

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
January 11, 2010
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:05 pm.

Attendance

Councillors present:

- Jim Thurber, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Linda Gregory, Councillor
- Randall Amero, 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 and asked that Council remember Sergeant Kirk Taylor, soldier from Yarmouth who has recently been killed during duty.

Agenda

MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Hearings & Presentations

NIL

Minutes

December 14, 2009

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of December 14, 2009 be approved as circulated.

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Business Arising/Old Business

LED Streetlights

- It was mentioned that there was a good article on the radio about LED streetlights. They are having problems due to the lack of heat they put out and snow is sticking to them. Different films are being looked at to improve this.

**Other Business
Arising**

NIL

Warden Thurber

- No Business Arising

Deputy Warden
MacAlpine

- No Business Arising

Councillor Gregory

- No Business Arising

Councillor Amero

- No Business Arising

Councillor Adams

- No Business Arising

New Business

#1 Multicultural
Association of South
West Nova
Communities –
Building Inspection
Request for Proposed
Community Centre

- The Multicultural Association of South West Nova Scotia Communities is requesting that a Municipal Building Inspector come and look at the proposed Community Centre to see what needs to be done to bring the building up to code.

MOVED and seconded that a building inspector go to the proposed Community Centre in Weymouth and inform them of what needs to be done to bring the building up to code.

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#2 Airport Working
Group

- Name Change for Digby Municipal Airport

- Since the completion of the strategic plan for the Digby Municipal Airport, the Airport working group has been working to achieve some of the goals outlined. The working group is recommending to Council that the Digby Municipal Airport be renamed Digby Annapolis Regional Airport. It is hoped that this change will aid in marking the Airport.

MOVED and seconded that the COTW recommend to Council that the Digby Municipal Airport be renamed Digby Annapolis Regional Airport.

- There was a discussion on why Digby Annapolis Regional Airport was chosen, and other suggestions were made. It was noted this is the best choice for marketing the Airport.

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1 Opposed – Councillor Gregory

- Proposals for Residential Fly In Development
- It was also identified in the strategic plan that the Airport pursue a Residential Fly In Development. In order to make this happen the Airport would have to sell approximately thirty acres out of the five hundred. By doing this, the Airport will generate more use and make the Airport more sustainable.

MOVED and seconded that a request for proposals be drafted for a residential fly in development at the Airport.

- There was a short discussion on the stipulations that would accompany an air park. It was noted that the request for proposals would come back to Council for their recommendations.

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- Jet Fuel
- The Airport Working Group also wanted to pursue different opportunities to be able to provide jet fuel at the Municipal Airport. The shelf life for jet fuel is one year, which means there would have to be some commitment from agencies to purchase from the Airport. There has been some preliminary work done to this respect. Funding opportunities need to be researched as well.

MOVED and seconded that the COTW take forward to Council their request to have the Airport Working Group pursue different opportunities to try to provide jet fuel to the Municipal Airport.

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- #3 PVSC – Offer to Provide Update to Council
- It was the desire of Council that PVSC come to provide an update. The CAO will set up a date.
- #4 Councillor Gregory – Balancing Rock - DATA
- Council had previously discussed doing some signage and maintenance to the Balancing Rock. DATA has requested that Council give the funds to them and they will look after these issues. Council felt it might be beneficial to have all interested groups together to see how the issues could be addressed. There was also a discussion regarding having signage throughout the Municipality the same. It was agreed to invite DATA to come to the next Bylaw and Policy meeting to talk about their signage strategy. It was also agreed to talk to the Department of Transportation to ensure everyone was on the same page.
- #5 Warden Thurber – Letter to Premier Dexter Re: Digby to Saint John Ferry Service
- It was suggested at the Mayors and Wardens meeting that all units send a letter to Premier Dexter reminding him that the Digby to Saint John ferry service has been unsettled for a long time and request that the government support this service.

MOVED and seconded that a letter be written to Premier Dexter regarding the Digby to Saint John ferry service.

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- #6 Inter Municipal Agreement – Recycling Transfer Facility & HHW
- There was a draft agreement circulated to Council which formalizes the agreement that the Municipality has with the Town. There was a discussion regarding the rationale behind some of the percentages that were allocated to each unit which was explained. It was noted that this agreement can be renegotiated at a later date if necessary.

MOVED and seconded that the draft Inter Municipal Agreement be taken to Council.

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Break

Council took a five minute break.

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#7 Ed Chisholm,
DASA – Letter of
Support

- The Digby Area Soccer Association is looking to make some upgrades to a couple soccer fields and is requesting a letter of support from Council. No financial support is required from the Municipality.

MOVED and seconded that a letter of support be sent to the Digby Area Soccer Association.

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#8 Sean Fredericks,
Chair Digby
Elementary
Playground Committee
– Letter of Support

- The Playground Committee is requesting a letter of support from Council as they are trying to obtain a grant which will allow them to purchase new playground equipment for Digby Elementary School. There is no financial support required from the Municipality.

MOVED and seconded that a letter of support be sent to the Digby Elementary School Committee.

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**Chief Administrative
Report**

- The CAO report dated January 11, 2010 was included in the COTW Package.

Maud Lewis Site

- The CAO noted that she hopes to hear a response from Minister Paris regarding the Maud Lewis site soon.

LED Streetlights

- The CAO has done some research into LED streetlights. Annapolis County received funding to have theirs replaced. She is going to find out if the program is still available. She noted that Annapolis Royal has seen decreases in their power bill. The LED streetlights cost \$850 - \$1,000 each.

Request for
Decisions/Direction

Date for Joint Council
Meeting with
Municipality of Clare

- Council will be meeting on March 10, 2010 with the Municipality of Clare. This meeting will be held in Clare.

COTW – Meeting
Date Change (April)

- Due to previous commitments, the COTW meeting for April will be changed from April 12 to April 13.

Department Reports

Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Taxation report for December 2009 was included in the meeting package.
Building Inspection Report/Fire Inspection Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Building Inspection report for December 2009 was included in the meeting package.
Airport/Dispatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Airport/Dispatch report for December 2009 was included in the meeting package.
Dog Control Activity and Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Dog Control Activity and Financial report for December 2009 was included in the meeting package.
Coordinator Program Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Coordinator Program Development report for December 2009 was included in the meeting package.
Kings Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Kings Transit report for December 2009 was included in the meeting package.• It was noted that the ridership numbers have gone down lower than the last two years.
Other Business	N/A
Updates from Previous meetings	N/A
Special Projects Updates	N/A
Strategic Priorities Update	N/A
Notice of Motion	N/A
Comments from the Gallery	N/A

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In Camera **MOVED and seconded that the meeting move in camera.**

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Regular session resumed.

Adjournment **MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 PM.**

MOTION CARRIED

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CLERK