

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
June 15, 2009
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:13 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

Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency (ADEDA), Letter of Support was added as New Business item #6.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Hearings & Presentations

NIL

Minutes

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MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that the minutes of May 11, 2009 be approved as circulated.

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Business Arising/Old Business

NIL

Other Old Business

Warden Thurber

Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition Warden Thurber noted that the Government did buy back some of the land that Irving had for sale, and asked whether the Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition is still meeting. Councillor Amero has received a bit of correspondence from them, and intends to forward Councillor Gregory's name to them.

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 Weymouth Fire Department – Request for Funding **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council contribute \$500 towards the 6th Annual Fire Fighters Fun Day.**

These funds will be taken from the Grants to Organizations budget, in which there is still money available. It was noted that a letter be sent along with the contribution requesting that all of the Fire Departments in the Municipality be invited to the event.

MOTION CARRIED

Weymouth Fire Department & Weymouth Day Committee – Request for Funding Robert Hersey applies annually for a grant to help fund the fireworks in Weymouth. The Municipality has received \$1,600 this year. The Weymouth Fire Department would like \$1,000 donated towards the fireworks and the Canada Day Committee would like \$500 for the band this year. It was mentioned that Council should send a letter to the organizations when sending the funding, advising that this is not guaranteed annual funding.

MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that Council fund \$1,000 towards fireworks to be given to the Weymouth Fire Department and \$500 towards the band to be given to the Weymouth Day Committee.

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#2 Bear River Board of Trade – Request for Funding
There was a discussion regarding the \$10,000 funding request from the Bear River Board of Trade to be used to repair a Boardwalk located in Annapolis County. It was mentioned that projects have been jointly funded in the past for projects that would benefit both Annapolis and Digby Counties.

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be sent to the Bear River Board of Trade advising them that Municipal Council is unable to support their request for funding for the Boardwalk repair project.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Bear River Fire Dept. – Support for Cherry Carnival
MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that \$100 be donated to the Bear River Fire Department along with a Municipal jacket to sell tickets on.

Councillor Amero stated that he would like to see the Municipality contribute a bit more money as larger amounts are granted to other events being held in the Municipality. There was a short discussion regarding what amount would be appropriate.

It was agreed by both the mover and the seconder to amend the motion as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that \$300 be donated to the Bear River Fire Department along with a Municipal jacket to sell tickets on.

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#4 Private Members Bill C-19 – Request for support
There was a request for Council to support Private Members Bill C-19 to amend Motor Vehicle Safety Act to require vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2010 be equipped with speed limiters.

There was a discussion regarding whether Council would like to support the bill. It was agreed that Council did not wish to reply to the request.

#5 Upper Clements Theme Park – Request from General Manager for Support
Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised Council that he received a request from the General Manager of the Upper Clements Theme Park requesting that Council support them in going forward to the Province to request that the School Board start school after Labour Day. The reason for this request is that by starting school early, it is cutting the tourist season by up to a week, and people are less likely to travel on the Labour Day weekend if school has commenced. The Park depends on Labour Day weekend for a big source of income.

There was a short discussion regarding this request.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the request for support from the Upper Clements Theme Park be tabled to the Council meeting on June 29, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

#6 Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency (ADEDA) – Letter of Support

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that a letter of support be sent to ADEDA in regards to their 5 Year Investment Strategy.

Councillor Amero stated his concern that the costing for the project has not been obtained at this point. The CAO advised that they won't know how much it is going to cost until they issue a RFB.

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Correspondence

Minister Hurlburt – Council discussed the proposed changes to composting One Year notice Letter infrastructure for 2010-2011. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that he has discussed the proposed changes at the Waste Check meeting. Council discussed a few options that will be considered for the future.

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

Point Prim Lighthouse – Condition of Grounds Councillor Gregory requested an update regarding the site cleanup for Point Prim Lighthouse. The Deputy CAO advised that John Ford had initially said that he would be coming to look at the site by the end of May, which has now been changed to the end of June. The Deputy CAO will update Council when this meeting has taken place.

Dog Control – Bear River Reserve Deputy Warden MacAlpine requested an update from the Deputy CAO regarding his meeting with the Dog Control Officer and Chief Meuse regarding dog control for the Reserve. The Deputy CAO gave an update which outlined the different avenues that they could take. At this time, they are unsure how this will be handled.

Maud Lewis Site Councillor Adams inquired whether there has been any correspondence received from the Art Gallery regarding the Maud Lewis Site. The CAO advised that the Program Coordinator has been calling and emailing and has not received a response. This item is on the agenda for the Policy and Bylaw meeting scheduled for June 22, 2009. It was requested that the Program Coordinator make a final effort to get a hold of them prior to the meeting on the 22nd.

Canadian Border Services Agency It was noted that there has been no response from Andrew LeFrank or from MP Greg Kerr regarding Canadian Border Services. It was agreed to raise this issue at the Council meeting scheduled for June 29, 2009 if there has been no response received by that time.

Yarmouth Compost Facility – Hours of Operation The Deputy CAO contacted the Town of Yarmouth last week regarding the compost facility's hours of operation. A response is expected this week regarding this matter.

Weymouth Library - Update Warden Thurber noted that he was talking to Mike Comeau this week who informed him that he has received verbal approval for funds for the library. It was noted that this project has to have Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, and there was a discussion of what that would entail as well as the additional costs associated with this policy.

Request for
Decisions/Direction

Department Reports

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

Building Inspection Report/Fire Inspection Report The Building Inspection/Fire Inspection report for May 2009 was included in the package. It was noted that building permits were down from last year.

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

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

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

Kings Transit The Kings Transit report for May 2009 was included in the package. It was noted that ridership dropped last month; however, revenues went up 12%.

Other Business

Relay for Life Deputy Warden MacAlpine wanted to mention that the Municipal Relay For Life team did a great job. He wanted to thank staff members who participated and also extend a special thank you to Pat for all the efforts she put in.

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MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that a certificate of recognition be sent to the Relay For Life Organizing Committee.

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**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

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

MOTION CARRIED

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CLERK