

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

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

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mackintosh called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

B. AGENDA

B.1 Additions/Deletions
F.18 Medic Report

B.2 Approval of the agenda

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded by: Councillor Brittain

That the agenda of October 1, 2007 be approved as presented with one addition under reports.

MOTION CARRIED.

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- C. DELEGATION** Colleen O'Flaherty – Project Coordinator
Employer of Choice Pilot Project.
Ms. O'Flaherty gave Council a presentation on the Employee of Choice Initiative research findings.
Labour market challenges, diverse and multi-generational, impact of labour market issues were some of the topics covered.
Ms. O'Flaherty explained the phases of the Employer of Choice Pilot Initiative.

Phase 1: Research to establish the model and conduct promotional campaign.

Phase 2: Pilot 10 companies in the Annapolis Valley Area based on the established model.

There was some discussion regarding the purpose of this project. Councillor Brittain asked if the project was used in other locations and what were the results. Ms. O'Flaherty explained that the project does not have its own established guidelines at this time but they are working on them. (See attached).

- C.2** Peter Janson- Placement of Carving
Mr. Janson told Council to feel free to drive by and have a look at the completed carving. He also said that he'd like to part of the decision making regarding the placement of the carving.
Mr. Janson said that many things need to be considered before a decision is made. Deterioration of wood, size of carving, weather conditions were some of the concerns. Discussion ensued.
Mayor Mackintosh told Mr. Janson to make arrangements with Town Clerk Ossinger to go to Fisherman's Memorial Park and have a look at possible locations as the park is where the carving is going to go.

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C.3 Phil Robertson-Wharf Rat Rally

Mr. Robertson presented Council with a list of changes the Wharf Rat Rally Committee would like to see implemented next year.
(See attached)

Discussion ensued regarding vendor placements and the amount of vendors at the 2007 rally. Mr. Robertson said that all food vendors will be placed in the Courier parking lot for the 2008 rally. Signatures that were acquired were not for vendors but for street closures. Mayor Mackintosh said that anything required by town would be put in writing. The matter of vendors will be looked into and consistent guidelines will be implemented for all festivals and rallies. When decisions are made, all organizations and committees will be notified.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

D.1 September 4, 2007

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Councillor Brittain

That the minutes of September 4, 2007 be approved with the following correction Under New Business F.1- Marina docks be moved not the marina be moved.

MOTION CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

E.1 Marina Request

Town Clerk Ossinger had sent a letter to the Marina group requesting written confirmation regarding the storing of the marina docks. The requested letter was received October 1, 2007.

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F. REPORTS

**F.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE/ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$239,811.75 be approved for payment for the month of September, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED

F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

Report for September, 2007 was reviewed and excepted as presented with the following motions.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That Holger Mueller- Sparenberg be granted a license to open a real-estate business at 57 Water Street, Digby.

MOTION CARRIED

**F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY
COMMITTEE**

Report for September, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

(A) Flag Policy

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Brittain

That a Flag Policy be drafted by the By-Law Committee

MOTION CARRIED

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- (B) Placement of stump carving

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Harvieux

That the stump carving be placed in the Fisherman's Memorial Park.

AYES

Mayor Mackintosh
Deputy Mayor Lewis
Councillor Bartlett
Councillor Harvieux
Councillor Handspiker
Councillor Cleveland

NAYS

Councillor Brittain

MOTION CARRIED

Report for September, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

- (C) Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That a truck be leased for use by the STP Operator.

MOTION CARRIED

- (D) Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That expense is covered for Deputy Mayor Lewis to act as a mentor for women in Government.

MOTION CARRIED

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F.4 TOURISM

Report for September, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That the Fishermen's memorial service be held the third Sunday in September every year.

MOTION CARRIED

F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No Report

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for September, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Harvieux stated that it was a busy summer. The ice will be ready in a couple weeks.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

No meeting.

F.8 WASTE CHECK

Report for September, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. A strategic planning session was held in September as well.

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

F.10 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

No Meeting.

F.11 WATER COMMISSION

Report for September was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Bartlett informed Council that the 2007/08 Operating Capital budget was approved. The water tests for September were fine.

F.12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No meeting.

F.13 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Report for September was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Brittain informed Council that DALA is running at full capacity and has a waiting list. Learning Grove preschool also is at full capacity.

F.14 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

Report for September was reviewed and accepted as presented. Senior Safety Coordinator Dawn Thomas also submitted a report for September.

F.15 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE

No meeting

**F.16 ANAPOLIS DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY**

Deputy Mayor Lewis informed Council that there was a two day strategic planning session instead of a meeting.

F.17 CLERK TREASURERS REPORT

Report for September was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.18 MEDIC REPORT

Report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Brittain informed Council that another meeting is scheduled for next week. The ongoing efforts to secure long term doctors were also discussed. The offered incentive package and what would happen if more than one doctor was interested in coming to this area.

Discussion ensued. The building of a medical facility away from the hospital was also discussed. A facility that would be run by the doctors and patients would have access to medical help without having to wait for one particular doctor.

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John Englehutt-Health Centre Work Group.
Construction of a health centre for Digby and area to assist in physician recruitment efforts was also discussed. The request for \$10,000 of the \$30,000 required for a conceptual design was discussed.

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Handspiker

That the Town approves the \$10,000 request for the Health Centre Working Group with the understanding that there is no financial commitment for further development from the Town.

MOTION CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 The Honorable Diane Finley, P.C., M.P. - Canada's Citizenship Week October 15-21, 2007 request for proclamation.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Councillor Cleveland

That the week of October 15-21 be proclaimed Canada's Citizenship week.

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- G.2** Keith Coulter- Correctional Services Canada- request for proclamation for Restorative Justice Week from November 18-25, 2007.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Councillor Cleveland

That the week of November 18-25 be proclaimed Restorative Justice Week.

MOTION CARRIED

- G.3** Dean M. Kenley-Raquette Park Signage
Discussion ensued regarding the signage issue. The matter will be dealt with through tourism.

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett
Seconded By: Councillor Harvieux

That the Tourism Committee deals with the signage issues by Raquette Park.

MOTION CARRIED

- G.4** Duston Stevenson- Hall of Fame Building- The Black Fishermen Association of Nova Scotia.
Discussion ensued regarding the possible uses of the Hall of Fame Building. Council has decided to send a letter to Mr. Stevenson stating that Council is unable to make a decision on the future of the building at this time.

- G.5** Cheryl Denton- Admiral Digby Museum
A letter requesting tax exemption for the dwelling on 97 Montague Row was discussed. The museum obtained the title for the building this summer. The building is not deemed to be a museum under the current by-law. Council decided to move the matter to finance.

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- G.6** John Englehutt-Health Centre Working Group
(Dealt with under F.18 Medic Report)

H. NEW BUSINESS

- H.1** Appointment of citizen to Police Advisory Board
Councillor Brittain excused herself due to conflict of interest.
Town Clerk Ossinger presented the names of the two people interested on being on the board.
Ms. Terry Gilbert and Mr. Ron Cooper Senior

Moved By: Councillor Harvieux
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That Ms. Terry Gilbert and Mr. Ron Cooper Senior be appointed members of the Police Advisory Board.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Harvieux and Councillor Handspiker are also appointed to the Police Advisory Board.

- H.2** Irving Property-14 Queen Street. (In-Camera)
A response was received from Jake Jacobson regarding the sale and purchase of the property at 14 Queen Street.
Matter was discussed in camera by Council.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Deputy Mayor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Harvieux. TIME: 8:45 P.M.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

