

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 2, 2007**

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

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. AGENDA

B.1 Additions/Deletions

There is one addition to the agenda under correspondence. A letter from the Scouts Canada.

B.2 Approval

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That the agenda of January 2,2007 be approved with the following additions.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. DELEGATION

C.1 Ben Elms Smoking By-law

The presentation of the delegation was postponed to a later date.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

D.1 December 4, 2006

The Council minutes of December 4, 2006, was declared approved as presented with the following change on Page 10 under new business. Phil Robertson will go to each business to see if they will agree to closing off Prince William Street to the Digby Baptist Church, (Mount St.), leaving access to Visitor Information Centre on Saturday and Sunday.

D.2 December 18, 2006

Moved By: Councillor Brittain
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the minutes of December 18, 2006 be approved as presented.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

December 4, 2006 NONE
December 18, 2006 NONE

F. REPORTS

F.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

a) Accounts Payable

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Lewis
Seconded by: Councillor Brittain

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$516,035.83 be approved for payment.

MOTION CARRIED.

F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

Councillor Handspiker presented his report for the month of December 2006. (see attached). Mr. Robertson approached the businesses regarding the closure of streets during the Wharf Rat Rally. He had only one refusal.

F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councillor Cleveland presented the Streets, Sewer and Public Property Committee report for the month of December 2006. (See attached)

F.4 TOURISM COMMITTEE

Councillor Bartlett presented the Tourism Committee report for December 2006. (See attached). Changes to the Doers and Dreamers guide will be addressed.

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F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No meeting. No report

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Councillor Handspiker presented the Digby And Area Recreation Commission Report for the month of December 2006. (See attached) Councillor Handspiker informed Council that Fairway paid for ice time and the Skateboarders charged a fee to raise money for the skateboarding project.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

No meeting. No report.

F.8 WASTE CHECK

No meeting. No report

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Lewis informed the Council that the Committee is still working on strategy and will have a report soon.

F.10 TREE COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.11 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

No meeting. No report.

F.12 WATER COMMISSION

Councillor Bartlett presented the Water Commission report for the Month of December. Councillor Cleveland informed the Council that he is still looking for someone to take the position.

F.13 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No meeting. No report.

F.14 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

No meeting. No report.

F.15 SENIOR'S SAFETY BOARD

No meeting. No report.

There was much discussion regarding the High School Junior Boys Basket Ball team creating a snow-shoveling program for seniors. Councillor Bartlett explained to the Council how the program will work. The team members are constantly supervised. There is no charge to the seniors. The Senior Safety Coordinator must be aware of which boys and coaches are in what areas. She will keep a log of all activity. The Deputy Clerk contacted the insurance company regarding coverage for such an undertaking. There will be no additional coverage required. Councillor Harvieux will take this matter to the Senior Safety Committee's next meeting. The issue will then be addressed at the next Streets, Sewer, and Public Property Committee meeting.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Letter from Valley Senior Games

A letter from Valley Senior Games was discussed. They Are requesting a donation for the games being held in June 2007.

Moved by: Councillor Brittain
Seconded by: Councillor Cleveland

Motion Carried

That a donation in the amount of \$100.00 be made to the Valley Senior Games.

G.2 Letter from Canadian Federation of Students of Nova Scotia

A letter from the Canadian Federation of Students was discussed. They are requesting the support of the Council in their campaign to boost federal funding, reduce tuition fees, and implement a national system of needs based grants.

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded by: Councillor Bartlett

Motion Carried

That a letter of support for the Canadian Federation of Students be sent to the paper.

G.3 Letter from Alzheimer Society

A letter from the Alzheimer Society Nova Scotia was discussed. The Alzheimer Society is requesting that the Town of Digby officially proclaim/recognize that January is Alzheimer Awareness month

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded by: Councillor Cleveland

That the Town of Digby officially recognize that January is Alzheimer Awareness Month.

Motion Carried

G.4 Letter from Scouts Canada

A letter from Scouts Canada was discussed. They are requesting a donation of \$625.00 to help with the cost of taking Scouts on a trip in the summer. It was decided that the matter would be put forward for budget consideration. A letter will be sent back to the Scouts to find out who will be sent on the trip.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Brittain presented a Medic Report to Council. (See attached) A discussion ensued regarding the seriousness of the cutbacks in the health care availability in the area.

Moved by: Councillor Brittain
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That Mayor Mackintosh write a letter to the Minister of Health and the Premiere to express the displeasure of the Council and community regarding the closures of medical facilities in this area.

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I. QUESTION PERIOD

NONE

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Harvieux

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK