

Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 7:01 pm.

Attendance

Councillors present:

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

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer

Prayer

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

Agenda

Three more in camera contractual items were added to the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**Hearings &
Presentations**

Julie MacLean & Peter Robertson – Wharf Rat Rally

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that a representative from the Wharf Rat Rally come before the committee to make a presentation.

MOTION CARRIED

The Wharf Rat Rally committee is proposing that Orange County Choppers come to the Airport for a live show during the Wharf Rat Rally. The committee has met with the RCMP, Municipal CAO, Linda Fraser, and the Town of Digby. There are some concerns with traffic. The committee would like to post “No Parking” signs on Bloomfield Road and on Ridge Road. The committee would look after the costs of the signs.

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They are also looking into getting shuttle buses to move people to and from the Airport. In order to allow for set-up and clean-up, they would require the Airport from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The committee advised that the Municipality has to approve the wording of the signs. They also advised that the runway would not be used during this event and will be fenced off. If there was any damage done to the property the committee has agreed to cover the damages. Council is concerned that the sound of the event might interrupt Emergency Dispatch. This will have to be investigated. Council asked Becky Doucet, Supervisor for the Airport to voice her concerns. Her concerns were the same as what Council had previously stated. Warden Thurber thanked them for their presentation.

Nora Robicheau – Buy
Back Nova Scotia
Coalition

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Ms. Nora Robicheau come before the committee to make a presentation on the Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition.

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Robicheau introduced Ms. Kristanne Chandler, who would be making a presentation on Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition. Ms. Chandler advised Council that the Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition is made up of a group of people from recreation committees that came together to form the coalition. This group of citizens has come together to try to come up with a solution regarding the large amount of land that is being sold by Irving. Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition would like Council to join them in lobbying the government to do something about this situation. Ms. Chandler noted that other Municipal units have passed the following motion, and would like Digby Municipal Council to do the same:

That the Municipality of the District of Digby send a letter of support to the Buy Back Nova Scotia coalition endorsing their efforts to lobby all levels of government to engage in meaningful dialogue with the J.D. Irving Company and stakeholders in order to delay the private sale of the lands in question until all viable and mutually-acceptable options for public ownership are explored and considered, and a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Honourable Harold (Junior)

Theriault, the Honourable Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Natural Resources, Premier Rodney MacDonald and our sister municipal councils in Yarmouth County, Digby County and Shelburne County.

Ms. Chandler indicated that they need to make a priority list outlining which properties should be a priority. Councillor Amero indicated that he had attended a meeting in which a priority list had been developed.

Warden Thurber thanked them for their presentation, and advised that this matter would be addressed later in the meeting under New Business #8.

Ms. Chandler also encouraged people to go to their website and sign the petition.

Max Barr – Southwest
Eco-Energy

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that Mr. Barr come before the committee to make a presentation on Southwest Eco-Energy.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Barr advised that he is trying to build a digester for the mink industry, which would include both manure and other waste, which would produce compost in the end. This project has been underway for two years up until this point. Consultants have been looking at whether this project is feasible in the Weymouth area. Mr. Barr advised that he has worked with the RDA, and they are in support of this project. This project could generate enough power to run the 340 Pelting Plant. This project will employ approximately three to four people, but it is geared more towards keeping the environment clean. Mr. Barr also advised that they have a truck that can be washed down at each farm before leaving to eliminate the spreading of AD. Mr. Barr advised that the project will take another year before it will get off the ground. Mr. Barr is looking for a letter of support from Council.

Warden Thurber thanked Mr. Barr for his presentation and advised that this matter will be dealt with as Old Business #1.

Minutes

March 9, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the minutes of March 9, 2009 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising/Old Business

#1 Max Barr –
Southwest Eco-Energy

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that a letter of support be sent to Southwest Eco-Energy.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Old Business

Warden Thurber No Business Arising/Old Business

Deputy Warden MacAlpine No Business Arising/Old Business

Councillor Gregory No Business Arising/Old Business

Councillor Amero No Business Arising/Old Business

Councillor Adams No Business Arising/Old Business

New Business

#1 Julie MacLean –
Wharf Rat Rally
Request

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that the request from the Wharf Rat Rally be tabled to the April Council meeting.

**MOTION DEFEATED
(4-AGAINST)**

Council was concerned whether Dispatch would be able to

operate in emergency situations due to the loud noise. Council asked that the Administration do research to find out whether this is a valid issue, and how it could be rectified. There was a discussion of Council on how they could get this information and approve the request before the deadline that the Wharf Rat Rally has, as tickets must go on sale soon for the event. The Supervisor from the Airport mentioned that if the sound was an issue, that the stage can be located at the other end.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that Administration provide a recommendation concerning the request from the Wharf Rat Rally Committee by April 20, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

It was mentioned that an advertisement should go out advising that Council will be holding a special meeting on April 20, 2009 to deal with this request.

#2 Digby Neck
Volunteer Fire
Department – Request
for Funding

Councillor Gregory advised that the Digby Neck Volunteer Fire Department is looking to install a sign like the one the Municipal Office has to advertise their events.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded By Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the funding request from the Digby Neck Volunteer Fire Department be referred to the budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Thurber mentioned that a date needs to be set to start the budget process when the CAO is back.

#3 Digby County
Federation of
Agriculture –
Invitation - AGM
April 14, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that she and Councillor Adams attend the Annual General Meeting of Digby County Federation of Agriculture.

Councillor Adams agreed to attend.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Cruise Fundy.Com Deputy Warden MacAlpine suggested that more information be
– Request for Funding requested regarding the request for funding from Cruise Fundy.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that more information be requested from Cruise Fundy and that the request be referred to the budget process.

Council added that they would like to see Cruise Fundy make a presentation to Council.

MOTION CARRIED

#5 Councillor Gregory It was agreed to discuss New Business # 5 and #8 at the same
& Nova Scotia time as it pertains to the same issue.

Primary Forest

Products Marketing

Board – Irving Lands

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Adams that Councillor Amero be appointed to represent the Municipality of the District of Digby in negotiations on the Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the Municipality of the District of Digby send a letter of support to the Buy Back Nova Scotia coalition endorsing their efforts to lobby all levels of government to engage in meaningful dialogue with the J.D. Irving Company and stakeholders in order to delay the private sale of the lands in question until all viable and mutually-acceptable options for public ownership are explored and considered, and a copy of this letter be forwarded to Mr. Harold (Junior) Theriault, MLA, the Honourable Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Natural Resources, Premier Rodney MacDonald and our sister municipal councils in Yarmouth County, Digby County, Annapolis County and Shelburne County.

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#6 Councillor Gregory – Municipal Day of Gratitude
Councillor Gregory explained that the Municipal Day of Gratitude would be to ask the public to say thank you offer and appreciation to the doctors and staff who are available on the days that the hospital is open.

Warden Thurber excused himself from the meeting, and Deputy Warden MacAlpine took the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Amero that the Municipal Day of Gratitude be referred to the Policy and Bylaw Committee.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine turned the Chair back to Warden Thurber. Warden Thurber apologized for having to leave the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

#7 Councillor Gregory – Ultimate Results Consulting – Training Session
Councillor Gregory advised that Cheryl Hurlburt, who has been here before through AMA, is coming in August. She thought that the opportunity to have her do some training for Staff and Council should be looked into. She is unsure what the price would be if she wasn't doing it regionally. Deputy Warden MacAlpine suggested that direction be given to staff to investigate the costing of this request and see if it is something that could be done in the future when she is in the area. Everyone agreed.

#8 Councillor Amero – Request for Council appointment to Buy Back NS Coalition
This item was dealt with in New Business #5.

#9 VON Tri-County – VON Week May 17 – 23, 2009
MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be sent to VON stating that the Municipality of Digby doesn't proclaim weeks but hold VON in high regard.

MOTION CARRIED

#10 Town of
Annapolis Royal –
Funding Request

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that the funding request from the Town of Annapolis Royal be referred to the budgeting process.

There was a short discussion regarding this request. It was suggested that a phone call or letter be sent to find out how urgent the request is.

MOTION CARRIED

#11 Aviation
Connection – The
Governor General’s
Cup Cross Canada
Centennial Flight
Event

The request that came in is similar to the request two years ago. The air rally is across Canada this time. The request for technical requirement is almost identical. It is expected that there will be more people and planes involved this time, as well as the reception would involve more people. There was \$5,000 committed last time. There is a time limit for the reply.

Council asked the Airport Supervisor to voice any concerns she may have. She indicated that it was a good spin off for the area, and also a good marketing tool for the Airport. She stated that if expenses can be kept low like last year, it would be a great opportunity for the area.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that the request could fall under marketing for the Airport and come out of that budget.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that Council support the initiative brought forth by Aviation Connection which will be used as a marketing tool for the Airport, and will come out of the Airport budget for marketing.

MOTION CARRIED

#12 Council meetings
on Municipal Website

Councillor Gregory asked if she could add New Business # 12, Council Meetings on Municipal Website. Everyone agreed.

Councillor Gregory asked if it would be a possibility to post the video of the Council meetings that is being aired on WOW TV to the Municipal Website. The Deputy CAO advised that it is quite a big file, but he will look into it to see if there is a way to do it.

Correspondence

Chief Administrative Report The CAO report for March 2009 will be included in the next package, as Council did not receive it in the package.

Request for
Decisions/Direction

Department Reports The department reports did not get included in the COTW package; therefore, will be added to the next package.

Taxation The report for March 2009 will be included in the next package.

Building Inspection
Report/Fire Inspection
Report The report for March 2009 will be included in the next package.

Airport/Dispatch The report for March 2009 will be included in the next package.

Dog Control Activity
and Financial Report The report for March 2009 will be included in the next package.

Coordinator Program
Development The report for March 2009 will be included in the next package.

Kings Transit The report for March 2009 will be included in the next package.

**Updates from
Previous meetings** N/A

**Special Projects
Updates** N/A

**Strategic Priorities
Update** There is no strategic priority update at this time.

Notice of Motion N/A

**Comments from the
Gallery** The meeting was opened to the gallery for questions. Mr. Bartlett advised that he sent an email to the CAO regarding CruiseFundy.com, and advised that they would be willing to

make a presentation. Ms. Peach noted that she thought that the Municipal sign was one of the best things that Council has done, and has made the community aware of what is going on. She would like to see Council support the funding to the Fire Department for their sign.

Recess

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

MOTION CARRIED

In-Camera

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that the meeting move in camera.

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed.

Integrated Community
Sustainability Plan
(ICSP) – Citizen
Members - Steering
Committee

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council put forward; Robert Benson, Harold Alexander, Andy Moir, Jim Outhouse, and Donna Tidd to be representatives on the ICSP steering committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Town of Yarmouth –
Compost/Pickup
Concerns

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be written to the Town of Yarmouth advising them of Council's concern of the compost being delivered in a timely manner, as well as advising them of the issues on the 101 regarding pick-up on both sides making delivery difficult, and request that they assist in accommodating.

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Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) – Citizen Members - Steering Committee – Letters to Weymouth Residents

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be written to organizations in Weymouth, asking for names of residents in District #5 to be put forward for the ICSP steering committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Amero that the meeting adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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CLERK