

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance

Councillors present:

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

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

- Randall Amero, 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 Gregory added Upcoming Council and COTW dates as New Business #3. Deputy Warden MacAlpine added Green Municipal Funds as New Business #4, Provincial Coastal Strategy as New Business #5, and Coastal Strategy as New Business #6.**

MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

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Presentations

Tinna Bonner, Canada Post Communications Officer, Rural Mail Safety Review

MOVED and seconded that Ms. Tinna Bonner, Canada Post Communications Officer come before Council to make a presentation regarding the Rural Mail Safety Review.

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- Mr. Terry MacDonald, Coordinator for the Atlantic Provinces was also present for the presentation. Ms. Bonner outlined the review process to Council for rural mail delivery. Canada Post is first looking at areas of concern that have been reported by the drivers, and they are also doing a review of all mailboxes in Canada. Ms. Bonner outlined the review process and the guidelines that are in place, as well as the processes to providing community mailboxes or post office boxes. A review is hoped to take place within the Municipality of Digby for mid-July. Council will be updated with their findings. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Council asked about minimum distances for customers travelling to post offices or community boxes to pick up their mail. Canada Post is trying to find the most convenient location for people. Council expressed their concern with smaller post offices within the Municipality closing down. They assured Council that this program is

not looking to close down post offices and by relocating people's boxes to the local post offices might help to sustain them. Council asked the Canada Post representatives to take into consideration the ferry traffic when determining how much traffic there is in a particular area. Council also suggested that delivery be scheduled around rush times in the communities.

- Warden Thurber thanked them for their presentation and looks forward to working with them throughout the process.

Minutes

April 26, 2010

Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that in the April 26, 2010 minutes, the report for Waste Check should have read that there will soon be a new garbage truck that will be able to haul two streams of garbage.

MOVED and seconded that the minutes from the Council of April 26, 2010 be approved as amended.

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Business Arising from Minutes

NIL

Old Business

Warden Thurber

No Old Business.

Deputy Warden
MacAlpine

Conway Sidewalk

The CAO has not heard anything from the Department of Transportation regarding the installation of a bike lane in Conway. It was decided to wait to resurface the last section of sidewalk in Conway until a decision has been made.

Councillor Gregory

No Old Business.

Councillor Amero

Absent.

Councillor Adams

No Old Business.

New Business

#1 Department of
Energy

- Since Digby has been identified as having renewable energy such as; winds, tidal power, solar, and bio-mass, it was suggested that Council invite a representative from the Department of Energy to come before Council to make a presentation to see what this could mean for the Municipality of Digby.

MOVED and seconded that a letter be sent to the Minister of Energy requesting representation from the department to come and talk to Council about renewable energy opportunities in the Municipality of Digby.

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#2 2010 Mobius
Environmental Award

- Councillor Gregory and Deputy Warden MacAlpine are both planning to attend the 2010 Mobius Environmental Awards. There has been a local winner this year from Weymouth. Council decided that they would present a certificate of recognition to them at the Council meeting in Weymouth at the end of September. An article will also be placed in the August edition of the Coastline Newsletter which should also feature a photo from the presentation made in June.

MOVED and seconded that Council present a certificate of recognition to Sissiboo Investment Ltd. from Weymouth who is the recipient of the Small Business of the Year award from the 2010 Mobius Environmental Awards, as well, an article will be placed in the August edition of the Coastline Newsletter.

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#3 Meeting Dates

- The June Council meeting is scheduled for the same night as the DRHS graduation and also the Islands Consolidated School. Council has planned to pass the budget at that meeting; therefore, it was decided to change the June 28 meeting to June 29, 2010 at 6:30 pm.
- If the hall is available, these changes will be advertised in the upcoming issue of the Coastline.
- It was also discussed to have the Program Coordinator place signs around the community when Council meetings are going to be held in those areas.

MOVED and seconded that the June Council meeting be changed from June 28 at 6:00 to June 29 at 6:30 providing the Bear River Fire Hall can accommodate this request.

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- Warden Thurber and Councillor Gregory are unable to attend the meeting being held in Culloden. It was suggested to change the dates of the North Range and Culloden meetings so that Councillor Gregory can be present in her district.

MOVED and seconded that the August 23, 2010 Council meeting be held at the Baptist Church Hall in Culloden and that on September 13, 2010 the COTW meeting be held at North Range Community Hall.

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#4 Green Municipal
Funds

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine had the opportunity to attend a planning conference in Halifax. Green Municipal Funds has been increased up to \$10 million for borrowing and forgivable loans are available for up to \$1 million. Also, there is a simplified process to apply for these funds.
- There have also been changes in Nova Scotia which could provide the Municipality the opportunity to have their own

renewable energy source. This project could be funded through green municipal funds. It was suggested if this opportunity was taken advantage of, the Municipality could provide their own power and sell any excess power into the grid. The money made could help offset capital costs. It was suggested that this be researched over the next eight to twelve months after the building is done. Discussion ensued.

#5 Provincial Coastal Strategy

- The Province has set three meetings that will be held while Council are away for FCM; gas tax, draft water strategy, and coastal consultation with Municipalities. Council would like to be able to provide input for these meetings.

MOVED and seconded that a letter be written to the Department of Environment and Service Nova Scotia, carbon-copied to the MLA, expressing Council's concerns that they are having the above-mentioned meetings while Council and senior staff are away.

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#6 Coastal Strategy

Deputy Warden MacAlpine wanted to note that the UNSM Executive Board has reviewed the Coastal Strategy and have made comments to go back. The Province is going to set up a committee to coordinate coastal strategy and they will be looking for an elected official to sit on this committee. Council will discuss this after they return from FCM.

Administration

Request for decision/direction

NIL

CAO Report

- The CAO report for April 26, 2010 was included in the meeting package.

Maud Lewis Signage

- The CAO noted that she has contacted the executive director regarding the signage for the Maud Lewis site and he is going to get back to her with a date.

Weymouth Library

- The grand opening for the Weymouth Library is tentatively planned for the last week of July.

Municipal Office Relocation

- As of Friday the Municipal Office will be doing business at the Airport until fall.

Payables

MOVED and seconded that the payables in the amount of \$366,570.77 for the month of April 2010 be approved as presented.

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Financial Report

- The financial report will not be available until after the budget is approved.

Council Committees

Committee of the
Whole

Second and Final
Reading of
Amendment to Tax
Exemption By-law

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

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Bylaw & Policy
Review

Second and Final
Reading of
Amendments to Dog
By-law

MOVED and seconded that second and final reading be held for the amendments to the Dog By-law.

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Approval of Digby
Annapolis Regional
Airport Safety Policy

MOVED and seconded that the Digby Annapolis Regional Airport Safety Policy be approved.

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Approval of
Community Grants for
2010-2010

MOVED and seconded that the Community Grants for 2010-2011 be approved.

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Advisory Committees

#1 REMO
Management Planning
Committee

- There has been no REMO meeting since the last Council meeting.

#2 Heritage Advisory
Committee

- A date needs to be set for the launch of the digitization of the Digby Courier.

#3 Planning Advisory
Committee

- The orientation of new members is scheduled for May 27, 2010.

#4 Police Advisory
Committee

- There has been no Police Advisory Committee meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for July.

#5 Tri County
Housing Authority

- A report was just circulated today from Mr. Fitzgerald.

Regional / Joint Committees

#1 Airport Working
Group

- The Airport Working Group minutes for December 16, 2009 were included in the meeting package.
- There was an Airport Working Group meeting on May 5, 2010. Mr. Mark Phillips from the Annapolis Basin

Conference Centre, who was a partner submitting a bid for the air cadet school, was in attendance. There was a discussion on what could have been done differently to get the Air Cadet School to come to this area. Other topics discussed at this meeting is the recertification of the Airport which has happened; name change for the Airport and signage; potential fly-in; jet fuel; going forward with Custom Services and suggestions for a vision statement. There are good citizen representatives on this committee and they see the value of the Airport for the community.

- The Deputy CAO noted that the group is going to organize a fly-in breakfast. Peter Burnie is putting it together. It is scheduled for June 5, 2010 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Reduced fuel prices are being offered.

#2 Annapolis Digby
Economic
Development Agency

- There has been no ADEDA meeting since the last Council meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for May 27, 2010.
- The RDA is active on both the Team Southwest and Team West. Both organizations have had meetings and the Wharf Rat Rally has been a priority.
- There has been a draft report from the consultants released to the committee on the transportation study. The information from this report has not been released, but will be shortly.

#3 Digby Annapolis
Development Corp

- The DADC draft minutes for May 7, 2010 were included in the meeting package. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2010.

#4 Digby Area
Learning Association

- The DALA minutes from February 24 and April 28 were included in the meeting package. There is a meeting scheduled for May 26, 2010. They are currently in the process of running an advertisement for a new CEO. The graduation is scheduled for sometime in June.

#5 Digby Area
Tourism Association

- The Digby Area Tourism Association's Annual General Meeting was held on May 5, 2010. Some of the highlights of the past year include; the Roger Brooks report, which focused on how to improve visitor experience in the area; a new DATA website is being formed to showcase some of the things that are happening; and the levy on rooms has been dropped. The next meeting is scheduled for June.

#6 Digby Area
Recreation Committee

- DARC had their volunteer week which included an evening that honored volunteers in the community. John Soles was the Town of Digby representative and Terry Farnsworth was the Municipality of Digby representative. The pool will be opening sometime in June and the day camps will be running for seven weeks during the summer.
- There was a short discussion regarding repairs that need to be done to the Curling Club. It was mentioned that if possible, it would be best to do all the repairs at once to help cut down on costs.

#7 Digby Harbour
Port Association

- The Digby Harbour Port Association had a meeting recently. They are working with the RDA to have a port day. Mr. Kerr has helped to get funding for the wharf

which is great. The Association discussed concerns with docking fees and the need for a break water. Power, light, proper ladders and floating docks have been installed at the wharf which people are happy with.

- #8 Fundyweb Broadband
 - There has been no Fundyweb Broadband meeting since the last Council meeting.
- #9 Industrial Commission
 - There is an Industrial Commission meeting scheduled for June 8, 2010. The last meeting was cancelled.
- #10 Kings Transit Authority
 - The Kings Transit Authority minutes for April 21, 2010, as well as the General Manager's Report for May 2010, were included in the meeting package.
- #11 Senior Safety Committee
 - The Senior Safety Committee minutes from March 9, 2010, as well as the Coordinator's Report for May 2010, were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting on May 11. Seniors day is scheduled for June 17. Deputy Warden MacAlpine wanted to commend Dawn Thomas for the work she is doing not only in the Town and Municipality, but for promoting the senior safety program in other areas.
- #12 Tideview Terrace
 - The Tideview Terrace minutes from April 9, 2010 were included in the meeting package. There was a meeting today. Things are running on schedule for the new Tideview. The facility is currently full. There is a meeting planned to look at mission and vision statements for sometime in June. There was a retreat in early April. At this retreat it was felt that the Tideview board doesn't have to be completely municipal and town councillors. Councillor Adams will be on the committee to discuss the structure.
- #13 Waste Check
 - The Waste Check Annual General minutes for May 11, 2009, the Board minutes for March 8, 2010, the Staff reports for May 2010 as well as the Annual Board Report for 2009-2010 were all included in the meeting package. There was a meeting on May 10. The budget was passed at that meeting. The enforcement program was discussed at that meeting. Environment week is May 30 to Jun 6. June 5 is a day scheduled for people to go to the transfer station to see what happens to the garbage after it leaves your home.
- #14 Western Counties Regional Library
 - There was a Library Board meeting last week. Deputy Warden MacAlpine was unable to attend that meeting due to other meeting commitments. Things are going good at the Weymouth Library. There will be a meeting set up for June to discuss the Digby Library. Budgets and financial reports will be discussed.
 - It is not too late to adopt a book at your local library.
- #15 Southwest Biosphere
 - The Southwest Biosphere Reserve Committee has undergone a strategic planning session. Mr. Kerr has promised that funding will continue, but it has not come

through. There are enough funds to get them through until September or October. They need a new executive director, but are not going to hire one until funding has been secured.

Council Reports

- Warden Thurber**
- Warden Thurber gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings he has attended during the past month.
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- Councillor Gregory**
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 - Councillor Gregory would like an article placed in the next issue of the Coastline recognizing the beach sweeps that have taken place over the past few years, and the efforts that Wanda VanTassell has put in. There is another beach sweep scheduled for June.
- Councillor Amero**
- Absent.
- Councillor Adams**
- Councillor Adams gave an oral presentation to Council outlining the various meetings she has attended during the past month.
- Drilling – Georges Banks
- Council discussed the decision that has been made to ban drilling on Georges Banks for an additional three years. Council are pleased with the decision, but were concerned that the time period should have been longer.

MOVED and seconded that a letter be written to the Provincial Government congratulating them on the decision that has been made in regards to extending the ban on drilling on Georges Banks for an additional three years, but express that Council would have liked to see the term go for at least twenty years as Council are concerned for the environment and what could happen if drilling was resumed. This letter is to be carbon-copied to the MP and MLA.

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

Adjournment

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:38 PM.

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CLERK