

Call to Order The Public Hearing was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:01 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

Public Hearing –
Airport Municipal
Planning Strategy and
Land Use By-law

Warden Thurber opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Airport Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. Warden Thurber advised that there were no written submissions received and asked if there were any verbal submissions. There were no verbal submissions.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that the Airport Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law be put forward to Council for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 6:04 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:04 p.m. Warden Thurber noted that Councillor Gregory sent her regrets.

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

The CAO added a contractual issue to In Camera. Warden Thurber also wanted to advise Council of an announcement he received from Province House concerning an upcoming rally.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations

Dawn Thomas – Falls Prevention

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that Ms. Dawn Thomas come before Council to make a presentation on preventing falls.

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Thomas gave a presentation to Council outlining the objectives of the Digby and Area Falls Prevention Coalition. In Canada, falls cause 65% of all injuries to seniors. Falls can have serious consequences for seniors: loss of mobility, loss of independence, and loss of life! The coalition is working to make awareness of fall prevention in the community. The coalition is going to be going to businesses to make them aware of the seriousness of fall prevention. They will be giving them a checklist of ways to improve their area to prevent falls. Ms. Thomas mentioned that maybe Council would be interested in completing a checklist for the Municipal Office. Ms. Thomas also gave a brief update on how the Senior Safety program is going and outlined some of the recent projects and accomplishments. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Warden Thurber advised Ms. Thomas that the checklist would be completed for the Municipal Building.

CruiseFundy.com

The CAO advised that confirmation was not received for the presentation for CruiseFundy.com.

Minutes

March 23, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Amero that the minutes of March 23, 2009 be approved as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

Special Council – April 20, 2009

Council did not receive a copy of the minutes for April 20, 2009; therefore they will be approved at the May Council meeting.

Old Business

#1 Airport MPS/LUB – Second and Final Reading

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that Council have second and final reading of the Airport Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Regional Emergency Management By-law (REMO)

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council have second and final reading of the Regional Emergency Management By-law.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Thurber

No Old Business.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine Deputy Warden MacAlpine asked if the Conway sidewalk would be tendered in the Spring. The CAO advised that it is in the Capital budget plan. It was submitted to the Build Canada Fund.

Councillor Gregory Absent.

Councillor Amero No Old Business.

Councillor Adams No Old Business.

New Business

#1 Digby Regional High School – Request for Funding The CAO advised that there are still funds available in the Youth Grants Policy budget.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a grant of \$500 be given from the Youth Grants budget to the students at Digby Regional High School.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Western Counties Regional Library – Conference Refreshment Break – Request for Donation **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that a grant of \$50 be given to Western Counties Regional Library Conference for a refreshment break.**

Councillor Amero inquired whether all funding requests should normally be referred to the budget process. The CAO advised that since it is a small request, and because it falls under the marketing budget, it can be approved. The CAO also noted that the Municipality should be getting recognition for sponsoring the refreshment break.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Daniel Mills – Request for Reply to Letter Warden Thurber advised that a letter had been received from Mr. Mills inquiring why Council's position had changed regarding the proposed White's Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project and the Wind Turbine project. Warden Thurber advised that nothing has changed, as the two projects are different. Council's position was different on those two projects.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be drafted by Warden Thurber outlining Council's position on the two separate issues which will be brought back to the COTW meeting.

Warden Thurber stated that the letter would be circulated to Council prior to it being released.

MOTION CARRIED

Province House - Rally Warden Thurber asked Council if they received an invitation from Province House for a rally on Thursday. The email was received by all of the Council members.

Administration

Request for
decision/direction

Resolution – Building
Canada Fund
Application

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that the Municipality of the District of Digby agrees with the terms and conditions of the Canada-Nova Scotia Building Canada Fund program, that the Municipality will conduct an open tendering process, manage the construction of the extension of sanitary sewer in Weymouth and in Smiths Cove, installation of SCADA system, and upgrades to the Conway Sidewalk, fund the municipal share of the construction costs, fund ongoing operation and maintenance, and follow any mitigation measures as required by the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Warden Thurber pointed out that this does not mean that all the projects will be carried out in this year.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution – ecoNova
Scotia Municipal
Program Application

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the Municipality of the District of Digby agrees with the terms and conditions of the ecoNova Scotia for Clean Air and Climate Change, Corporate Action program, that the Municipality will conduct an open tendering process, manage the construction of the energy efficiency renovations for the Municipal Administrative office, fund the municipal share of the construction costs, fund ongoing operation and maintenance, and follow any mitigation measures as required.

MOTION CARRIED

CAO Report

The CAO report for the month of April 2009 was included in the meeting package.

By-law & Policy
Meeting Change

It was mentioned that the By-law and Policy meeting would be held on May 19th at 6 pm as opposed to May 18th, as it is a holiday.

Meeting – Minister
Casey

Deputy Warden MacAlpine mentioned that he noticed that a meeting had been held with Minister Casey. Warden Thurber was asked to give an update of the meeting. Warden Thurber advised that the long term health care needs document was completed and discussed, as well as the possibility of a future health clinic for the area. Over all Warden Thurber felt it was a productive meeting.

Maud Lewis Site

Warden Thurber, Councillor Adams and Linda Fraser had a meeting with the CEO from the Art Gallery discussing what could be done with the Maud Lewis site to make it something the community would be proud of. Councillor Adams noted that they would like to promote Nova Scotia with Maud Lewis like Prince Edward Island does with Anne of Green Gables.

Weymouth Library
Project

Deputy Warden MacAlpine requested an update on the status of the Weymouth Library project. The CAO advised that the engineers are working with the building committee for a floor plan. There is a community meeting scheduled for April 28, 2009 at the Weymouth Legion at 7 pm. The proposed start date has not been determined, however the CAO thinks it should be ready for tender within the next couple of months.

Payables

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that the payables in the amount of \$539,850.23 for the month of March 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report

The March month end is not completed; therefore a financial report is not available.

Correspondence

Canada Border
Services Agency

Deputy Warden MacAlpine mentioned that he was very disappointed with the response from the Canada Border Services Agency.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be written to the Canada Border Services Agency, attention Andrew LeFrank, requesting that they come before Council for a presentation in regards to the Digby Municipal Airport and Digby harbor.

MOTION CARRIED

SNSMR – NS Transit
– Rural Incentive
Program

Council mentioned that they were glad to see that the Municipality received funding for the bus service from the Province. Council has to decide how to use the funds. It was mentioned that there will be more funding next year. Councillor Amero advised that Kings Transit is planning to write a letter in response to this, as there is some concern with some Municipal units receiving funding that do not intend to use it for the bus service. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that it would be good to get Kings Transit to request a letter of support from Municipal Council regarding this concern.

Council Committees

Committee of the
Whole

Appointments to ICSP
Steering Committee

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Amero that the following people be appointed to the ICSP Steering Committee; Andy Moir, Jim Outhouse, Donna Tidd, Harold Alexander, Robert Benson and Bob Langeland.

MOTION CARRIED

Bylaw & Policy
Review

Approval of Dillon
Consulting Ltd.
Proposal for the
preparation of the
ICSP

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council approve the proposal from Dillon Consulting Ltd. for the preparation of the ICSP at a cost of \$34,580 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

Advisory Committees

#1 EMO
Management Planning
Committee

The EMO Management Planning Committee meeting got postponed due to a conflict.

#2 Heritage Advisory
Committee

The Heritage Advisory Committee met on April 16, 2009 and is looking for a letter of support for the continuation of the Historic Places Initiative Program.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter of support for the continuation of the Historic Places Initiative Program be written for the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

It was also mentioned that the committee has come up with a list of projects which will be brought to Council, organized according to importance.

#3 Planning Advisory
Committee

The Planning Advisory Committee minutes for March 8, 2009 were included in the Council package. The committee has not met since the last Council meeting, but have a meeting scheduled for April 30, 2009.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that the first reading be held for the amendment to the Conway Land Use Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Police Advisory
Committee

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

#5 Tri County
Housing Authority

There is no report. The reports are quarterly.

**Regional / Joint
Committees**

#1 Airport working
group

There has been no meeting since the last report. There is a meeting scheduled for May 7, 2009. At that time, the group will look at how to go forward, now that the committee is done with the Land Use By-law. They will be looking at other issues such as the runway.

- #2 Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency The minutes from February and March 2009 were included in the meeting package along with the managing director's report for March and April 2009. Warden Thurber gave an update on what has been happening with ADEDA. They currently have a full team and a student managing a database. Test drive the community in Calgary has been postponed. This event is scheduled to take place during the first week of May. The Bio mass project is going forward and the workers are organized.
- #3 Digby Annapolis Development Corp There has been no meeting since the last report. There was a meeting scheduled in which there was not enough business to conduct; therefore they postponed the meeting until May. Warden Thurber reported that the Call Centre lease has been signed again for another two years. The Call Centre has just celebrated their 5th year anniversary. This is one of the better Convergys sites that there are. They currently employ approximately five hundred employees, and could potentially employ another five hundred if they were available.
- #4 Digby Area Tourism Association Councillor Gregory was absent, therefore; there was no report for the Digby Area Tourism Association.
- #5 Digby Area Recreation Committee The minutes for March 2009, as well as the Recreation Manager Report for April were included in the meeting package. Councillor Amero wanted to point out that DARC had their annual volunteer recognition dinner. The attendance was down a bit this year, but was overall well done. DARC will be hosting 2011 Canadian Senior Curling Championships, which will be a good way to get awareness in the area.
- #6 Digby Harbour Port Association Councillor Gregory was absent; however, it was mentioned that there is a Digby Harbour Port Association meeting taking place on May 5, 2009 at the Fire Hall and will be advertised in the local paper.
- #7 Fundyweb Broadband There has been no meeting since the last report. Deputy Warden MacAlpine reported that Fundyweb Broadband pretty much runs itself. He also reported that there will most likely be a meeting in the near future as the chair wants to step down.
- #8 Industrial Commission The last Industrial Commission meeting was held on April 21, 2009. Dan Harvey from the Regional Development Agency attended and helped with a strategic plan for the Industrial Commission. They looked at action plan items for future development for the park. They have identified that land needs to be available and cleared for lots. Better signage also needs to be obtained.
- #9 Kings Transit Authority The minutes from March 2009 as well as the General Manager's Report for April were included in the meeting package.
- #10 Senior Safety Committee The minutes from February 2009, as well as the Coordinator Report for April were included in the meeting package. Councillor Adams reported that the Senior Safety Committee has been approved for a grant in the fall for safety and wellness.

- #11 Tideview Terrace Warden Thurber advised that he was unable to attend the last Tideview Terrace meeting. Councillor Adams reported that there have been several meetings lately, mostly concentrating on the interior design and the heating of the new building.
- #12 Waste Check The minutes from March 2009 as well as the General Manager's Report from April 2009 were included in the meeting package. Deputy Warden MacAlpine reported that there was a Waste Check meeting held on April 6, 2009. They reviewed the draft budget for the upcoming year. A letter has been sent to the Minister of Environment requesting that all Government departments be better stewards. The Province should be leading by example when it comes to source separating. The By-law enforcement officer has been active. There is a big area for him to cover. He is going through the bags that have been illegally dumped and is getting a hold of the people.
- #13 Western Counties Regional Library There has been no Western Counties Regional Library meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for June. They are waiting for the Provincial budget to be approved before they bring their budget forward.

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 had nothing further to report.
- Councillor Gregory** N/A
- 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 for a question and answer session. Ms. Peach asked Council to provide names of the boards the new ICSP members are from and noted that she was disappointed that there wasn't a better selection of representation of different sectors on the new ICSP committee.
- Mrs. Peach asked Council how the meetings for the new ICSP committee will be advertised.
- Mr. Mills noted the lack of diversity in the newly formed committee.

Mrs. Peach advised that she was concerned with Council's short comments with the letter submitted by Mr. Mills and asked Council for further clarification on their views regarding the White's Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project and the Wind Turbine project.

Recess

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that there be a five minute recess before going in camera.

MOTION CARRIED

In Camera

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council go in camera to discuss a contractual issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed.

Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

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CLERK