

TOWN OF DIGBY
SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 26, 2017

Present: Sherri Lewis, Town of Digby Citizen Rep, Chair
Mayor Ben Cleveland, Town of Digby Mayor, & PAC member
Charlie Ross, Digby Water Commission Member
Adam Hankinson, Municipality of Digby Citizen Rep
Councillor Matt Ross, Municipality of Digby

Staff: Tom Ossinger, CAO Town of Digby
Leslie Young, Executive Assistant, Town of Digby
Jeff Sunderland, Deputy CAO Municipality of Digby
Ed McCormick, Director of Public Works

Others Present: Dawn MacNeill, NS Environment, Watershed Planner

Regrets:

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Agenda

B.1 Additions/Deletions

None.

B.2 Approval

Motion:

Moved by Charlie Ross and seconded by Mayor Cleveland that the Agenda of January 26, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

C. New Member Orientation

Dawn MacNeill watershed planner with NSE provided an introduction to the group of her work and the work to date with this committee. The Committee members each completed a short quiz on each individual knowledge of the system. After completing the quiz Dawn did a power point presentation to the members providing an overview of

why the committee was formed and the work that it has completed and the work that needs to be done moving forward. The members also had a chance to view the maps that show the wells in various locations in the municipality as well as the one in the Town of Digby. And the various levels of protection zones and the reason for them. This presentation provided a good overview for new members of the Committee.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting

D.1 September 15, 2016

Motion:

Moved by Charlie Ross and seconded by Adam Hankinson that the minutes be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

E. Business Arising from the Minutes

E.1 Trail Proposal for Vantassel Lake

Currently the trail proposal is only on step one of the three step process however we need to look at phase 3 and discuss the boat launch and shelter. Discussion ensued about the opening of the trail and the added risk of travel for ATV. The land is owned by the Town of Digby and ultimately the decision to allow or not allow motorized vehicles will be made at this committee level. Consensus was made to prohibit the use of motorized and non-motorized vehicles or vessels except for the purposed of maintance by the Town of Digby.

E.2 Contingency Plan for Wells

The final copy of the contingency plan is now complete. This is a very large document and we can forward it via email to the Committee members for reference.

E.3 Annual Water Sampling Plan.

The final copy of the annual water sampling plan is also now complete. The sampling plan is part of requirements from Nova Scotia Environment.

F. New Business

F.1 Lead in Canadian Drinking Water.

The Director of Public Works received correspondence from the Committee on Drinking Water they are conducting a public consultation to solicit comments on the proposed guidelines for lead in drinking water. We follow the Canadian Drinking Water Standards if we wish to provide feedback we can by March 15, 2017. We will also bring this up at the Digby Water Commission next meeting to see if they wish to send comments by the provided deadline.

F.2 Vice Chairperson Source Water Protection Committee

The Vice Chairperson seat is now open with Maritza Adams not being re-elected this creates a Vice Chair vacancy.

Charlie Ross nominated Councillor Ross to the Vice Chairperson seat on the Source Water Protection Committee seconded by Mayor Cleveland. Councillor Ross accepted the nomination as the Vice Chairperson of the Source Water Protection Committee.

G. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meetings will be:

March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

June 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

September 28, 2017 6:00 p.m.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made.

Motion:

Moved by Mayor Cleveland and seconded by Charlie Ross the meeting adjourn at 7:45 P.M.

Motion Carried.

CHAIR

CLERK