

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:03 p.m.

**Attendance**

Councillors present:

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

Staff present:

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

**Prayer**

Warden Thurber asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

**Agenda**

The CAO added By-law & Policy - Second reading for the Development Control and Planning Application Fees By-law under Council Committees and also added the formal approval of the Council Priorities for 2009-2012 as New Business #6.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Presentations**

Brenda Burgess,  
Board Member  
Canadian Cancer  
Society, NS Division

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Ms. Brenda Burgess, from Canadian Cancer Society, NS Division come before Council to make a presentation.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ms. Burgess advised that Mr. Timothy Alison was not feeling well, so he was unable to make it.

Ms. Burgess is the only staff member for the Nova Scotia division, but she is supported by many volunteers. The mission of the Canadian Cancer Society is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of people living with cancer. Their vision is working together to overcome cancer and create healthier lives for all Nova Scotians. The Canadian Cancer Society takes care of all patients with all types of cancer. When the Canadian Cancer Society began in 1938 only one in four people who had cancer survived, now the numbers are up to sixty percent. The Canadian Cancer Society does the best research with the least amount of money. Ms. Burgess wanted to make Council aware of what makes their organization different from the rest of the cancer organizations. Ms. Burgess would like Council to continue to show their support for the relay for life. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Warden Thurber thanked her for the presentation.

## Minutes

January 26, 2009

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Adams that the minutes of January 26, 2009 be approved as distributed.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Old Business

Dangerous &  
Unightly Property –  
Jordantown

The CAO advised that the owner brought the building down in Jordantown.

Warden Thurber

No Old Business.

Deputy Warden  
MacAlpine

No Old Business.

Councillor Gregory

No Old Business.

Councillor Amero

No Old Business.

Councillor Adams

No Old Business.

## New Business

#1 Destination  
Southwest Nova  
Association  
(DSWNA) –  
2009/2010 Funding

**MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the 2009/2010 funding request from Destination Southwest Nova Association be referred to the budget process.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#2 FCM – Lights Out  
Across Canada For  
Earth Hour March 28,  
2009

There was a discussion on whether Council would like to support the FCM – Lights Out Across Canada For Earth Hour on March 28, 2009. It was mentioned that one light would have to be left on in the dispatch area at the Airport.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that Council support Lights Out Across Canada for Earth Hour on March 28, 2009 which will affect Municipal property.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was suggested that Administration talk to a reporter from the local paper and see if they would to do a story to promote this initiative. It was also suggested that it be promoted on the Municipal website, that letters be sent to the Boards of Trades, as well as advising surrounding Municipalities, and also posters be posted in high traffic areas.

#3 Bay of Fundy  
Tourism – Friends of  
Fundy Membership -  
\$100 per year

There was a short discussion regarding whether Council would like the Municipality to partner with the Bay of Fundy Tourism. Councillor Amero mentioned that if the Municipality became a member, a link to the Municipality's website will be added to

their website. Councillor Gregory also mentioned that if the Municipality decided to become a member, she would like to see them talk with Digby Area Tourism Association.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council make \$100 donation to be a member of Bay of Fundy tourism for 2009.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#4 Construction  
Agreement Resolution  
Department of  
Transportation &  
Infrastructure Renewal

Cost Shared Agreement for the paving of Subdivision Streets,  
three year agreement

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Adams that Council sign the three year cost shared agreement for the paving of subdivision streets.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#5 – Council priorities  
– results from retreat

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council adopt the priorities for 2009-2012.**

It was mentioned that once the document was passed there will be updates provided at the COTW meetings.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Gregory

Tourism Showcase

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter be sent to Wanda Vantassel for her efforts in chairing the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tourism Showcase, thanking her for a job well done.**

There were over 400 in attendance, with lots of booths, and entertainment. It was mentioned that Carolyn Smith did a fantastic job, as well as Rob Hersey.

**MOTION CARRIED**

ICSP Steering  
Committee – Citizen  
Representation

Councillor Gregory asked Council if they would not only consider members from community organizations, but consider individuals that are also interested in sitting on the ICSP Steering Committee. The CAO advised that if someone was interested in sitting on the committee that they would be added to the list. She also advised that in the terms of reference it indicated that the first step to forming the ICSP Steering Committee was to try to obtain members from community organizations, followed by advertising if need be.

Agenda Changes

Councillor Gregory asked Council to consider reading the mission statement at the start of meetings, (Council, COTW and Policy & Bylaw) before the moment of silence. There was a discussion regarding whether it is necessary and whether Council would want to be doing this. Council felt that if they were to do it, it would only happen at the Council meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that the mission statement be read before the moment of silence at the beginning of Council meetings.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
1 OPPOSED**

Councillor Gregory suggested that Council members take turn reading the mission statement. She also would like to see the mission statement posted in the hall.

Councillor Gregory asked if the correspondence could be listed on the agenda so that if someone wanted a copy they could get it.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that correspondence be listed on the agenda for anything that has been incoming at COTW or Council.**

It was mentioned that these items would be for information only and not to be discussed at the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Gregory requested that the public be permitted to ask questions after individuals, or organizations made a presentation to Council. Councillor Amero stated that he was against this, as the presentations are being made to Council, not the public. Deputy Warden MacAlpine suggested that if the public would like to talk to the individual on their own time regarding the presentation, they could do so. This could slow the meeting down quite considerably. Deputy Warden MacAlpine also stated that Council is here to represent the community they serve.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory that the public be allowed to ask questions after a presentation from a business, organization, or an industry making a presentation.**

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Councillor Gregory wanted Council's thoughts regarding the public being permitted to ask questions after each agenda item. Council expressed their concerns with doing this, and it was agreed that Council did not want to allow this to happen.

Mothers for  
Playgrounds – Letter  
of Support

Councillor Gregory advised that a letter of support is needed for the Mothers for Playgrounds so that they can apply for Provincial funding through recreation.

**MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Gregory that a letter be written supporting the initiative for the mothers for playground project.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Administration

Request for  
decision/direction

Minimum Bid – Tax  
Sale Property AAN#  
05624509

**MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Gregory that Council set a minimum bid of \$700 for property 05624509 that would take effect only if the property didn't sell at the price listed which includes taxes, interest and costs.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## CAO Report

Warden Thurber noted that a letter was just received today from Nova Scotia Power regarding rates. It will be included in the next package.

It was mentioned that a meeting should be held next month to discuss the Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

The Minister of Health should be contacted to pinpoint a date for a meeting.

## Payables

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the payables in the amount of \$598,916.19 for the month of January 2009 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Financial Report

The Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2009 was attached to the meeting package.

## Council Committees

Committee of the  
Whole

Approval of RFP for  
Consultants and Terms  
of Reference for ICSP  
Steering Committee

**MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the RFP for Consultants and Terms of Reference for ICSP Steering Committee be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Bylaw & Policy  
Review

Amendment to Code  
of Conduct Policy #  
1019

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the amendment to the Code of Conduct Policy #1019 (Removal of public servant) be approved.**

Councillor Amero noted that he is against this amendment as he feels that members of committees are public servants.

**MOTION CARRIED  
1 OPPOSED**

Second reading –  
Development Control  
and Planning  
Application Fees By-  
law

**MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero to approve second reading for Development Control and Planning Application Fees By-law.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Advisory Committees**

#1 EMO  
Management Planning  
Committee

The last EMO Management Planning Committee meeting was the same night as the Airport open house. The minutes came out on Friday. There was a presentation by Nova Scotia Power Association. The Deputy CAO will forward them to everyone.

#2 Heritage Advisory  
Committee

Frank Marshall –  
Citizen Representative

**MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that Frank Marshall be appointed as a citizen representative to the Heritage Advisory Committee.**

This is the third citizen representative; they are still in need of one more. The Heritage Advisory Committee has not met recently. As soon as the new members are in place there will be a meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#3 Planning Advisory  
Committee

There is a meeting scheduled for March 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm. There were three public meetings held the week before last. Comments on the draft were accepted up to last Friday.

#4 Police Advisory  
Committee

There is a meeting scheduled for March 3, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Councillor Gregory wanted to set the record straight, that the rumor that the staff sergeant is leaving is a false rumor.

#5 Tri County  
Housing Authority

There is no report.

### **Regional / Joint Committees**

#1 Airport working  
group

There was a Public Open house regarding land zoning on February 18, 2009, followed by a meeting. The Airport working group will submit a recommendation to Council for adoption.

#2 Annapolis Digby  
Economic  
Development Agency

There is a meeting schedule for February 26, 2009.

#3 Digby Annapolis  
Development Corp

There is a meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009.

#4 Digby Area  
Tourism Association

The minutes from the last meeting are not available yet. The meeting was tied up with the showcase and concern over having enough money to keep a staff member, and what will happen if

they can't. The minutes will be circulated as soon as they are received.

- #5 Digby Area Recreation Committee The minutes from November 2008, as well as the Recreation Manager Report for December 2008, were included in the meeting package. Councillor Gregory updated Council with the latest events of DARC, and advised Council that she is very pleased with how things are going.
- #6 Fundyweb Broadband There has been no meeting since the last report.
- #7 Industrial Commission There was a meeting held on February 18, 2009. The lands in the park were discussed at the last meeting. There is only one parcel available for development without expanding the road and sewer. There will be a planning session for the industrial park.
- #8 Kings Transit Authority The minutes from January 2009 as well as the Coordinator Report for February 2009 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting held on February 17, 2009 in Kentville. There wasn't a quorum. The meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month, which Councillor Amero will be able to do.
- #9 Senior Safety Committee The minutes from November 2008, as well as the Coordinator Report from January 2009 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting last week. The draft bylaws are ready to send on. Councillor Amero noted that there is a new committee member from the Municipality, Muriel Goguen.
- #10 Tideview Terrace The minutes from September 2008 were included in the meeting package. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2009. Things are going along fairly well as far as the new Tideview is concerned. The beginning of construction is scheduled for July.
- #11 Waste Check The minutes from January 2009 as well as the General Manager's Report from February 2009 were included in the meeting package. There is an awards event on April 6, 2009 for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycles Contest. The winners for Digby Municipality are: Grade Primary - 1, Miss Teresa Nickerson's class, Barton Consolidated, Grades 2-3, Runners-Up, Hannah Moore, Digby Elementary and Asia Lombard, Weymouth Consolidated, Grades 4-6, Runner Up Gillian Stanton, Digby Neck Consolidated School, Grades 7-9, Runner-Up Faith Turner-Anderson, Digby Regional High, Grades 10-11, Runner-Up Melena Spinney, St. Mary's Bay Academy, and Grade 12 winner, Courtney Welch, Islands Consolidated, and Runner-Up Julia Martin, St. Mary's Bay Academy. There was good representation from all the schools. Certificates will be given to these winners at the awards ceremony. There are ten no dumping signs to go up when the weather is fit. The enforcement officer is doing well and is getting around the whole region. Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update of what Waste Check currently doing.
- #12 Western Counties Regional Library The minutes from October 2, 2008 were included in the meeting package. Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update from the

last meeting. Concerns were raised regarding funding.

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

**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.

**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 Councillor Gregory that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**CLERK**