

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
February 9, 2009
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:00 pm.

Attendance

Councillors present:

- Jim Thurber, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- Linda Gregory, 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 There was an in camera item added to the agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Hearings & Presentations NIL

Minutes

January 12, 2009 **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the minutes of January 12, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising/Old Business

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 Southwest African Heritage Month Dinner & Dance Gala –February 21, 2009 – Purchase table/tickets

There was a short discussion regarding Council's desire to purchase a table for the dinner and dance gala being held for Southwest African Heritage Month. Councillor Amero noted that he attended the kickoff opening for African Heritage Month, which was very well done.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that a table be purchased at the Southwest African Heritage Month Dinner and Dance Gala.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Take the Plunge: Bottled Water Action Options for NS Municipalities – Request to consider Resolution

Councillor Gregory advised that she would like to see tap water only in the Municipality. Deputy Warden noted that he supports the big plastic jugs. Councillor Amero stated that he believes Nestle is a healthy choice, and if anything, drinking more water should be promoted. There was a discussion regarding which is the better choice.

Nestle Waters Canada – Other side of argument

MOVED by Councillor Gregory that the Municipal Office use tap water only.

MOTION DEFEATED

Deputy Warden MacAlpine mentioned that instead of providing bottled water for meetings, a pitcher of water from the cooler

could be used.

#3 ADEDA – Support
for Proposal

ADEDA is looking for funding which is over and above the core funding. The CAO advised that there is still money in the Economic Development Projects budget if Council chose to support the request.

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter of support be written to ADEDA for the initiative to promote the attraction and retention of immigrants, specifically those from outside of Canada.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council support the immigration proposal provided by ADEDA for funding up to \$1500. This funding is to be taken from the Economic Development fund.

There was a short discussion, and it was further mentioned that this area still needs to work on attracting people here for certain professions.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Councillor
Gregory – Retirement
of Fire Chief Tom
Ryan – Digby Neck
Fire Department

Councillor Gregory informed Council that she and Warden Thurber attended a retirement ceremony for Tom Ryan. He really appreciated the support Council has given over the years. He is happy that Council has been more active than they have ever been supporting Fire Departments. Councillor Gregory mentioned the presentations that were made to Mr. Ryan. Lee Wentzell will be the new chief.

FCM Role of Honour
Nominations

Councillor Gregory suggested that the Town of New Glasgow be contacted to find out if they were nominating former Mayor Anne MacLean for the FCM Role of Honour nominations. If the Town of New Glasgow didn't plan to nominate her, Councillor Gregory would like to see the Municipality of Digby do it.

**Chief Administrative
Report**

The CAO report for January 2009 was included in the package.

Councillor Amero mentioned that a letter was received from Bell Mobility which wasn't the answer he was looking for. Bell Mobility invited Council to contact them if things changed in the Weymouth area. Councillor Amero thought it would be appropriate to contact them again and advise them that there is a new library being built in downtown Weymouth.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter be written to Bell Mobility to inform them of the waterfront development in Weymouth as well as the new library that is being built and that it is currently a dead zone for cell phones.

MOTION CARRIED

Request for
Decisions/Direction

ICSP
Recommendation

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Gregory that Council accept the CAO's recommendation to put out a RFP for a consultant for the preparation of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

There was a short discussion regarding whether it would be more beneficial to hire a staff person as compared to a consultant. It was decided that hiring a consultant would be most beneficial to the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

The CAO recommended that a steering committee be formed to oversee the ICSP, which would consist of members of Council and the general public.

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council appoint a steering committee to oversee the ICSP based on the terms of reference.

MOTION CARRIED

It was mentioned that the steering committee be made up of a good balance from the geographic area.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that Councillor Gregory and Councillor Amero sit as Council representatives on the ICSP steering committee.

MOTION CARRIED

It was suggested that letters be given to the Boards of Trades and to the Village Commissions to advise them of the openings on the new steering committee.

Department Reports

Taxation	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Building Inspection Report/Fire Inspection Report	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Airport/Dispatch	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Dog Control Activity and Financial Report	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Coordinator Program Development	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Kings Transit	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Updates from Previous meetings	N/A
Special Projects Updates	N/A
Strategic Priorities Update	The Strategic Priorities Update will be coming in March. The document will come to Council for approval in February. It

was mentioned that the document will be available on the Municipal website.

Notice of Motion N/A

Comments from the Gallery There meeting was opened to the gallery for questions.

In Camera **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the meeting go in camera to discuss a contractual issue.**

MOTION CARRIED

Regular session resumed.

Meeting Request – Minister of Health, Karen Casey **Moved by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter be written to Minister of Health, Karen Casey, requesting a meeting to discuss health care issues in the municipality.**

MOTION CARRIED

Yarmouth Airport Corporation – Letter of Congratulations **Moved by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be written to the Yarmouth Airport Corporation congratulating them on securing a passenger air service at the Yarmouth Airport.**

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment **MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN

CLERK