

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 5, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Frank Mackintosh  
Councillor Bob Handspiker  
Councillor Jean Brittain  
Councillor Ben Cleveland  
Councillor Mike Bartlett

**STAFF PRESENT:** Matthew Raymond, Deputy Clerk  
Bonnie Duncan, Administrative Assistant  
Tom Ossinger, Town Clerk

**REGRETS:** Deputy Mayor, Sherri Lewis  
Councillor Danny Harvieux

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mackintosh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**B. AGENDA**

**B.1** Additions/Deletions

**E.2-** Pesticide Committee was deleted from the agenda

**B.2** Approval

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker

Seconded by: Councillor Brittain

That the agenda of March 5,2007 be approved with the above additions.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C. DELEGATION**

**C.1 DESTINATION SOUTH WEST NOVA**

President Doug Fawthrop and Madonna Spinazola spoke to Council regarding the amalgamation of the various tourist bureaus in the South West areas, the benefits to the areas, cost and other facts regarding their organization. Following the presentation Mr. Fawthrop and Ms. Spinzola answered questions asked by Council members. Mayor Mackintosh stated that the proposal would be considered.

**C.2 SCALLOP DAYS**

Mike Daley made a presentation to the Council regarding the Scallop Days events. He explained some of the events the Scallop Days Committee were arranging. They are requesting the same donation from the town they received last year. The committee is also in the process of fund raising.

**C.3 RAILS TO TRAILS**

Mr. Rick Jacques, President of the Rails To Trails Association made a presentation to Council. He gave an update on the progress and activities that have been taken by the Rails To Trails Association. He also explained future plans in the communities. Mr. Jacques also provided council with a breakdown of the financial status and requirements for the proposed actions the Association wishes to implement in the future.

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**D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**D.1** February 5, 2007

Moved By: Councillor Brittain  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the minutes of February 5, 2007 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**E.1** Police Advisory Committee.

Moved By: Councillor Brittain  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That Councillors Harvieux and Handspiker represent Council on the Police Advisory Board.

MOTION CARRIED

**E.2** Wharf Rat Rally

Phil Robertson answered questions that were asked by Councillor Bartlett regarding the budgeted deficit of \$20,000. Mr. Robertson stated that funding from the town would be used to reduce this budgeted deficit. Council will respond to request for street closures and other items at the Streets, Sewers and Public Property meeting being held March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**F. REPORTS**

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

**a) Accounts Payable**

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded by: Councillor Bartlett

That accounts payable in the amount of \$177,808.90 be approved for payment.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Councillor Handspiker presented the Fire, Police and Licensing report for February 2007.

- A) Fees on Criminal Records Checks-  
That effective January 1, 2007 Council charge the following application fees for: Criminal Records Checks \$10.00  
Fingerprint Check \$15.00. Volunteers are exempted from these fees.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker  
Seconded By: Councillor Brittain

That volunteers be exempt from fees for finger print or criminal record check.

MOTION CARRIED

- B) Approval of a Business License for Robert Davidson at 43 Water Street for a Tattoo Shop.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker  
Seconded By: Councillor Cleveland

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That approval be granted for Mr. Davidson's Business License.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Motion to approve the exemption under by-law # 2000-11 Prevention of Excessive Noise is granted for the Relay for Life Event to be held on June 7, 2007 at the Digby Elementary School grounds provided that no live bands play after 11:00 P.M.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker  
Seconded By: Councillor Cleveland

That the exemption under by-law #2000-11 be granted to the Relay For Life event June 7, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED

**F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE**  
Councillor Cleveland presented the Streets, Sewer and Public Property Committee report for the month of February 2007.

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland  
Seconded by: Councillor Handspiker

That the Council approves Chris Lockeyer begins the process for civic address changes.

MOTION CARRIED

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**F.4 TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bartlett presented the Tourism Committee report for February 2007.

**F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE**

Councillor Cleveland presented the Tideview Terrace report for the month of February. Councillor Cleveland attended a meeting in Halifax with the Department of Health regarding the construction of a new Tideview facility.

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

Councillor Cleveland presented the DARC report for the month of February. There was discussion regarding the use of the High School Theatre. Councillor Cleveland will review letters from other schools regarding their theatre uses.

**F.7 LIBRARY BOARD**

No meeting. No report.

**F.8 WASTE CHECK**

Councillor Brittain presented the Waste Check report for the month of February. There was some discussion regarding the upcoming changes in garbage collection, and public notification of changes.

**F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

No meeting. No report.

**F.10 TREE COMMITTEE**

No meeting. No report.

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**F.11 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION**

No meeting. No report

**F.12 WATER COMMISSION**

Councillor Bartlett presented the water report for February to council. There was discussion about the water rate study conducted by Bill Gates and Gerry Isnor. It was agreed to let them take the study to the Utilities and Review Board. Water results were all negative.

Mr. Jeff VanTassel will be joining the Water Commission as the new citizen representative. The meetings will be held at 12:00 P.M. instead of 1:30 P.M. as of March 21, 2007.

Moved By: Councillor Bartlett

Seconded By: Councillor Cleveland

That Mr. VanTassel join the Water Commission and meetings be held at 12:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

**F.13 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

No meeting. No report.

**F.14 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Brittain presented the Digby Area Learning Association February report to council. Councillor Brittain stated that it was nice to see Councillors at the open house event DALA hosted.

**F.15 SENIOR'S SAFETY BOARD**

No meeting. No report.

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**F.16 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE**

Deputy Clerk Matthew Raymond presented the February Pesticide Committee report to Council. There was discussion regarding the implementation of a pesticide use by-law. A letter of support from the Mayor and Council will be sent to UNSM.

There was discussion of a public education approach being taken with an add campaign before lawn care season started. Council decided that \$200.00 would be used for this campaign.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker  
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That a letter of support be sent to UNSM, and \$200.00 be spent for education campaign.

MOTION CARRIED

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**I. QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Cleveland                      TIME:  
8:30 P.M.

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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK