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Municipal Committee of the Whole Minutes  
October 19, 2009  
Seabrook, Nova Scotia

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**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order with Deputy Warden MacAlpine in the chair at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance**

Councillors present:

- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Linda Gregory, Councillor
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor

Staff present:

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

Regrets:

- Jim Thurber, Warden
- Gordon Wilson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**Prayer**

Deputy Warden MacAlpine asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

**Agenda**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Hearings &  
Presentations**

Klaus & Shirley  
Langpohl, Neptunes  
Balance

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Mr. & Mrs. Langpohl as well as their Chair, Barry Munroe come before the committee to make a presentation on Neptunes Balance.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

A presentation was made outlining the products being made by Neptune's Balance. They have been purchasing scallop shells from fishermen and putting them through a patented process. They are able to filter water for human consumption. They have been able to remove a number of things from the water through their filtration process including arsenic. This is a very new industry and a pilot project is taking place in Digby and Annapolis Counties. This is a new market for fisherman and will be good for long-term sustainable employment. They

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requested a letter of support from Council to take the business forward. They also mentioned that they own two buildings in the Municipality of Digby and would like Council to consider lowering taxes or making these properties exempt. A question and answer period followed the presentation. They have agreed to forward a copy of their current business plan to Council as well as a copy of the new one that is currently being completed as soon as it is available. They noted that they will be meeting with ACOA at the latter part of next week and would like to take their letters of support forward at that time. Deputy Warden MacAlpine thanked them for their presentation.

Dr. Bob Maher, Senior  
Research Scientist  
Applied Geomatics  
Research Group  
(AGRGR), Centre of  
Geographic Sciences  
(COGS)

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Dr. Bob Maher, Senior Research Scientist Applied Geomatics Group from the Centre of Geographic Sciences come before the committee to make a presentation.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Maher gave a presentation regarding community mapping. The Centre of Geographic Sciences has the technology to do community mapping. They let people from the community use their technology and they show them how to use it. Dr. Maher is seeking funding from the Rural Secretariat who will not provide the \$100,000 funding unless there is community buy in. He would like \$5,000 from both Digby & Annapolis Counties. He is looking for commitments by the end of October. A question and answer period followed the presentation. He agreed to forward his budget, proposal, and consultation with the community document. Deputy Warden MacAlpine thanked him for the presentation and advised that this will be added to the agenda for the October 26, 2009 Council meeting.

**Minutes**

September 14, 2009

**MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the minutes of September 14, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Business Arising/Old Business** NIL

**Other Business Arising** NIL

Warden Thurber Absent

Deputy Warden MacAlpine No Business Arising

Councillor Gregory No Business Arising

Councillor Amero No Business Arising

Councillor Adams No Business Arising

**New Business**

#1 Digby Area Soccer Association – Request for \$3,500 towards Mini Soccer Field

The CAO noted that the Digby Area Soccer Association (DASA) is looking for bridge funding as well as financial support in the amount of \$3,500. It was noted that DASA has people lined up to do in-kind work. The CAO noted that this project was not budgeted for this year, and would have to be included in next year's budget. The Association needs commitment now to get the other funding. Councillor Adams questioned whether they got funds from the Town of Digby. The CAO stated they hadn't asked. The CAO suggested that the request be taken to DARC. It was noted that this request would be included in the Grants to Organizations budget.

**MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Gregory that financial support be granted to the Digby Area Soccer Association in the amount of \$3,500 as well as have the Municipality of Digby be the applicant for both ACOA & NSHPP grants, and assurance of project bridge funding which is a requirement of ACOA application.**

Councillor Gregory noted that she thinks that the Association should get some support from the Town of Digby. She suggested that this support could be some in-kind work. Councillor Gregory suggested that the Town be asked for

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support.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#2 DSWNA – Visitor Information Services – Fundy Shore & Annapolis Valley Invitation  
The CAO reported to Council that an invitation has been received for Mayors and Wardens to attend an information discussion on visitor services. Councillor Gregory stated that she will attend this event if the Warden is unable.

#3 Warden Thurber – Possible Mid-Summer Council Meeting  
The CAO noted that the Warden wanted to make a suggestion due to the Council meeting for September being four hours, perhaps Council could meet in June, skip July's meeting and have a meeting in early August. Council agreed.

#4 Councillor Gregory – DriveWiser and Clean Nova Scotia  
Councillor Gregory reported that she received an invitation for the Municipality of Digby to be sustainability leaders through participation in the DriveWiser Active Communities Project. Councillor Gregory would like the presentation to be given to staff and Councillors. There was a short discussion about the content of the presentation.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Adams that Council agree to participate in the DriveWiser and Clean Nova Scotia project.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was mentioned that Council and staff could discuss the presentation after it is completed.

The CAO will write a letter to DriveWiser and Clean Nova Scotia letting them know that the Municipality of Digby is going to participate.

#5 Natural Resources Strategy 2010 – Public Consultation  
The CAO noted that Natural Resources are asking for public comments on Strategy 2010. These comments are due by October 23, 2009. Deputy Warden MacAlpine recommended that if Council had any comments that they wanted forwarded that they be given to administration to be passed on. This will allow Council more time to review the strategy. All comments must be forwarded no later than Thursday afternoon so that they

can be submitted.

#6 Sissiboo Landing – Festival of Trees – The CAO mentioned that Mr. Hersey talked to her with an idea to put a tree in the Sissiboo Landing Festival of Trees decorated with Digby/Saint John ornaments. It would be a great opportunity to push the “save the ferry” initiative.

**MOVED by Councillor Amero, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the Municipality of Digby participate in the Sissiboo Landing Festival of Trees.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Chief Administrative Report** – The CAO report dated October 19, 2009 was included in the COTW Package.

Bloomfield Cleanup – The CAO noted that it was too wet to complete the cleanup in Bloomfield on October 14, 2009.

October 26, 2009 Council – Councillor Gregory noted that she will be away for Council at the end of October.

Special Council Meeting – November 16, 2009 – It was decided to schedule a special Council meeting on November 16, 2009 at 6 pm to deal with a number of Dangerous and Uninsured properties.

Request for Decisions/Direction – NIL

**Department Reports**

Taxation – The Taxation report for September 2009 was included in the package.

Building Inspection Report/Fire Inspection Report – The Building Inspection/Fire Inspection report for September 2009 was included in the package.

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

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Dog Control Activity and Financial Report	The Dog Control Activity and Financial report for September 2009 was included in the package.
Coordinator Program Development	The Coordinator Program Development report for September 2009 was included in the package.
Kings Transit	The Kings Transit report for September 2009 was included in the package. The CAO noted that the ridership dropped significantly for the third month in a row. Councillor Amero advised that the board thought that the decline in ridership may have to do with the price increase. Councillor Gregory noted that the manager indicated that the rise in price had nothing to do with the rising cost of gas.
<b>Other Business</b>	N/A
<b>Updates from Previous meetings</b>	N/A
<b>Special Projects Updates</b>	N/A
<b>Strategic Priorities Update</b>	<p>The Strategic Priorities Update for September 30, 2009 was distributed in the Council package.</p> <p>Councillor Gregory stated that after reading the Strategic Priorities Update she was surprised by how much has been done. The CAO asked Council to email her if there is anything that has been done that has been missed in the update.</p>
<b>Notice of Motion</b>	N/A
<b>Comments from the Gallery</b>	Ms. Peach asked Council how the mapping project would be facilitated. She also inquired about the rationale behind Annapolis County having thirteen Councillors and the Municipality of Digby having only five.
<b>Recess</b>	There was a five-minute recess before going in Camera.

