

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 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  
Bonnie Duncan, Recording Secretary  
Matthew Raymond, Deputy Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. AGENDA**

**B.1** Additions/Deletions

**B.2** Approval of the agenda

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker  
Seconded by: Councillor Harvieux

That the agenda of September 4, 2007 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

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- C. DELEGATION** Mr. Mike Gushue- Managing Director, Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency  
Mr. Terry Thibideau- Economic Development Officer, Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency.

Mr. Gushue introduced Mr. Terry Thibideau to Mayor and Council explaining Mr. Thibideau's education, qualifications, experience and job details. Mr. Gushue also thanked Town Clerk Ossinger for his gracious help. Mr. Thibideau is the Economic Development Officer for the Cornwallis to Weymouth areas. Ms. Joy O'Neil was also introduced as the Economic Development Officer for the Annapolis Royal Area.

Mr. Thibideau stated that the newly formed Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency is one of thirteen in the Province. It has been in operation for six months. The six business plans objectives were explained and what they have done for other agencies. The Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency will be consulting with Federal and Provincial Government Agencies. They will be promoting trade industries, asset mapping, and working with the Digby Area Tourism Association and South West Nova.

Mr. Thibideau offered congratulations on the International Air Show, Scallop Days festival and the Wharf Rat Rally. There was also discussion regarding working with businesses in the area, hosting events for new immigrants, and immigration programs. Infrastructure, Health Clinic, and the Digby Wharf were also mentioned. Trade Team Nova Scotia will be in Cornwallis September 17<sup>th</sup> to promote the Shaw building.

Mr. Thibideau explained that they would be talking with local business owners to get a feel for what is needed. Mayor Mackintosh asked if it would be individually or would it be a group meeting. Mr. Thibideau said that it would be individually to ensure confidentiality. Mr. Gushue said it would be focused and organized interaction with businesses. They would be looking at how to help a business that was looking for export but didn't know how, business related expansion, employee issues, identify issues surrounding businesses that would make a difference. The goal would be to come up with answers to increase levels of job creation and productivity.

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There was also discussion regarding immigration, lack of laborers in certain fields, as well as the possibilities of international markets. The Digby Area Learning Association was also mentioned as a great contributor to the project.

There was a brief discussion regarding the press reporting the good things that happen in the area.

Scallops' being used as the Digby brand was discussed as well as sailing being a high-end product, and Digby pearls. Scallop Days potential is enormous. These are a few of Digby's best assets and need to be promoted. Local events need more publicity. Promotion of Industrial Park as a new venue for business was briefly discussed.

**D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**D.1 August 7, 2007**

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker

Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the minutes of August 4, 2007 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**E.1 Marine Request-**

Special Constable Parry spoke to Mr. Casey and Mr. Starr regarding the marina being placed on the South end of Maiden Lane for the winter. Both Mr. Casey and Mr. Starr did not want the marina put there.

Councillor Cleveland stated that the Marina Group is concerned about councils answer as they have to have the marina out of the water by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. If they fail to do so, their insurance will be void. A crane has to be brought in from Yarmouth to remove it from the water.

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There was discussion regarding the smell and other possible concerns. The marina will be placed back in the water in April 2008.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That permission for the Marina Society to store their docks on the South end of Maiden Lane for one year. The smell must be dealt with accordingly.

MOTION CARRIED

**Ayes**

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

**Nays**

Councillor Bartlett

**F. REPORTS**

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

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$315,840.42 be approved for payment for the month of August, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED

**F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE**

Report for August, 2007 was reviewed and excepted as presented with the following motions:

(a) Moved By: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

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That Sabrina Patterson be granted a business license to open a dance studio at 15 Carlton Street Digby.

MOTION CARRIED

- (b) Moved By: Councillor Handspiker  
Seconded By: Councillor Harvieux

That Debra Rayner be granted a business license to open a Consignment, Jewelry and Sewing alterations business at 125 King Street, Digby.

MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion regarding signage and signage by-laws. This will be looked into further.

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

Report for August, 2007 was reviewed and excepted as presented, with the following additions:

- (a) To issue order of removal of boat from South end of Queen Street.

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded By: Councillor Handspiker

That order be issued to have boat removed.

MOTION CARRIED

- (b) To issue order of clean up at 149 West Street

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That order be issued stating that owner has 48 hours to clean up property at 149 West Street.

MOTION CARRIED

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- (c) To issue order of clean up for 11 First Avenue

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That an order be issued stating that owner has 48 hours to clean up property at 11 First Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

- (d) To issue order of clean up compliance at 19-21 Birch Street

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That an order be issued stating that owner has 48 hours to comply with property clean up at 19-21 Birch Street.

MOTION CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the property of 19 -21 Birch Street. There is an issue with the water service at this time. The water lines for 19 run through 21 and unit 21 must be demolished. Insurance has been receiving quotes from contractors to perform the demolition. The building will be removed and the basement filled in. The issues of 19 Birch Street have been dealt with at this time.

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**F.4 TOURISM**

Report for August, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. There was discussion regarding the Fishermen's Memorial Service to be held September 23<sup>rd</sup>. September 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for engraving.

Labeling for the flags along the water front was also discussed. It was suggested that the Scallop Days Committee and the Wharf Rat Rally Committee get together to discuss possible strategies that would benefit everyone.

Mayor Mackintosh stated that all vendors' licenses should be purchased from Town Hall to avoid conflict in the future. A map of locations suitable for vendors should be created to avoid confusion about where they can be. A meeting will be arranged with both organizations in the future to let them know. An amendment to the by-law will be required.

**F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE**

Report for August, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Discussion ensued regarding land assessment and expectations.

**F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION**

Report for August, 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Harvieux stated that it was a busy summer and everything went well.

**F.7 LIBRARY BOARD**

No meeting.

**F.8 WASTE CHECK**

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

**F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

No meeting.

**F.10 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION**

No Meeting.  
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**F.11 WATER COMMISSION**

No report. Water test results all good.

**F.12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

No meeting.

**F.13 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION**

No Meeting

**F.14 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD**

No meeting.

**F.15 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE**

Open meeting on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> there were 24 people in attendance. The meeting went very well.

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

No report.

**F.17 CLERK TREASURERS REPORT**

Report reviewed and accepted as presented.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

Motion By: Councillor Harvieux  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That Council go "In Camera" to discuss legal issues, 7:50 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

"Out of Camera" at 8:00pm.

**I. QUESTION PERIOD**



None  
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**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Deputy Mayor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Harvieux.                      TIME: 8:05 P.M.

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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK