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that this subject was addressed during the UNSM Rural caucus meeting. It should be made a priority for rural Nova Scotia to keep their voice. This will impact all of rural Nova Scotia.

#4 Tri-County Women's Centre-Creating Affordable & Supportive Housing-Letter of Support

MOVED and Seconded that a letter of support be sent to the Tri-County Women's Centre for the use of Creating Affordable Supportive Housing.

MOTION CARRIED

#5 Town of Bancroft, Ontario-Resolution regarding global warming

- After a discussion about the Town of Bancroft, Ontario it was decided that no action will be taken. Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated he feels that this is an item for FCM to deal with.

#6 Street light request-Corner Morganville Road and Sissiboo Road

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that he went out to the area in question and he does agree that a street light should be installed and that there is a pole in that area already.

MOVED and Seconded that the request for a street light on the corner of Morganville Road and Sissiboo Road be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that this request for Westport

#7 To be referred to budget:
7 (a) Westport Recreation Fire Hall Auxiliary
7 (b) Freeport Days
7 (c) Freeport Community Picnic

Recreation Fire Hall Auxiliary, Freeport Days and Freeport Community Picnic be sent to the budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

#8 Westport Volunteer Fire Department-Funding Request

MOVED and Seconded that the funding request from the Westport Volunteer Fire Department in regards to Clifton Moore be approved.

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- It was stated that this funding request doesn't fit the criteria needed for municipal funding.

#9 Appointment of Returning Officer for 2012 Municipal Election-Andy Moir

MOVED and Seconded that the appointment of Andy Moir as the Returning Officer for 2012 Municipal Election be approved.

#10 Kings Transit

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine received a letter from Norma Wagner regarding Kings Transit. This letter was a request for Kings Transit to start going to Tideview as a regular stop. CAO Linda Fraser indicated that currently there is no time in the schedule for Kings Transit to service the Tideview building. There were other issues regarding the tightness of the space around the building for the bus to maneuver.
- A suggestion was made that perhaps Transport de Clare would be able to link up with the Kings Transit bus to provide service to the new Tideview. This issue will be brought to the attention of Transport de Clare and Kings Transit. A letter of response will be sent back to Norma Wagner.

#11 DATA-Funding request

MOVED and Seconded that the request from DATA with funding for $1000 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

CAO Report:

- The CAO report for February 27, 2012 was included in the meeting package.

Request for Decision/Direction

- The use of Provincial list for Municipal Election could be used instead of conducting an enumeration. An enumeration was conducted for the last election and it ended up being costly for the Municipality.

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality use the Provincial Electoral list for the Municipal Election.

MOTION MARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality authorize the use of voting by internet and telephone for the 2012 Municipal Election and that paper ballets and computers be available in one poll per district on election day.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that Council authorize the Warden and the CAO to enter into a contract with Intelivote Systems Inc to provide the internet and telephone voting system for the 2012 Municipal and School Board Elections.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED and Seconded that staff prepare a by-law and a policy for electronic voting for the 2012 Municipal and School Board Elections.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Schedule

On March 12th there will be a COTW meeting. March 19th is By-Law & Policy, March 20th Planning Advisory Committee and March 26th will be Council.

Meeting Dates/Reminders

- The meeting dates and reminders were discussed above.

Noise issues associated with logging operations in Bear River

- Forestry contractors were advised that RCMP will be responding to complaints from residents regarding operations that occur after 10:00 pm and before 7:00 am. Contractors have been advised and they will speak to their drivers and ask them not to use engine brakes, especially at night. Morganville Road was temporarily closed due to warm weather and damage being done to the road. Vehicle compliance has been in the area to monitor situation. Joe Crowell is to conduct a speed zone investigation on Sissiboo Road.

Payables

MOVED and seconded that the payables in the amount of $ 631,710.99 for the month of January 2012 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report

The financial report for January 31, 2012 was included in the CAO report.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

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

Council Committees

Recommendations to Council from Committee of the Whole

#1 Village of Westport-Brier

Councillor Tudor stated that the Village of Westport has indicated to him that they plan on having a public meeting next

Island Centre

month with regards to this topic.

MOVED and Seconded that the Village of Westport-Brier Island Centre issue be tabled until March Council.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 First Reading-Amendment #12 to Schedule of a Tax Exemption By-Law 2000-02 Weymouth Amateur Athletic Association

MOVED and Seconded that the first reading for the Amendment #12 to Schedule A of a Tax Exemption By-Law 2000-02 adding Weymouth Amateur Athletic Association be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Wharf Rat Rally-Support for full time paid employee

MOVED and Seconded that the Municipality will support up to $20,000 for a full time paid employee for Wharf Rat Rally.

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendations to Council from Bylaw & Policy Committee

Low Income Tax Exemption Policy-2012-2013

MOVED and Seconded that the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy for 2012-2012 be approved at $150.00 per resident with a household combined income of under $20,000.

MOTION CARRIED

By-law & Policy Committee

- February 6, 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. The minutes from September 2011 were included.

Heritage Advisory Committee

- The Heritage Advisory Committee hasn't had a meeting since the last report.

Planning Advisory Committee

- The Planning Advisory Committee has not met since the last report. There is a meeting scheduled for March 20, 2012.

Police Advisory Committee

- The Police Advisory Committee minutes for November 8, 2011 were included.

REMO Advisory Committee

- The REMO Advisory Committee hasn't had a meeting since the last report.

Western Region Housing Authority	• The Tri County Housing Authority report has been requested.
Regional / Joint Committees	
Airport Working Group	• The Airport Working Group has not met since the last report. Transport Canada –SMS Approval
Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency	• The Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency minutes for October and January were included in the package. The Managing Directors Board Update for February 2012 was included and the 2012-2013 Business Plan was also included. • It was stated that a statement in the draft business plan should be questioned. Councillor Amero agreed the statement was unclear and he agreed to take this back to ADEDA for a response.
Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association	• The Bay of Fundy Marine Transportation Association held a meeting and the minutes will be included in the next package.
Digby Annapolis Development Corp	• The Digby Annapolis Development Corp hasn't met since the last report.
Digby Area Learning Association	• The minutes from January 25, 2012 were included in package. The Board Reports for February 2012 and the Family Literacy Report were also included.
Digby Area Tourism Association	• The Bay of Fundy Experience Centre Advisory Group January 10th & January 31st minutes were included in the package.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	• The DARC recreation reports for January 2012 and were included in the package. The minutes for December 2011 were also included. • Also a document about Sports Advisory Café-After Thoughts.
Digby Harbour Port Association	• The Digby Harbour Port Association was held last week but not enough attended to have a quorum.
Digby Library Committee	• The Digby Library Committee has not met since the last report.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	• The Digby Municipal Fire Association will be digesting the information given at our meeting. We hope to have answers in the near future.
Industrial Commission	• The minutes for January 2012 were included in the package.
Kings Transit Authority	• The Kings Transit Survey Results were included in the package. Ridership for January 2012 was up 77% from last January.
MEDIC	• The MEDIC minutes for November 2012 were included in

the package. Their membership list was also included.

Senior Safety Committee	• There was a meeting in January for the Senior Safety Committee.
Transport de Clare	• Transport De Clare has a meeting coming up in March the minutes will be included in our next package.
Tideview Terrace	• The Tideview Terrace minutes for November 2011 were included in the package.
Upper Clements Park	• Upper Clements Park society met in February. They are getting ready for the upcoming season.
Waste Check	• The minutes from the February 13th, 2012 meeting were included.
Western Counties Regional Library	• A meeting will be held in March for the Western Counties Regional Library. There hasn't been a meeting since our last Council 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	•

Recess

MOVED and seconded that the meeting move in camera to discuss a Personnel Issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed.

Adjournment

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:55 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN **CLERK**