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Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
May 10, 2010
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:04 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

MOVED and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

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**Hearings &
Presentations**

Ian Russell – Nova
Scotia Week

MOVED and seconded that Mr. Ian Russell come before the Committee to make a presentation on Nova Scotia Week.

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- Mr. Russell came before the committee to make a presentation on Nova Scotia Week. He gave a brief outline of what took place during the trip to Scotland last year in which there were 42 delegates from Nova Scotia. There are a number of benefits with bringing delegates from Nova Scotia to Scotland and from Scotland to Nova Scotia. One thing that Mr. Russell would like to see in Digby is a manufacturing industry. It is a prime location with Digby bordering on the Bay of Fundy.
- In 2010, Mr. Russell would like to focus on tourism and

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promoting Nova Scotia as a destination. More specifically, he would like to promote Digby. He is currently working on bringing people into Digby with the goal of getting them to open businesses in this area.

- Mr. Russell is looking for representation from the Municipality. The cost is \$2,850 per person. The organization is a non-profit organization. He noted that Councillor Gregory did a great job last year representing the Municipality.
- Warden Thurber thanked Mr. Russell for the presentation and advised that this will be discussed by Council and noted that there will be Council representation.
- Mr. Russell asked Council to check out the following website: www.helloscotland.com

Minutes

April 13, 2010

MOVED and seconded that the minutes of April 13, 2010 be approved as circulated.

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Business Arising/Old Business

Western Counties
Regional Libraries –
Personal Emergency
Systems

- It was noted that the safety devices for the Western Counties Regional Libraries do not rely on the cell phone service; therefore, should work fine in Weymouth.

Weymouth Drainage

- A quote will be received by the end of the month for the drainage issue in Weymouth.

Grass Burning

- Deputy Warden MacAlpine would like to come up with a solution to the grass burning issue discussed at the last COTW meeting. It was suggested that Council review existing bylaws from other Municipal Units to see how this is addressed and discuss it at a Bylaw and Policy meeting. Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that there is another unit with a bylaw in place that addresses this, and another unit with one in progress.
- It was suggested to have this issue in the Coastline next

spring.

**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 Unsightly
Complaint – Derelict
Vehicles on Digby
Neck

- There was a discussion regarding derelict vehicles. It was noted that the price is high for scrap metal now so people are getting rid of it. There are people willing to pick up derelict vehicles for free; however, this would be hard to coordinate. There was a discussion regarding the Dangerous and Unsightly Act and how people can interpret unsightly premises differently.
- It was agreed to review the Dangerous and Unsightly Act to see if there is a way to tighten it up. If Council wishes to make changes, a resolution should be taken to the UNSM at the fall conference.
- A letter will be sent back to the complainant advising of Council's plan to review the Dangerous and Unsightly Act and also advising that Council has addressed one of the issues outlined in the letter.

#2 Unsightly
Complaint – Litter in
Ditches

- There was a discussion regarding what can be done with the litter in the ditches throughout the Municipality. It was suggested that there be a detailed story in the June Coastline on community pride. This article should make people aware of the By-law Enforcement Officer. This article should also make people aware of the program available through Waste Check for groups who can receive funding in the amount of \$200 if they are willing to cleanup a 1 km

section of highway.

- It was noted that the suitcases and toilet that were mentioned in the letter received must be addressed.
- Council will discuss the option of making property owners responsible for the ditches in front of their property at a Policy and Bylaw meeting.

#3 Airport
Surveillance Camera –
Quotes

- There was a discussion regarding replacing the surveillance Camera that RCMP used to have at the Airport. The camera that had been there was able to rotate to view the Dog Kennel and around to the runway. There is a camera that would provide a view of the bus only, for a cost of \$500 - \$600. The Deputy CAO is recommending that a camera be installed like the one that was there previously so that the dispatchers have a view of vehicles and planes that are coming and going. This is good for security at the Airport. This camera can also be accessed from home which would be good for being able to see the snow conditions for plowing in the winter.

MOVED and seconded that Council accept the Deputy CAO's recommendation to purchase a surveillance camera from Norm Levesque.

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#4 Digby County
Family Resource
Centre

- The Digby County Family Resource Centre is looking at the possibility of having a Multi-purpose community centre built in the area. They are looking for a letter of support from Council so that they can move forward and hire a Consultant to have a feasibility study done. They are also looking to have representation from Council to sit on a steering committee.

MOVED and seconded that Council send a letter of support to Digby County Family Resource Centre for this project.

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Correspondence

Region of Queens –
Letter to Minister
Jennex Re: Municipal
Fines

MOVED and seconded that a letter be sent to Minister Jennex, carbon-copied to the Region of Queens supporting the two recommendations outlined by the Region of Queens.

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Chief Administrative Report

Budget Meetings

Maud Lewis Site

- The CAO report dated May, 2010 was included in the COTW Package.
- The CAO noted that she needs to have a couple extra budget meetings in order to have the budget ready for approval by the end of June. Council discussed possible dates.
- The CAO has emailed the person who had been looking after mowing the lawn at the Maud Lewis site last year. They plan to continue this year and it has been mowed already. The CAO is expecting an answer in regards to the timing of the signage on the site very shortly.

Request for
Decisions/Direction

Department Reports

Taxation

Building Inspection
Report/Fire Inspection
Report

- The Taxation report for May 2010 was included in the meeting package. There were questions regarding the owner unknown properties. It was explained that any owner unknown properties have to be offered to Natural Resources before the Municipality can do anything with them. There was also a question regarding the redemption period for the 2010 tax sale. The redemption period for the 2010 tax sale ends on September 13, 2010.
- The Building Inspection report for May 2010 was included in the meeting package.
- There was a discussion regarding the rags that are continually being found in the pump and what can be done about it. The Deputy CAO advised Council that he recently found out that diapers that are flushed can appear to be rags after they go through the system.

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- Council felt there is a need for education in this area.
- Airport/Dispatch
- The Airport/Dispatch report for May, 2010 was included in the meeting package. There was a question regarding the number of calls received. The Deputy CAO is going to review these numbers with the person who prepared the report.
- Dog Control Activity and Financial Report
- The Dog Control Activity and Financial report for May 2010 was included in the meeting package.
- Coordinator Program Development
- N/A
- Other Business**
- N/A
- Updates from Previous meetings**
- N/A
- Special Projects Updates**
- N/A
- Strategic Priorities Update**
- The Strategic Priorities update for April 30, 2010 was sent out prior to the meeting.
- Notice of Motion**
- N/A
- Comments from the Gallery**
- N/A
- Adjournment**
- MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:30 PM.**

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WARDEN

CLERK