

**Call to Order** The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:04 p.m.

**Attendance**

Councillors present:

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

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

- Linda Gregory, Councillor
- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer

**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 Deputy CAO added Approval of Minimum Bid for the 2010 Tax Sale as New Business #2. Councillor Gregory requested prior to the meeting that a Letter of Support for the Digby Wharf be added as New Business #3. The Deputy CAO also added a Personnel issue to In Camera.

**MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Presentations**

Emera – Dan Muldoon  
& Kevin Cameron Re:  
Digby Wind Project

**MOVED and seconded that Mr. Dan Muldoon and Mr. Kevin Cameron come before Council to make a presentation on the Digby Wind Project.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Mr. Muldoon thanked Council for being a leader in developing a bylaw that would address the issues associated with wind farm development. He also thanked the members of the community for the positive input they have put forth. Mr. Muldoon came before Council to provide them with an overview of the Digby Wind Project. The project is now one hundred percent owned by Emera. Mr. Muldoon noted who was involved in the project team and what their positions are. He went on to briefly outline the steps that have been taken to date for the Digby Wind Project and outlined the changes that have been made. As well, he made Council aware of the upcoming plans for the project along with the timeline. Mr. Muldoon wanted to note that the power generated from this project would be kept within the Province of Nova Scotia. There was a question and answer session following the presentation. Mr. Muldoon assured Council that they will make every effort to minimize disruption to the community during the tourist

season when transporting the wind turbines. They have been working in cooperation with the Department of Transportation to determine whether any of the roads or bridges along the transportation route will need upgrades prior to the transport. Warden Thurber thanked them for their presentation.

### Minutes

February 22, 2010 It was noted that there was a spelling error in the February 22 minutes on page 4. Build Canada Fund was misspelled in the first column. Also, it was pointed out that the punctuation of the motion on page five in regards to the tax exemption policy should be corrected so that it is easier to read.

**MOVED and seconded that the minutes from the Council of February 22, 2010 be approved as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Business Arising from Minutes** NIL

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 SW Music Festival – Funding Request **MOVED and seconded that the funding request from SW Music Festival be referred to budget deliberations.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#2 Tax Sale Minimum Bid **MOVED and seconded that Council accept a minimum bid of \$1,200 on AAN# 06286062 assessed to the Estate of Henry Thomas in the case that it did not sell at the amount originally stated which included taxes, interest and costs.**

It was mentioned that the property sold for an amount above \$1,200.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#3 Digby Harbour Port Association – Letter of support The Digby Harbour Port Association requires a letter of support from Council in order to request a meeting with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

**MOVE and seconded that a letter of support be written to the Digby Harbour Port Association in regards to having a meeting with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Administration**

Request for  
decision/direction

NIL

**CAO Report**

- The CAO report for March 22, 2010 was included in the meeting package.

**Payables**

**MOVED and seconded that the payables in the amount of \$370,789.69 for the month of February 2010 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Financial Report**

- The financial report for February 28, 2010 was included in the Council package.

**Council Committees**

Committee of the  
Whole

Costs – Dangerous &  
Unightly Properties  
Demolition

**MOVED and seconded that the Municipality of the District of Digby proceed with the demolition of the three properties deemed dangerous and unsightly on Long Island and that the costs associated with the demolitions be paid for by the Municipality and charged to the property owners as a lien on the property.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Bylaw & Policy  
Review

First Reading –  
Amendment to Dog  
By-law # 2006-02

**MOVED and seconded to accept first reading of the amendments to Dog By-law 2006-02.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Road  
Naming & Community  
Adjustment Policy

**MOVED and seconded for the approval of the Road Naming and Community Adjustment Policy.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Freeport Fire  
Department – Short  
Term Loan

**MOVED and seconded that the Municipality provide a short term loan in the amount of \$ 22,000 to the Freeport Fire Department.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Advisory Committees**

- #1 REMO Management Planning Committee
  - There was a REMO meeting last week at the Town Hall. Mr. Vern Fraser from the Province came and gave a presentation. Mr. Don LeBlanc had his first meeting. Warden Thurber provided an update regarding the work that is currently being done by Mr. LeBlanc. It was noted that the Province has reported that the EMO group has exceeded expectations on their work for emergency preparedness.
- #2 Heritage Advisory Committee
  - The Heritage Advisory Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.
- #3 Planning Advisory Committee
  - There has been no PAC meeting since the last Council meeting. There is still one vacancy remaining for citizen representative.
- #4 Police Advisory Committee
  - The Police Advisory Committee has a meeting scheduled for April.
- #5 Tri County Housing Authority
  - The Tri County Housing Authority was last reported on in October 2009.

### **Regional / Joint Committees**

- #1 Airport Working Group
  - There has been no Airport Working Group meeting since the last Council meeting. It is hoped to have a meeting before the first of June. The Deputy CAO provided a brief update of what is happening with some of the projects.
- #2 Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency
  - The ADEDA meeting minutes for January 2010 as well as the Managing Director report were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting on February 25, 2010. They reviewed the business plan for 2010/2011.
- #3 Digby Annapolis Development Corp
  - The next DADC meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2010.
- #4 Digby Area Learning Association
  - The DALA meeting minutes for February 2010 as well as the Executive Director Report were included in the Council package. The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2010. There are lots of programs going on. Funding has been received to expand the Learning Grove Childcare Centre.
- #5 Digby Area Tourism Association
  - The DATA meeting minutes for February 2010 were included in the meeting package.
- #6 Digby Area Recreation Committee
  - The minutes for February 2010 as well as the manager's report were included in the meeting package. The Volunteer awards are scheduled for April 21, 2010 at the Digby Curling Centre at 6 pm.
- #7 Digby Harbour Port Association
  - The Digby Harbour Port Association meeting minutes for January 2010 were included in the meeting package.

- #8 Fundyweb Broadband
  - The Fundyweb Broadband meeting minutes from June 2009 were included in the meeting package. There is a meeting scheduled for April and May 2010. The last meeting was on March 12, 2010. There were a lot of topics discussed at this meeting including the future of this committee, the possibility of selling Eastlink more strands of fibre, and selling NS Community College the remaining strands of fibre. Deputy Warden MacAlpine is now the chair of this committee and is working hard to try to come up with a plan.
  
- #9 Industrial Commission
  - The Industrial Commission meeting minutes for January 2010 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting in February and another meeting is scheduled for April. At the last meeting there was a presentation on district heating systems which would provide an opportunity to develop a green Industrial Park. Charlottetown has a bio-mass system in place.
  
- #10 Kings Transit Authority
  - The Kings Transit Authority meeting minutes for February 2010 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting scheduled for tonight.
  
- #11 Senior Safety Committee
  - The Senior Safety Committee minutes for January 2010 as well as the Coordinator's Report were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting on March 9, 2010. Seniors days have been successful with 114 in attendance at the last event. It was pointed out how great of a job Dawn Thomas has been doing as Senior Safety Coordinator and it was asked that Councillor Adams pass this along to her.
  - It was suggested that a follow up letter be sent regarding permanent funding for the Senior Safety Officer position if there has been no response by the next Council meeting.
  
- #12 Tideview Terrace
  - The Tideview Terrace meeting minutes for January 2010 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting on February 23, 2010. The construction of the new building is moving along on schedule. There is a real estate company trying to promote the existing building. It was mentioned that it is hoped that Council would be consulted before tearing down the existing building if it doesn't sell. Warden Thurber explained that the Province has agreed to demolish the building within one year of it being vacated.
  
- #13 Waste Check
  - The Waste Check board package for March 2010 was included in the meeting package. Deputy Warden MacAlpine was unable to attend the last meeting but reported to Council that they are still going forward with strategic planning. Deputy Warden MacAlpine provided a brief update on what has been going on within the last few months at Waste Check.
  
- #14 Western Counties Regional Library
  - The Western Counties Regional Library meeting minutes for November 2009 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting last week. There has been some concern about the direction the Government has taken regarding cap sites. The adopt a book program has been

implemented and it would be good if people would take the time to adopt a book. This can be done by logging on to their website or visiting a local library.

### **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**

**Adjournment** **MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**WARDEN**

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**CLERK**