

Municipality of the District of Digby
Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes
May 11, 2009
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:01 pm.

Attendance

Councillors present:

- Jim Thurber, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Gordon Wilson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Cora Lee Bremner, Executive Secretary

Regrets:

- Linda Gregory, Councillor

Prayer

Warden Thurber asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

Agenda

Deputy Warden MacAlpine added Conway Sewer Issue as New Business #2.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**Hearings &
Presentations**

CruiseFundy.com

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that Joy O'Neil from CruiseFundy.com come before the committee to make a presentation.

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CruiseFundy.com was formed in 2008 for the purpose of developing and promoting the Annapolis Basin. They have two objectives; to insure successful visitation by Balmoral and to prepare groundwork for increased cruising and yachting activity. They have applied to NS Tourism and Department of Economic Development for funding. They are looking for Municipal funding for; training, security staff, security training, crew shuttle, and training for guides translations, for a total of

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\$10,000. This initiative ties in with the ADEDA business plan. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Deputy Warden MacAlpine asked if they have tried to get customs clearing to this area. They are currently working on that and hope to have access to custom clearing in Digby by next year. Customs clearing isn't needed this year as they will be entering in Saint John and clearing customs there. Deputy Warden MacAlpine suggested that their efforts should be combined with those of the Municipality and Town of Digby to try to get customs in here. Ms. O'Neil stated that their organization has requested funding from five Municipal Units and hope to get \$10,000 total from the five units. Warden Thurber thanked her for the presentation.

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MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Amero that the minutes of April 7, 2009 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**Business Arising/Old
Business**

Other Old Business

Warden Thurber	No Business Arising/Old Business
Deputy Warden MacAlpine	No Business Arising/Old Business
Councillor Gregory	Absent
Councillor Amero	No Business Arising/Old Business
Councillor Adams	No Business Arising/Old Business

New Business

#1 Municipality of Annapolis – Support for Parliament to Recognize Tartan Day and the Maple Leaf Tartan

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that a letter be written stating Council's support with the initiative of the Federation of Scottish Clans to have national recognition of Tartan Day and the Maple Leaf Tartan.

MOTION CARRIED

Conway Sewer Issue

Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that someone raised the issue to him that sewer can be smelled and toilet paper seen in the ditch in Conway. Deputy Warden MacAlpine explained where they noticed the problem and requested that the building department look into this issue.

Also, Deputy Warden MacAlpine noticed that there was another sewer hookup in Bear River and inquired how the Municipality has been doing with obtaining new hookups. The CAO advised that Smith's Cove has had the most recent activity. The sewer in Bear River is mostly getting new hookups when their sewers are failing in the area.

Chief Administrative Report

The CAO report for April 2009 was included in the COTW Package.

Atlantic Sportscar Club – Use of Airport

The CAO advised Council that the Atlantic Sportscar Club will be using the Airport again on May 31, June 20 and 21, and July 4 and 5. They will be holding regionals here. Deputy Warden MacAlpine suggested that this be advertised in the June issue of the Coastline. It was also mentioned that the Atlantic Sportscar Club held their regionals in Moncton last year. It will be good to have this event in Digby as it will help bring people into and promote the area.

Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition Meetings

Councillor Amero advised that there has been no Buy Back Nova Scotia Coalition meetings for a while in regards to the Irving lands for sale. They will soon be meeting regularly.

Point Prim Lighthouse

Deputy Warden MacAlpine noted that the CAO report stated that a response hasn't been received regarding the condition of the lands at Point Prim Lighthouse. The Deputy CAO has been

talking to John Ford, and is looking for dates for this month. He is waiting for him to get back to him.

Request for
Decisions/Direction

The CAO advised that she would like to change the June COTW that is scheduled for June 8, 2009 to June 15, 2009.

Department Reports

Taxation

The report for March & April 2009 was included in the package. Deputy Warden MacAlpine congratulated Cora Lee Bremner on the completion of Level 2 of the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration program.

Building Inspection
Report/Fire Inspection
Report

The report for March & April 2009 was included in the package. Deputy Warden MacAlpine asked for further clarification regarding Cathy Barr obtaining her certificate in for Level 1 Qualification in Part 9. The Deputy CAO advised that she is a qualified building inspector, but has not been appointed. She has done inspections along with Hubert Vroom and Alfred Doucet.

Airport/Dispatch

The report for March & April 2009 was included in the package.

Dog Control Activity
and Financial Report

The report for March & April 2009 was included in the package.

Coordinator Program
Development

The report for March & April 2009 was included in the package.

Kings Transit

The report for March & April 2009 was included in the package. The Warden pointed out that King's Transit was close to obtaining 30,000 in ridership. He also noted that every month in 2008 there was an increase in ridership for the same month for 2007.

**Updates from
Previous meetings**

N/A

**Special Projects
Updates**

N/A

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Strategic Priorities Update The strategic priorities update for May 11, 2009 was included in the Council package.

Notice of Motion N/A

Comments from the Gallery The meeting was opened to the gallery for questions. Mrs. Peach requested a copy of the correspondence received from NS Department of Environment and SkyPower/Scotian WindFields. Mrs. Peach mentioned that Councillor Gregory has a Community meeting scheduled on May 19, 2009, the same day as the By-law and Policy meeting, and stated that she hoped Councillor Gregory would let them know if there was going to be any change.

Recess **MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Adams that Council take a five minute recess before going in camera.**

MOTION CARRIED

In-Camera The meeting moved In-Camera.

Regular session resumed.

Adjournment **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.**

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN

CLERK