

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

Attendance

Councillors present:

- Jim Thurber, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

- Linda Gregory, Councillor

Prayer

Warden Thurber welcomed everyone to the meeting, read the Municipality's mission statement and then asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

Agenda

- Councillor Adams added Maud Lewis Signage to Old Business.

MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations

Mike Gushue,
ADEDA - 2010/2011
Business Plan

MOVED and seconded that Mr. Mike Gushue from ADEDA come before Council to make a presentation on the 2010/2011 Business Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

- Mr. Gushue came before Council to present ADEDA's 2010-11 Business Plan. This document represents year one of their new 5 Year Investment Strategy, which forms the basis of the region's economic transition plan.
- The key to building our regional economy is to grow our population. The way to grow our population is to identify investment opportunities which will, in turn, create jobs. Therefore, with the goal to positively affect population growth, ADEDA has developed four key strategic pillars:
 1. Strengthen the region's existing businesses through their Business Retention and Expansion Program (BRE)
 2. Attract new business and investment using an innovative 5 year strategic plan
 3. Attract new residents via immigration, in-migration and tourism
 4. Support the region's creative economy (arts, culture and technology)
- Of particular significance to the Agency's 2010-11 Business Plan is their new 5 Year Investment Strategy. This series of documents provides a framework for future

economic development based on a comprehensive understanding of the people, skills, businesses and natural assets in this Region.

- A question and answer period followed the presentation.
- Council commended the agency on the great job that they are doing and they look forward to working with them through the next five years of their plan.

Minutes

March 22, 2010

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from the Council of March 22, 2010 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes

NIL

Old Business

#1 Maud Lewis Signage

- Councillor Adams added this item to the agenda to find out the status of the signage for the Maud Lewis Site. The CAO advised that the funding was sent out last year and the signs have yet to be placed. The CAO will follow up on this as well as the upkeep for the lawn and gardens.

Warden Thurber

No Old Business.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine

No Old Business.

Councillor Gregory

Absent.

Councillor Amero

No Old Business.

Councillor Adams

No Old Business.

New Business

#1 New Weymouth Library – Recommendation from Building Committee for name

- The Weymouth Library Building Committee met a couple weeks ago and is pleased with the progress. The project should be finished up within next couple weeks. The furniture has been ordered and will be set up by the company. They are estimating it will take a week to move. The plan is to have a grand opening this summer.
- The Building Committee for the Weymouth Library has been working on a name for the new library and they are recommending that the Library be named “Weymouth Waterfront Library” as this name would recognize all the work the Weymouth Waterfront Committee has done as well as recognizing Weymouth.
- There was a discussion of Council on the recommended name.

MOVED and seconded that Council accept the recommendation from the Weymouth Library Building Committee that the new library be named Weymouth Waterfront Library.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Bay of Fundy
Discovery Centre
Association –
Balancing Rock Trail
– Signage

- The Bay of Fundy Discovery Centre Association is requesting permission to place signage along the balancing rock trail and in the parking lot.

MOVED and seconded that Council grant permission for the Bay of Fundy Discovery Centre to install signage on the Balancing Rock Trail and parking area as stipulated in their letter.

- There was also a discussion regarding the need for signage to direct people to the trail. The Warden stated that if this hasn't been done, it can be done prior to the trail's opening.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Planning Advisory
Committee – Patricia
MacConnell
Application

MOVED and seconded that Council accept Patricia MacConnell as citizen member for the Planning Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Plympton &
Gilbert's Cove Fire
Department –
Guarantee of \$100,000
loan

- The Plympton and Gilbert's Cove Fire Department is requesting that Council guarantee a loan of \$100,000 from the Bank of Nova Scotia to pay off existing loans and purchase a used truck.

MOVED and seconded that Council do a loan guarantee resolution to be forwarded to the Province for approval for the Fire Department in the sum of \$100,000.

MOTION CARRIED

#5 Trinity Anglican
Church – Funding
Request

- The Trinity Anglican Church is requesting funding to help with summer student wages.
- Deputy Warden MacAlpine declared a conflict of interest. Warden Thurber asked him to stay as the item was going to be referred to the budget process.

MOVED and seconded that the funding request from Trinity Anglican Church be referred to the budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

#6 Wharf Rat Rally –
Funding Request
\$5,000

- The CAO recommended that the funding request from the Wharf Rat Rally be referred to the budget process.
- There was a short discussion regarding the time sensitivity of this request.

MOVED and seconded that the funding request from the Wharf Rat Rally be referred to the budget meeting scheduled for April 3, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

Administration

Request for
decision/direction

NIL

CAO Report

Rural Post Offices

- The CAO report for April 26, 2010 was included in the meeting package.
- The CAO wanted to note that the UNSM President has written a letter to Canada Post expressing municipal concerns over the Rural Mailbox Delivery Review Program. She noted that there has been no response to the two letters from Council. It was agreed by Council that Canada Post be contacted to invite them to make a presentation to Council when they are in this area.

Funding to Expand
Smith's Cove Sewer
Connections

- The CAO is unaware of any funds available through the Build Canada fund or any other cost-sharing funds that could be accessed to extend sewer connections in Smith's Cove. The CAO will follow up with the Municipal Advisor for the Province to see if there are any funding opportunities.

Municipal Office
Renovations

- The advertisement for the tender for the building renovations will be placed in the Chronicle Herald either this Saturday or the following Saturday. The date for moving out is still scheduled for May 28, 2010.

Payables

MOVED and seconded that the payables in the amount of \$658,161.71 for the month of March 2010 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report

- The financial report for March 31, 2010 was not available.

Council Committees

Committee of the
Whole

Tax Exemption By-
law – First Reading of
amendment to add
Nova Scotia Bird
Sanctuary & Trust
property

MOVED and seconded that first reading be held for the amendment to the Tax Exemption By-law adding Nova Scotia Bird Sanctuary & Trust property (Peter's Island)

**MOTION CARRIED
1 OPPOSED – Councillor Amero**

Bylaw & Policy
Review

N/A

Advisory Committees

- #1 REMO Management Planning Committee
 - The REMO Management Planning Committee has not met since the last Council meeting. There is a meeting planned for May 4, 2010 for coordinators.
- #2 Heritage Advisory Committee
 - There has been no Heritage Advisory Committee meeting since the last Council meeting; however, there is a meeting scheduled for this week.
- #3 Planning Advisory Committee
 - The third spot for citizen representative has just been filled.
- #4 Police Advisory Committee
 - The Police Advisory Committee minutes for January 12, 2010 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting on April 20, 2010. All three citizen representatives' terms are up in July. The CAO wants to advertise in June. Wendell Gregory, who is currently a citizen representative, has resigned from the committee.
 - The CAO is going to follow up with the RCMP Staff Sergeant regarding the Share the Road Program.
- #5 Tri County Housing Authority
 - The Tri County Housing Authority was last reported on in October 2009. There is a report due; the CAO has requested one for the last two meetings.

Regional / Joint Committees

- #1 Airport Working Group
 - There is an Airport Working Group meeting scheduled for May 5, 2010.
- #2 Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency
 - The ADEDA meeting minutes for March 2010 as well as the Managing Director report were included in the meeting package. There have been two meetings since the last Council meeting. Mr. Gushue reported on the outcome of the meetings in his earlier presentation.
 - There were representatives from the YMCA at the last meeting who are looking into the possibility of taking over Lifeplex. There has not been a decision made on this at this time.
 - Kathleen Shea's last day working for ADEDA was on April 23, 2010. She was a great asset to the organization and it is hoped that they can find someone who can fill her shoes.
- #3 Digby Annapolis Development Corp
 - The April DADC meeting has been postponed until May. It is hoped to schedule a meeting before FCM.
- #4 Digby Area Learning Association
 - DALA had a special meeting on April 14, 2010. Their regular meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2010.
- #5 Digby Area Tourism Association
 - No report.
- #6 Digby Area Recreation Committee
 - DARC didn't have a regular April meeting. They held the annual volunteer recognition awards. The event was well attended and was a successful ceremony.

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine would like Councillor Amero to raise his concern with the capital expenditures in relation to the Curling Club at the next DARC meeting.
- #7 Digby Harbour Port Association
- No report.
- #8 Fundyweb Broadband
- The Fundyweb Broadband meeting minutes from March 12, 2010 were included in the meeting package. The last meeting was held on April 15, 2010. The main discussions were the sale of fibre to Eastlink and also a review whether municipal representation on the board should be phased out. The CAO's were asked to review this option. It is the feeling of the Board that the intent to provide a service has been met. They are holding regular meetings in an attempt to move forward.
- #9 Industrial Commission
- The Industrial Commission meeting for April has been postponed. There has been no date set.
- #10 Kings Transit Authority
- The Kings Transit Authority April board package was included in the meeting package. Councillor Amero was unable to attend the last board meeting. The Warden and CAO had a meeting with representatives from Kings Transit at which time they discussed their desire to use the transit funds to build a garage in the Valley. The Warden and CAO asked Kings Transit to present them with a business plan so that they would be able to see the savings that would take place by building the garage. Also discussed that this meeting was the desire to change the structure of the board to allow the non-voting partners to become voting partners on the board.
- #11 Senior Safety Committee
- There is a Senior Safety Committee meeting scheduled for May. There is a special senior's day planned for May, 2010 at the Digby Elementary School.
- #12 Tideview Terrace
- There wasn't a regular Tideview Terrace meeting this month as there was a retreat. Councillor Adams was unable to attend due to sickness. New mission statements and visions were established at the retreat. It was a good retreat and will help everyone to work together better.
 - Everything is on schedule for the new site. The target move in date is still scheduled for middle June 2011.
 - Councillor Adams and Councillor Gregory were both able to attend the volunteer tea.
- #13 Waste Check
- There was no Waste Check meeting in April. They did have a strategic planning session on April 8, 2010. There was good representation from our Municipality. This will help with the goals of waste diversion.
 - The winners have been announced for the 2009-2010 Nova Scotia Recycles Contest. There were three winners in the Municipality of Digby. In the grade 4-6 category, Lacey Lewis from Digby Elementary School placed first. The school also received a cheque for \$500. In the grade 2-3 category, Sawyer Burns from Islands Consolidated School

received Runner-Up and the school received a cheque for \$250. In the P-1 category, Ms. Theresa Nickerson's class from Barton Consolidated School received Runner-Up and the school received a cheque for \$250.

- It was mentioned that there will soon be a new garbage truck that can haul two streams. It will be hauled that way. There will be advertising done to help residents sort properly and as of June 1, 2010 people that do not comply will have their bags stickered.

#14 Western Counties
Regional Library

- Western Counties Regional Library hasn't met since the last Council meeting.
- There is an adopt-a-book program going on and Deputy Warden MacAlpine encouraged everyone to go to a local library and adopt a book.

Council Reports

Warden Thurber

- Warden Thurber 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.

Councillor Gregory

- Absent.

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 she has attended during the past month.

Comments from the
gallery

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

Recess

MOVED and seconded that Council take a five minute recess before proceeding in camera.

MOTION CARRIED

In Camera

MOVED and seconded that Council move in camera.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed.

Adjournment

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

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN

CLERK