Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Council Minutes
February 28, 2011
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
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor
- David Tudor, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Cora Lee Bremner, Executive Secretary

Regrets:

- Gordon Wilson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

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

Warden Gregory added Female Bantam AA Hockey Team request as New Business #7.

MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations

Jenny Milligan – Tri-County Women's Centre

- Ms. Milligan was unable to attend the meeting due to bad road conditions.

Minutes

January 24, 2011

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from the Council of January 24, 2011 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

#1 Weymouth Waterfront Development Committee – Final Reading of Amendment # 11 of Tax Exemption By-law 2000-02.

MOVED and seconded that the final reading be approved for Amendment # 11 of the Tax Exemption By-law 2002-02 adding the Old Weymouth Library Building to Schedule "A".

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Dog By-law – Final Reading of Amendment to Dog By-law 2006-02

MOVED and seconded that the final reading be approved for the amendment to Dog By-law 2006-02.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden MacAlpine

- No Old Business.

Councillor Amero

- No Old Business.

Councillor Adams

- No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor

- No Old Business.

Warden Gregory

- No Old Business.

New Business

#1 South West Music Festival – Funding Request ($100)

- The CAO noted that because this event is going to be held in early April, a decision could be made now as there is still money in the Municipal Marketing Budget.

MOVED and seconded that the $100 funding request for South West Music Festival be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

- It was agreed the funds would come from the Municipal Marketing Budget.

#2 By-law for Regulation of Wind Turbines – Possible Amendment to Definition of Domestic Wind Turbine

- Councillor Amero declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.
- Council discussed a possible amendment to the definition of "domestic wind turbine" in the by-law for Regulation of Wind Turbines. After a lengthy discussion, Council decided it would be best to get the opinion of the Planner before making a decision.

MOVED and seconded that Council table making a decision on a possible amendment to the definition of Domestic Wind Turbine in the by-law for the Regulation of Wind Turbines until Council obtains more information.

MOTION CARRIED

- Councillor Amero returned to the meeting.

#3 Digby Town and Municipal Housing Board (Tideview Terrace) – Appointment of Elected Official

- Councillor Amero agreed to be appointed to the Digby Town and Municipal Housing Board providing the meetings can accommodate his schedule. Councillor Tudor has agreed as well if it doesn't work out for Councillor Amero. Warden Gregory will see if they can change the meetings to evening meetings.

MOVED and seconded that Councillor Amero be appointed to the Digby Town and Municipal Housing Board (Tideview Terrace).

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Inter-municipal Agreement with Town of Digby – Amendment to include Public Drop Off

MOVED and seconded that changes be approved to be made to the inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Digby to include public drop off.

MOTION CARRIED

#5 Deputy Warden MacAlpine – Seasonal Tourist Designation for Artist Studios

- A request has been received requesting that artists/artisans be included in the category of "Seasonal Tourist Business Designation".

MOVED and seconded that the request for artists/artisans be included in the category of "Seasonal Tourist Business Designation" be put on the next agenda for the Rural Caucus.

- It was noted that if this were to be approved, it would follow the same regulations as the seasonal restaurants, roofed accommodations, and camping establishments.

MOTION CARRIED

#6 Warden Gregory – Letter of Acknowledgement

- The Nova Scotia Art Bank encourages the development of artistic excellence and stimulates an awareness of and interest in visual arts and craft among Nova Scotians and their visitors. It was noted that Mrs. Carol Mahtab had a piece that was purchased by the Nova Scotia Art Bank.

MOVED and seconded that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to Mrs. Carol Mahtab.

MOTION CARRIED

#7 Female Bantam AA Hockey Team Request

MOVED and seconded that Council purchase an advertisement for $50 in the Program for the Female Bantam AA Hockey Team event.

MOTION CARRIED

#8 Town of Digby – UNSM Spring Workshop

MOVED and seconded that the Municipality of Digby participate with Town of Digby in regards to the hospitality of the UNSM Spring Workshop for the events outlined in their letter.

MOTION CARRIED

CAO Report

- The CAO report for February 28, 2011 was included in the meeting package.

Westport Ferry – Response Letter

- Councillor Tudor expressed that he felt the solutions outlined by Mr. Michael Wamboldt concerning the break-down of the Westport Ferry was inadequate. It was

suggested that this matter be taken to the MLA as ferry service is a Provincial responsibility. Councillor Tudor will do that.

Request for Decision/Direction

N/A

Meeting Dates/Reminders

Payables

MOVED and seconded that the payables in the amount of $599,864.46 for the month of January 2011 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report

- The financial report for January 31, 2011 was circulated.

Warden Gregory – Note of Thanks

- Warden Gregory thanked everyone for the flowers she received when she was sick.

Council Committees

Recommendations to Council from Committee of the Whole

N/A

Recommendations to Council from Bylaw & Policy Committee

Dangerous & Unsightly Policy

MOVED and seconded that the updates to the Dangerous and Unsightly policy be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Low Income Tax Exemption 2011

MOVED and seconded that pursuant to The Low Income Tax Exemption Policy # 2010, the Municipality hereby grants an exemption from taxation, operating as a reduction in the 2010-2011 taxes otherwise payable to the Municipality in respect to a property in the amount of $ 125.00 for owners of property whose 2010 income from all sources does not exceed $ 20,000.

MOTION CARRIED

Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee

- The Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee has not met since the last report.

Heritage Advisory Committee

- The Heritage Advisory Committee minutes for April 2010 were included in the meeting package. There is a meeting scheduled for March 10, 2011.

Planning Advisory Committee

- There has been no Planning Advisory Committee meeting since the last report.

Police Advisory Committee

- There has been no Police Advisory Committee meeting since the last report.

MOVED and seconded that Ms. Kathleen Gidney be appointed as citizen representative to the Police Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

REMO Advisory Committee

- The REMO Management Planning Committee minutes from November 2010 were included in the meeting package. There was a REMO Advisory Committee meeting a couple weeks ago. Don LeBlanc gave an update of what he has been doing. He has been doing an excellent job. They are talking about doing exercises for emergencies.

Tri County Housing Authority

- The Tri County Housing Authority was last reported on in November 2010. The reports are on a quarterly basis.

Regional / Joint Committees

Airport Working Group

- There has been no Airport Working Group meeting since the last Council meeting.

Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency

- The ADEDA minutes for February 2011 were included in the meeting package. Also included was the Acting Manager Director's Report.
- Warden Gregory attended a meeting as the alternate for Councillor Amero on February 24, 2011. It was a good meeting. They are working on a business plan.

Digby Annapolis Development Corp

- The DADC minutes from July 2010 were included in the meeting package. There has been one meeting since July. There was a discussion regarding the Convergys site and what can be done with the building. They would like to exhaust all opportunities to get a call centre there, but if not, the building may have to be subdivided so that it can be rented out.
- There was a discussion regarding the intent of the building was to create employment for the area. This needs to be discussed in greater detail before a decision is made as to how to move forward.

Digby Area Learning Association

- The DALA minutes for November 2010 as well as the Executive Director report for January 2011 were included in the meeting package.
- There was a meeting on February 23, 2011 which Councillor Adams was unable to attend. The minutes will be forwarded once they are received.

Digby Area Tourism Association

- The Digby Area Tourism Association minutes for the last couple meetings have not been sent along. A person has been hired to help with signage. It was also noted that the

Passport project is coming along nicely.

Digby Area Recreation Committee	• The DARC minutes for December 2010 and January 2011 as well as staff reports for January and February 2011 were included in the meeting package. • The Canadian curling championships are coming soon. The ice time is going well.
Digby Harbour Port Association	• The Digby Harbour Port Association minutes for September and November 2010 were included in the Council package. • A Digby Harbour Port Association meeting has just been held. The biggest concern is the storm damage to the wharf. There is $200,000 damage to the wharf and REMO would be able to provide a maximum of $80,000. They are currently operating under an extremely tight budget and have the highest rates in the Province.
Digby Library Committee	• The Digby Library Committee has not met since the last report.
Fundyweb Broadband	• Fundyweb Broadband has not met since the last report. • Deputy Warden MacAlpine reported that it is hoped to have a meeting within the next two weeks. The last meeting took place in September.
Industrial Commission	• The Industrial Commission met on February 25, 2011. Mr. Mike Gushue has been hired as a Consultant. They are working on making Digby the port of choice for a service centre for tidal development. Mr. Gushue is doing an excellent job.
Hanse Society	• Councillor Amero was away during the last meeting. He will look into obtaining a copy of the minutes for distribution to Council.
Kings Transit Authority	• The Kings Transit Authority minutes for December 2010 and February 2011, the ridership report for January 2010 and the General Manager's report for February 2011 were included in the meeting package. • Councillor Amero was unable to attend the last meeting as it was scheduled in the morning.
MEDIC	• The MEDIC minutes for January 2011 were included in the meeting package. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2011.
Senior Safety Committee	• The Senior Safety Committee will meet on March 9, 2011. Councillor Adams will get a copy of the minutes for distribution.
Southwest Biosphere	• There is a Southwest Biosphere meeting scheduled for March 1, 2011.
Tideview Terrace	• The Tideview Terrace minutes for November 2010 and January 2011 as well as the staff reports for February 2011 were included in the meeting package. • There was a Tideview Terrace meeting on February 22,

2011. The new Tideview is coming along and is within budget.

Waste Check

- The Waste Check minutes for November 2010 as well as staff reports for February 2011were included in the meeting package.
- Waste Check has a Business Rewards Program which started in October that acknowledges businesses doing a great job. A plaque is given to them and the business is outlined in their newsletter.
- Waste Check is trying to get the numbers to 300 kg per person and is currently down to 320 kg per person. They are getting closer to the goal.
- The enforcement officer is doing a good job. He has been finding contact information in garbage bags and is fining repeat offenders.

Western Counties Regional Library

- There has been no Western Counties Regional Library meeting since the last Council meeting.

Council Activity Reports/Other Committees

Councillor Adams

- Councillor Adams gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings she has attended during the past month.

Councillor Amero

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Deputy Warden MacAlpine

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Warden Gregory

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Comments from the gallery

- The meeting was opened up to the gallery for questions. There were no questions or comments.

Break

MOVED and seconded that there be a five minute break before proceeding in camera.

MOTION CARRIED

In Camera

MOVED and seconded that the meeting move in camera to discuss contractual and personnel issues.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed.

Adjournment **MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN **CLERK**