

**SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL, RCMP  
DECEMBER 3, 2007  
6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Frank Mackintosh  
Deputy Sherri Lewis  
Councillor Jean Brittain  
Councillor Mike Bartlett  
Councillor Danny Harvieux  
Councillor Bob Handspiker  
Councillor Ben Cleveland

**RCMP PRESENT:** S/Sgt. Phil Barrett  
Cpl. Trish MacQuarrie

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Tom Ossinger  
Deputy Clerk, Matthew Raymond  
Recording Secretary, Bonnie Duncan

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mackintosh called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

- B.** S/Sgt. Barrett informed council that the Digby Detachment is at full strength as of September 15, 2007. There was some discussion regarding the meetings with the down town merchants earlier in the summer. The situation seems to have improved some.
- C.** There will be a municipal meeting for the Police Advisory Board in March. Councillor Harvieux and Councillor Handspiker as well as ~~four~~ two citizens will represent the town on the Police Advisory Board. S/Sgt. Barrett said that after training is complete, the policing act will be discussed. Mayor Mackintosh suggested that a picture of the town police be placed in the Digby Courier so people will know who they are. S/Sgt. Barrett said that he will speak to John DeMings about a group photo to put in paper.
- D.** Heather Charlton will be taking PROS computer program training in Halifax.

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- E.** Cpl. Trish Mac Quarrie informed council that there has been a lot of work in the schools addressing concerns about drugs. Constable McNeil will be facilitating a DARE program as well as other programs for the grade 7,8 & 9 students and Digby Regional High School.
- F.** Traffic enforcement has been making more stops. All officers have been busy with a variety of things. There was discussion regarding drug enforcement targeting impaired drivers. Detachment Policing Plan was discussed; experts from Halifax regarding radar enforcement, evidence collection and other areas that will help strengthen skills.
- G.** Police Officers are being trained in Aldershot for tazer use. Procedure for using the tazer, options and alternatives were discussed.
- H.** Scallop Days Weekend there were seven impaired driving charges. Impaired driving charges are down all over province at this time.
- I.** South West Traffic Services – hoping to have the four vacant positions in Digby filled within the next month.
- J.** Mayor Mackintosh said that he has received positive comments from citizens regarding S/Sgt. Barrett and other Officers are doing a good job.
- K.** There is a zero tolerance policy for alcohol related offenses. Vandalism and tagging were discussed. Cpl. MacQuarrie explained about a video project for a national contest being put together by senior high students called “Say No to Racism”. Constable David Parker will be involved in making the video.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk