

Municipality of the District of Digby  
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes  
July 13, 2009  
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:02 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.

**Agenda**

The CAO added a contractual issue to In Camera. Councillor Gregory advised that she would be declaring a conflict of interest on this item.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine wanted to mention the passing of former Councillor Ron Boulding from the Town of Annapolis Royal. A card is to be sent out to his family.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Hearings &  
Presentations**

NIL

**Minutes**

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**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that the minutes of June 15, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Business Arising/Old  
Business**

Bear River Board of Trade – Request for Funding Deputy Warden MacAlpine wanted to update Council that Annapolis County is going to fund the boardwalk project that funds were previously requested from the Municipality for. They were able to complete the project a lot cheaper than originally expected.

#1 Maud Lewis Site – Response from Art Gallery of NS The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia would like to make a presentation to Council regarding their plans with the Maud Lewis Site. This will be set up for September or October when Council reconvenes their regular meetings.

**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 UNSM Resolutions – Boxing Day Resolution Councillor Gregory would like to see a resolution go forward to UNSM to make Boxing Day a statutory holiday. There was a discussion of Council as to whether they agreed with the initiative. Councillor Amero did not see the significance of the holiday. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted his concerns from a small business point of view, outlining that small businesses have had a lot of burdens this year with minimum wage rising twice. Councillor Gregory explained the significance of the holiday. Councillor Adams proposed that they send the resolution through, and let the UNSM Resolution Committee decide.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Adams that a resolution be sent for the Fall UNSM requesting that December 26 be looked at as a paid holiday in this Province.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
2-OPPOSED**

**Chief Administrative Report** The CAO report for June 2009 was included in the COTW Package.

Condition of Grounds at Point Prim Lighthouse The CAO noted that the Deputy CAO is organizing an onsite visit for Point Prim.

Yarmouth Compost Facility – Hours of Operation There was a response from Jeff Gushue, CAO, Town of Yarmouth and it has been decided to go forward with the arrangement for a 3 month trial period, to be reviewed again in 3 months. This arrangement is agreeable to our haulers.

Canada Border Services Agency Mike Gushue has written to other Municipal units requesting that they write letters to Canada Border Services Agency in hopes to obtain custom services at the Port of Digby.

Request for Decisions/Direction

**Department Reports**

Taxation The Taxation report for June 2009 was included in the package.

Building Inspection Report/Fire Inspection Report The Building Inspection/Fire Inspection report for June 2009 was included in the package. It was noted that building permit activity is down compared to last year.

Airport/Dispatch The Airport/Dispatch report for June 2009 was included in the package.

Dog Control Activity and Financial Report The Dog Control Activity and Financial report for June 2009 was included in the package.

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**Coordinator Program Development** The Coordinator Program Development report for June 2009 was included in the package.

**Kings Transit** The Kings Transit report did not make it in time for the meeting.

**Other Business**

**Updates from Previous meetings** N/A

**Special Projects Updates** N/A

**Strategic Priorities Update** The Strategic Priorities Update did not get sent with the package.

**Notice of Motion** N/A

**Warden Thurber – Leave of Absence** Warden Thurber announced that as of Friday, July 17, 2009 he would be taking a two month leave of absence. Council will be picking up the various duties performed by the Warden in his absence. Warden Thurber thanked everyone and wished everyone luck over the summer.

**Comments from the Gallery** Mrs. Peach requested a copy of the budget for 2009-2010. She also asked questions regarding the ADEDA five year strategy.

**Recess** There was a five minute recess before going in camera.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Gregory declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers.

Regular session resumed.

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Tender for Grass Strip  
Landing at Digby  
Municipal Airport      **MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Deputy  
Warden MacAlpine to accept the lowest tender bid of  
\$34,465 from Spectacle Resources for the grass landing strip  
at the Digby Municipal Airport.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment**      **MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor  
Adams that the meeting adjourn at 7:05 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**WARDEN**

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**CLERK**