

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
January 12, 2009
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:04 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 **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the agenda be approved as distributed.**

MOTION CARRIED

**Hearings &
Presentations**

Nina Barnaby, NSCC **MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that Ms. Barnaby from Nova Scotia Community College come before the Committee to make a presentation.**

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Barnaby made a presentation regarding a portfolio development program that they are offering through NSCC. It is a thirty hour program which helps people to determine what their skill sets are and focuses on leadership capacity building. NSCC is offering the portfolio development program to the Council members free of charge. The course normally runs about \$500 to \$1,000. Warden Thurber thanked her for her presentation and advised that they will get back to her by the

end of January.

Minutes

December 15, 2008 **MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Adams that the minutes of December 15, 2008 be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising/Old Business

Municipality of the County of Annapolis – UNSM Resolution and response from Minister Muir After a short discussion, Council was in agreement that they did not support the request received from the Municipality of the County of Annapolis.

It was agreed to write a letter to the Municipality of the County of Annapolis stating that the Resolution as forwarded to Minister Muir is being dealt with as Council feels it should be.

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 Wilson Collier Committee – Request for Funding of \$500 The CAO advised that the requested \$500 could come out of next year's budget if Council decided to support it.

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that the request for funding from Wilson Collier Committee be forwarded to the budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Age Friendly
Communities Program
– Project Proposal for
funding from Age
Friendly Communities
Program

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council support this proposal.

MOTION CARRIED

The completed project would be for both youth and seniors.

#3 Tri-County
Regional Science &
Technology Expo –
Request for support

There was a discussion regarding Council's wish to support the Tri-County Regional Science and Technology Expo. The CAO advised that Council donated \$100 towards prizes last year.

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council donate \$100 towards prizes for the Tri-County Regional Science and Technology Expo.

MOTION CARRIED

**Chief Administrative
Report**

The CAO report for December 2008 was included in the package.

Aliant Mobility – Cell
phone coverage

Warden Thurber noted that Council has written two letters to Aliant Mobility regarding cell phone coverage, and there has still been no response. Warden Thurber felt a phone call should be made to make contact and set up a meeting.

Household Hazardous
Waste Depot –
Funding

Councillor Gregory advised that she had just found out at a Waste Check meeting that the Municipality of Digby has been accepted to receive funding in the amount of \$75,000 which will go towards the Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

Tri-County Regional
School Board –
Textbooks

Warden Thurber advised that the Tri-County Regional School Board promised a letter concerning the lack of textbooks for Grade 9 Social Studies class at DRHS. The letter has yet to be received. Councillor Gregory is going to find out if it is still an issue.

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Tangible Capital Asset Project Warden Thurber mentioned that the term has been completed by Christina Snell for the Tangible Capital Asset Project. Warden Thurber suggested that a letter be sent thanking her for her time and efforts in the project.

Request for Decisions/Direction NIL

Department Reports

Taxation The report for December 2008 was included in the package.

Building Inspection Report/Fire Inspection Report The report for December 2008 was included in the package.
Warden Thurber asked if there would be information available for the Public Hearing scheduled for January concerning the Dangerous and Unsightly property in Jordantown. The CAO advised that the information would be included in the Council package.

The Deputy CAO said that most of the establishments in Conway have been visited regarding the grease issue. There will be a follow-up visit by the end of February or the first of March to ensure everyone is complying. The Deputy CAO outlined what is included in the letter that was given to the establishments.

Airport/Dispatch The report for December 2008 was included in the package.

Dog Control Activity and Financial Report The report for December 2008 was included in the package.

Coordinator Program Development The report for December 2008 was included in the package.

Kings Transit The report for December 2008 was included in the package. There is a meeting scheduled for January 20, 2009. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted it was good to see the numbers increasing and asked how long the other bus will be on. Councillor Amero is going to find out. The CAO advised that the General Manager is coming to meet with Council.

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**Updates from
Previous meetings** N/A

**Special Projects
Updates** N/A

Notice of Motion N/A

**Comments from the
Gallery** Mrs. Peach asked Council when the retreat was scheduled and requested a copy of the agenda as well as the final report.

Ms. Peach asked Council how much consultation DARC did with Seniors, as to whether they are interested in using the proposed recreation project. Ms. Peach suggestion that Council look into improving the sidewalks in Conway so that Seniors could walk that route.

Adjournment **MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the meeting adjourn at 6:50 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN

CLERK