

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2007**

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

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 6:50 PM.

B. AGENDA

B.1 Additions/Deletions
F.2 Operating Budget

B.2 Approval of the agenda

Moved by: Councillor Bartlett
Seconded by: Councillor Cleveland

That the agenda of July 9, 2007 be approved with the above addition.

MOTION CARRIED.

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C. DELEGATION
None

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
D.1 June 3, 2007

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the minutes of June 3, 2007 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
NONE

F. REPORTS

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

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$192,534.22 be approved for payment for the month of June, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED

F.2 2007-2008 Operating Budget

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the budget committee recommend that Council approve the general operating budget for the Town of Digby for the 2007/2008 fiscal year in the amount of \$ 3,708,554.00.
Specific items recommended as follows:

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a) Tax Rate

That the tax rate for the 2007/2008 fiscal year be set as follows:

Residential	\$1.92 per \$100 of assessment
Residential Resource	\$1.92 per \$100 of assessment
Commercial	\$3.65 per \$100 of assessment
Business Occupancy	\$3.65 per \$100 of assessment

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the tax rate be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Garbage Rate

That the annual residential garbage rate for the 2007/2008 fiscal year be set as follows:

\$190.00 per single family dwelling
\$190.00 per apartment unit

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Handspiker

That the garbage rate be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Interest on Outstanding Taxes

That simple interest at a rate of 20% per annum be applied each month on all tax arrears, and that interest at a rate of 20% per annum be applied each month on the 2007/2008 taxes starting the month of September, 2007. Interest related to each month is to be calculated based on the month end balance and recorded on the tax roll the first day of the following month. The Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Digby is to be empowered to collect by warrant all outstanding taxes after the due date.

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the Town Clerk/Treasurer be empowered to collect by warrant all outstanding taxes after the due date.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Low Income Property Tax Exemption

That the persons who meet the conditions below be granted a \$250.00 exemption on their 2007/2008 residential property taxes.

1. Legal title to the property resides with the taxpayer.
2. Exemption shall not be granted to any account showing arrears.
3. The tax payer is a resident of the property.
4. An application form must be completed and processed for each year. (Schedule A)
5. The maximum taxable household income shall not exceed \$15,000.00. As all low income residents are eligible for the GST Rebate, a Federal Income Tax Return must be filed annually. Documentation for proof of income is required for all persons living in the household. A copy of each of their income tax returns is to be attached to the application. (T4 SLIPS ALONE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED).
6. Deadline for completed applications to be received is April 30th.

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Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the Low Income Property Tax Exemption changes be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Tax Certificate

That the fee for a tax certificate be set at \$25.00

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Harvieux

MOTION CARRIED

f) Sewer Service Charge

That an annual sewer service charge be levied in accordance with the Town of Digby by- law respecting the regulations of sewer service charges.

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Brittain

That the changes to the Sewer Service Charge be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

Report for June, 2007 was reviewed and excepted as presented.

F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Report for June, 2007 was reviewed and excepted as presented.

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That Mid-Valley Construction be awarded the contract to build the Recycle Transfer Station.

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MOTION CARRIED

F.4 TOURISM

Report for June 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Bartlett informed Council that the Summer Concert Series starts Wednesday, July 11, 2007.

F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

Report for June 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Cleveland informed Council that the Project Manager and the Architect for the new Tideview building has been hired. Site selection is the next step to be taken. There are six areas that are being looked at for the new building.

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for June 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Cleveland stated that an AED (defibrillator) was purchased. Training will be undertaken. Approved work starts July 18, 2007.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

No meeting

F.8 WASTE CHECK

Report for June 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

F.11 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

No Meeting.

F.12 WATER COMMISSION

Report for June 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Town Clerk Ossinger informed Council that the URB has accepted and approved the rates applied for. The new rates will be in effect as of July 1, 2007.

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F.13 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No meeting.

F.14 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Report for June 2007 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Brittain informed Council there would be no more meetings until September, 2007.

F.15 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

No meeting. Councillor Harvieux informed Council that there will be a barbeque Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 11:00am. The East Coast Golf Classic donated food and the food left from the Canada Day Celebration will be used for this event.

F.16 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE

No meeting.

F.17 ANAPOLIS DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

No meeting.

F.18 CLERK TREASURERS REPORT

Town clerk Ossinger informed the Council about an upcoming caucus meeting July 11, 2007 as well as an overview of the agenda for the UNSM meeting.

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That Town Clerk Ossinger attends the meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 UNSM-2007 Conference Resolutions

Discussed during Clerk/Treasurers report.

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H. NEW BUSINESS
None

I. QUESTION PERIOD
None

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Harvieux. TIME: 7:20 P.M.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK