

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
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- Linda Gregory, 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 Councillor Gregory added Petition as New Business item #4.

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Amero that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Hearings & Presentations

Mothers On
Playground Society –
Crystal Harris

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Mrs. Crystal Harris come before the committee to make a presentation on Mothers On Playground Society.

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Harris gave a presentation on behalf of the Mothers On Playground Society (MOPS). MOPS is a registered charity whose vision is to develop a safe place for children where they can be active outside. MOPS has identified several issues with existing playgrounds in Digby. Those issues include non age appropriate equipment, lack of bathrooms, fences, and limited parking. Mrs. Harris outlined what their plans were for the new playground, being located on Shreve Street, close to the

recreation centre. It is a high traffic area. They have plans to build a public washroom, have the area secured by fencing, and there will be ample parking at DARC. This playground can be used in the summer for day camps, picnics, birthday parties etc. The projected costs associated with the project are approximately \$50,000. MOPS has applied for several grants in which they hope acquire. The rest of the funds are being obtained through fund-raising. Bob Powell, Recreation Manager is qualified to inspect playgrounds and has committed to training the staff and having the playground inspected on a daily basis, as well as keeping the grounds mowed. The proposed completion date is Fall 2009. Mrs. Harris also mentioned that there is going to be a community supper at the Curling Club on April 4, 2009 to raise money. Also, people who donate \$20 towards the fence will get a plaque with their name on it posted on the fence. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that Mr. John Roswell come before the committee to make a presentation on Digby Clare Mental Health Volunteers.

MOTION CARRIED

Digby Clare Mental
Health Volunteers –
John Roswell

Mr. John Roswell gave a presentation to Council regarding Digby Clare Mental Health. This group of volunteers are working together to promote mental health in Digby. Mr. Roswell would like Council's assistance in providing funding for two events that are coming up that he would like to send some of the volunteers to. The group is requesting that Council provide a quarter of the total costs for the two events. The first event is Suicide Intervention training. The group is looking to establish a help line in the community. The second event is a Mental Health First Aid project. They are looking to train the public who deal with people who are potentially dealing with a mental health crisis. The total being requested for the first event is \$1,900 and the second is \$1,200. The remainder of the funds will be obtained from other municipalities, and the volunteers are covering some through their organization, which will hopefully be obtained from Community Wellness. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Warden Thurber advised Mr. Roswell that a decision will be made regarding this request at the Council meeting on March 23, 2009.

Minutes

February 9, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Amero that the minutes of February 9, 2009 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising/Old Business

FCM Role of Honour Nominations

The CAO advised that she was in contact with the Town of New Glasgow to find out if they were nominating former Mayor Anne MacLean for the FCM Role of Honour nominations. They advised that they would be making the nomination, and will be soliciting letters of support. The CAO indicated that Council would be interested.

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 Malaria Prevention Group – Awareness World Malaria Day

It was noted that the Municipality of Digby does not do proclamations. No action is required.

#2 Digby Neck &
Islands Gulf of Maine
Institute Team –
Request for Funding
Support

MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the request for funding from Digby Neck and Islands Gulf of Maine Institute Team be referred to the budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 Tiverton & Central
Grove Heritage
Association – Letter of
Support

Councillor Gregory noted that she feels that Council should support Tiverton and Central Grove Heritage Association by writing a letter of support.

MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that a letter of support be written to the various levels of government regarding the community taking over the lighthouse.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine stated that he supports what the community is trying to do; however is concerned that if the association failed, what would happen to the lighthouse.

Both Councillor Gregory, and Deputy Warden MacAlpine agreed to add the following to the motion:

Also the letter is to state that if the society became nonexistent, the lighthouse cannot be sold but would revert to the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Petition – Round
Table to Discuss
Digby Wind Park

Councillor Gregory informed Council that she has received a petition requesting that a round table meeting be held to discuss the Digby wind park. It was noted by the group requesting the meeting that they would appreciate a response within one week.

Council all agreed to hold the round table to discuss the Digby Wind Park. Councillor Amero advised that he would not be in attendance as he is in a conflict of interest.

The meeting was scheduled for March 24, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Office.

Correspondence

Barry Barnet, Minister of Energy – NSPI Rate Increase
There was a short discussion regarding the response from Minister Barry Barnet regarding the NSPI rate increase. Council was not happy with the response. It was noted that the Utility and Review Board should be notified by Council prior to the next increase.

Carroll Publicover, Chair - PVSC
There was a short discussion regarding the information received from Carroll Publicover from PVSC. Council agreed that it was a favorable response.

Chief Administrative Report
The CAO report for February 2009 was included in the package.

Request for Decisions/Direction

April COTW date for meeting
It was decided that the COTW for April be held on April 7, 2009 at 7:00 due to April 13 being Easter Monday.

Condition of Grounds at Point Prim Lighthouse
It was suggested that another letter be written concerning the condition of the grounds at Point Prim Lighthouse. There has not been a response received to date. The Deputy CAO agreed to look into it again later this week.

Department Reports

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

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

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

The Deputy CAO advised that the Airport had an inspection done by Transport Canada, in which an issue was identified with the runway caused by frost heaves. It is a bit of a safety issues. There are a couple of options to deal with this. The first being considering moving the length of the runway back, or secondly, temporarily giving up the certification. There was a

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discussion regarding this issue. The Deputy CAO advised that he brought this issue forward for information to be considered and a decision can be made in the future. The engineers will know more after the weather improves.

Dog Control Activity and Financial Report	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Coordinator Program Development	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
Kings Transit	The report for January 2009 was included in the package.
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	There meeting was opened to the gallery for questions.
Adjournment	MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that the meeting adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

WARDEN

CLERK