

**TOWN AND MUNICIPALITY OF DIGBY
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
(DIGBY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY)**

April 1, 2015

Town of Digby

Members Present: Mayor Ben Cleveland (chair)
Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine (vice chair)
Councillor Danny Harvieux
Warden Linda Gregory

Staff Present: Terry Thibodeau, Municipality of Digby
Jeff Sunderland, Deputy CAO, Town of Digby
Tom, Ossinger, CAO, Town of Digby
Leslie Young, Executive Assistant, Town of Digby

Regrets: Linda Fraser, CAO, Municipality of Digby
Dan Harvey, Business Support Consultant
Peter MacLellan, Raeberry Communications

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

B. AGENDA

B.1 Additions/Deletions

One Addition to Business Arising from the Minutes D.2 Port Authority Working Group update/Tidal.

B.2 Approval

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that the agenda of April 1, 2015 be approved with the following addition to Business Arising from the Minutes D.2 Port Authority Working Group/Tidal.

Motion Carried.

C. MINUTES

C.1 Minutes March 3, 2015

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Warden MacAlpine and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the minutes of March 3, 2015 be approved.

Motion Carried.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 MRC Funding Request

The MRC funding request was for \$10,000.00 however the committee feels that this amount is a bit high. Terry feels that they would accept \$5,000.00 towards the study as a lot of the funds are coming from the Department of Energy. The Mayor feels that there are lots of supply chain studies that have already been done. Deputy Warden MacAlpine feels that this is something we should bring back to the next meeting once we can determine from the CAO Linda Fraser how much money maybe available.

D.2 Port Authority Working Group/Tidal

The Mayor updated the commission on the port authority working group. The Port Authority does not feel that Tidal is part of their mandate and have decided to not move forward. Deputy Warden feels that even though the Port Authority has decided to not move forward we still need too. A site should be chosen but we need to have the Province as well as the Federal Government support in order to make this happen. An MOU will be coming forward in the next while with a potential tidal developer. There are still alot of thing that need to be worked out such as site selection and who will build the site. We need to have a meeting with the Minister of Energy as well as the Premier to discuss Tidal in the future. Mayor Cleveland will draft and send a letter the Minister of Energy as well as the Premier and our MLA on a possible meeting. Terry can gather some speaking points so that when a meeting happens with the Minister and the Premier we will be ready.

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1 Clare Digby Energy Trust

The Draft agreement has been sent however the Town of Digby as well as the Municipality of Clare are not willing to sign at this point. Both units feel that they need to know what the real dollars that will be needed before they can commit to the agreement. With a 7 million dollar cost ACOA as well as the Province will be key funding partners with a small contribution from the municipal units however we will have to wait for more information to come forward before the agreement can be signed by the units.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Call for adjournment by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Warden Gregory at 1:50 PM

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY