

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
- Cora Lee Bremner, Executive Secretary

Regrets:

- Linda Gregory, Councillor
- Gordon Wilson, Deputy 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 CAO added DRHS Soccer Team request as New Business #7. Councillor Adams added FCM 2010 Sustainable Communities Conference as New Business #8.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations

NIL

Minutes

September 28, 2009

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the minutes from the Council of September 28, 2009 be approved as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

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 Maud Lewis Site –
Development of Plan
for Site

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter be sent to the Minister of Tourism Culture and Heritage regarding partnering with the Art Gallery of NS in developing a plan for the Maud Lewis site in Marshalltown.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden MacAlpine mentioned that Council had a good meeting with the Executive Director in the Yarmouth branch Art Gallery. There was a short discussion regarding this meeting as well as a discussion regarding the site signage which is currently being worked on.

#2 Town of Digby –
Source Water
Protection Advisory
Committee

Mr. Ossinger sent the terms of reference for the Town of Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee. It was indicated that for Municipal representation there should be one Councillor, someone from the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), elected or appointed and one citizen appointment, preferably from the Mount Pleasant area where the wells are located.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Councillor Gregory be appointed from Council to sit on the Town of Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee and also one member from the PAC be appointed, as well as an advertisement be placed for a citizen member to sit on that committee.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Evelyn Hayden –
Request to Support
County of Prince
Edward Resolution on
Wind Energy
(Supported by FCM)

Councillor Amero asked whether he was in a conflict of interest to discuss this item. The Warden indicated that he could make the call. Councillor Amero decided that he wasn't in a conflict of interest position.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that he is in favor of the study, but noted that a request from the FCM to the Municipality has not been received concerning this resolution. Warden Thurber stated that he had read that it will be circulated to municipalities from FCM. It was decided to wait to take action on this request until after the FCM has circulated the information. It was also decided to contact the FCM to see if there was something circulated that the Municipality has yet to receive.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that the request to support the County of Prince Edward's resolution on wind energy be tabled until Council receives information back from the FCM in regards to this resolution.

Councillor Adams stated that the Administration should inform Mrs. Hayden of Council's decision. Council agreed.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Neptunes Balance
– From Presentation
made to COTW

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter of support be written to Neptune’s Balance supporting their commercial venture.

Councillor Adams asked whether Neptune’s Balance has any data collected at this point. Councillor Amero noted that they had stated in their presentation that they have certification in Canada.

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#5 Applied Geomatics
Research Group –
Request for Funding
for Community
Mapping web and the
Creative Rural
Economy

The CAO has been in contact with Brenda Orchard who is the CAO of the Applied Geomatics Research Group. Ms. Orchard is going to get back to her with further information. The CAO stated that she does not have a good understanding of the benefits of this, therefore, cannot present an opinion at this time.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that the request for funding for community mapping from Applied Geomatics Research Group be tabled until Council receives further information.

There was a short discussion regarding the timeline which is short, however, the CAO stated that this is a big commitment which needs more time.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine pointed out that the need to do county mapping has already been discussed. The CAO noted that the mapping that needs to be done for the planning for infrastructure is different than what they are offering.

MOTION CARRIED

#6 Warden Thurber –
Islands Nurse
Practitioner

Warden Thurber wanted to update Council on the meeting he attended regarding the Island’s Nurse Practitioner that was held at the same time as the October COTW. Warden Thurber is requesting the support of Council to support the communities to have their Nurse Practitioner reinstated. The Nurse Practitioner on the Islands was at the end of her term and her position was terminated. The residents are not happy. The previous Nurse Practitioner worked five days a week and now there is only someone available for two to three. People feel their health is in danger from this move. They have been unable to find out the reason as to why her position has been terminated. Warden Thurber noted that the Nurse Practitioner had committed to stay in this area until she retired which could have been between fifteen and twenty years.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter of support be sent to the community in regards to the Nurse Practitioner dismissal. This letter is to be carbon copied to the Department of Health and Southwest District Health Authority.

Councillor Adams asked what the two representatives that sit on that board have said in respect to this situation. Warden Thurber reported that one of them stated that there must be a

good reason if they did it. The other representative he was unable to get a hold of.

MOTION CARRIED

#7 Digby Soccer

The DRHS Lady Mariners Senior Girls Soccer team has requested that Council donate items to put in welcome packages as well as \$100 to cover the cost of a hospitality room as they are planning to host Provincial Championships.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that Council provide Municipal pins as well as \$100 towards the DRHS Provincial Championships.

Councillor Adams asked if there were any pamphlets that could be included in the bag. The CAO will check with ADEDA to see if they have anything.

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Warden Thurber suggested that a certificate be sent to DRHS's Lady Mariners Senior Soccer Team for winning Regionals on October 24, 2009.

#8 FCM Sustainable
Communities
Conference

Councillor Adams advised Council that she has received correspondence regarding the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa in February. She is very interested in the workshops and believes it fits in well with the ICSP. She would be interested in going to represent the Municipality. Councillor Amero also felt it would be a good conference and Council should be represented there. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that only one Council member should attend due to the cost.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Councillor Adams represent the Municipality for the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa.

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Administration

Request for
decision/direction

CAO Report

The CAO report for October 26, 2009 was included in the meeting package.

UNSM Sustainability
Coordinator Debbie
Neilson Presentation –
Town of Digby

The CAO wanted to advise Council that the UNSM Sustainability Coordinator, Debbie Neilson is making a presentation to the Town of Digby on Monday, November 2, 2009 concerning sustainability. She suggested that the Bylaw and Policy meeting be held at 5:00 instead of 6:00 and Council attend the presentation at the Town following the meeting.

Starlink Aviation

Deputy Warden MacAlpine brought up the fact that a letter has

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yet to be received in response to Council's letter to Starlink Aviation. It was suggested to send a letter to the Airport Committee in Yarmouth letting them know that Council has expressed an interest in Starlink. A copy of the original letters should be sent as well. They should also be told that the last Charter in Yarmouth did the same thing and didn't get a response back.

Payables

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the payables in the amount of \$695,144.57 for the month of September 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report

The financial report for September 30, 2009 was included in the Council package as well as the audited financial statements for March 31, 2009.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams to accept the audited Financial Statements as received for March 31, 2009 as presented by Grant Thornton.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero to accept the Financial Report as received for September 30, 2009.

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East Bound Ramps at Exit 23A on Hwy 101 at the Mary Jane Riley Road

Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that he is pleased to see that the Province is doing the ramps by exit 23. He is in hopes that Council's letters over past three to four years paid off. Deputy Warden MacAlpine suggested that a letter be sent to Convergys' management to make them aware of this.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter of thanks be sent to the Minister of Transportation for the decision of installing east bound ramps at exit 23.

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UNSM Municipality Sustainability Coordinator – Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Home Owners

Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that he would like to see the information received from the UNSM Municipality Sustainability Coordinator regarding Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Home Owners be included in the next issue of the Coastline and also advertised on the Municipal Website.

Council Committees

Mini Soccer Field **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the Municipality of the District of Digby provide funding from the 2010-2011 operating budget in the amount of \$ 3,500 for the construction of a mini soccer field behind the Municipal Building. That the Municipality of the District of Digby be the signatory on funding applications to ACOA and NS Health Promotion and Protection and to provide any bridge funding as required by ACOA.**

MOTION CARRIED

Weymouth Library **MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that Delmar Construction Limited be awarded the unit price contract in the amount of \$ 414,102.63 for the Weymouth Library.**

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Smith's Cove STP
Outfall Repairs **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Steve's Excavating be awarded the unit price contract in the amount of \$ 15,198.50 for the Smith's Cove STP Outfall Repairs.**

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Regional Emergency
Management
Coordinator Position **MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that Don LeBlanc be hired for the position of Regional Emergency Management Coordinator.**

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Conway Sidewalk Warden Thurber asked whether the work for the sidewalk in Conway is completed for this year. The CAO advised that she is assuming that it is finished but will be checking with the engineers. There was a short discussion whether the half of the sidewalk that was planned to be done actually got completed.

Bylaw & Policy
Review NIL

Advisory Committees

#1 EMO
Management Planning
Committee Warden Thurber reported that there has not been an EMO Management Planning Committee meeting but there has been regular reports received weekly regarding H1N1.

#2 Heritage Advisory
Committee There was a Heritage Advisory Committee meeting on September 17, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2009.

#3 Planning Advisory
Committee The Planning Advisory Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

#4 Police Advisory
Committee The Police Advisory Committee minutes for July 21, 2009 were included in the meeting package. Councillor Amero stated that they had a meeting on October 6, 2009. The issue regarding

RCMP coverage in Weaver Settlement was discussed. Councillor Adams noted that the Province is doing new training for members for the Police Advisory committee.

#5 Tri County
Housing Authority

The Tri County Housing Authority report for May 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 was included in the meeting package.

**Regional / Joint
Committees**

#1 Airport Working
Group

Deputy Warden MacAlpine reported that the Airport Working Group has not met since the last Council meeting.

#2 Annapolis Digby
Economic
Development Agency

The ADEDA minutes for September 2009 were included in the meeting package along with the Managing Director Report for October 2009. There was a meeting on October 22, 2009. The meeting mostly focused on a five year plan. The report will be made available, it was just received today.

#3 Digby Annapolis
Development Corp

The last DADC meeting was held on October 8, 2009 and the next meeting is scheduled for January 2010. Water issues with Convergys and power outages were discussed. They explored different options to accommodate this. They suggested that they investigate what changes could be done to the building where ADEDA operates. There was a short discussion regarding bio-mass.

The Regional Development Agency was working towards getting a pellet manufacturing plant in this area. Warden Thurber stated that he thinks an offer was made and rejected.

#4 Digby Area
Tourism Association

There was no report on DATA as Councillor Gregory was absent.

#5 Digby Area
Recreation Committee

Councillor Amero reported that the Digby Area Recreation Committee met on October 21, 2009. The Arena opened on October 1, 2009. There was a Recreation Trade Show held in Oak Island and a couple representatives from DARC were in attendance.

Councillor Amero advised Council that the Recreation Manager's mother isn't doing well and he has been called to Ontario. Council wishes him well.

#6 Digby Harbour
Port Association

The minutes for August 20, 2009 and August 27, 2009 were included in the meeting package. Councillor Gregory is absent so there is nothing to report.

#7 Fundyweb
Broadband

There has been no Fundyweb Broadband meeting. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that they have been trying to have a meeting scheduled for the past month but haven't been successful. The finance officer for the County of Annapolis is supposed to be gathering information for the broadband board but hasn't had time. Deputy Warden MacAlpine has sent around a few more dates and is hoping to hear something soon.

#8 Industrial

The Industrial Commission last met in July 2009. Council

- Commission suggested that a letter be sent to the Town of Digby requesting an Industrial Committee meeting.
- #9 Kings Transit Authority Councillor Amero noted that the Kings Transit Authority meets on October 29, 2009. He may have to leave the Weymouth Library meeting a little early.
- #10 Senior Safety Committee The minutes from June 24, 2009 as well as the Coordinator Report for October 2009 were included in the meeting package. There is a meeting scheduled for November 10, 2009. Councillor Adams noted that Dawn Thomas will be doing a workshop at UNSM next week. The RCMP is very happy with the job that she is doing as well as with the program in Bridgetown. They are hoping that these models will catch on for other units.
- #11 Tideview Terrace Warden Thurber reported that Tideview Terrace has not met. There is a meeting scheduled for October 29, 2009. Since the last meeting there has been the official ground breaking ceremony for the new building. The residents of the facility were glad to see that the project has begun. The move in date still remains July 2011.
- Councillor Adams noted that she sits on the DALA board and it was noted that some of the students that went through the construction program have been hired for the Tideview project.
- #12 Waste Check The Waste Check report for October 2009 was included in the meeting package. There was a meeting last week. Deputy Warden MacAlpine chaired the meeting. It was decided not to meet in November but to meet on December 14, 2009. They approved the audited financial statements and went over reports. The Education Coordinator is back into schools now that they have started up. Deputy Warden MacAlpine went over the details to what was discussed at the meeting.
- Deputy Warden MacAlpine reported that he attended a meeting with representatives from the Town of Digby, Waste Check and the waste hauler. This meeting was to train everyone on how to run the Household Hazardous Waste Depot. They are in the final stages for the depot and the fence went up last week. An agreement has been worked out with Digby Salvage and Disposal who will manage the facility.
- #13 Western Counties Regional Library There has been no Western Counties Regional Library meeting since the last Council meeting. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that he attended a conference this past weekend which was geared towards urban libraries. One comment that was made by the presenter was that when you go into a building and there are higher ceilings it makes it more welcoming. Warden Thurber noted that he thinks the ceilings in the new Weymouth Library are pretty high in the main area as there is no second floor. There were a few more tips Deputy Warden MacAlpine passed along for our new library.
- #14 DALA Councillor Adams mentioned that there is a Dutch Auction scheduled at the Legion which is sponsored by DALA on November 28, 2009.

Councillor Adams reported that she has asked for minutes from the DALA board to distribute to Council. DALA will be added to the agenda for next month so that Councillor Adams can report on it.

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.

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

UNSM Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that the UNSM Fall Conference is coming up next week and noted that he will be reoffering for the next two year term. It's been a good board and good people to work with. It is nice to offer a rural prospective.

Condolences to be sent from Municipal Council Councillor Adams noted that cards should be sent to the families of Mayor Douglas Robinson from the Town of Parrsboro and Ann Longley, Municipal Clerk from the Municipality of Kings who have recently passed away.

Comments from the gallery The meeting was opened up to the gallery for questions. There were none.

In Camera NIL

Adjournment **MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the meeting adjourn at 7:40 PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

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CLERK