

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 7, 2008**

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

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 7:00 PM.

B. AGENDA

B.1 Additions/Deletions
Three additions under New Business
H.3 Wharf Rat Rally
H.4 Heritage Centre
H.5 Date of budget meeting

B.2 Approval of the agenda

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded by: Councillor Cleveland

That the agenda of July 7, 2008 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

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C. DELEGATION

C.1 Digby Theatre Society

Mrs. Dianne Theriault of the Digby Theatre Society presented to Council a request for \$1000.00 to help with the production of a play called "New Hope" in recognition of the 225th anniversary of the Loyalists landing with Admiral Digby. The money will be used to help purchase authentic loyalist costumes that will be donated to the Digby Admiral Museum.

Discussion ensued regarding costs involved.

Mayor Mackintosh stated that the matter would be taken to the next budget meeting. The Digby Theatre Society will be informed of the decision at a later date.

C.2 Make a Wish Foundation Halifax

Representatives of the Halifax Make a Wish Foundation Chapter, Selina Bacto made a presentation to Council regarding a wish made by Austin Daniel Corbett of Medicine Hat Alberta to come to Digby during Scallop Days and visit his grandparents and family. They explained how the Make a Wish Foundation works and some of the wishes of young people ages 3 to 17. Ms. Bacto expressed gratitude and thanks to Mayor and Council for their support and help granting Austin Corbett's wish. Ms. Bacto outlined some of the events Austin Corbett will be participating in during his visit.

Councillor Bartlett read the resolution:

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Mayor and Council of the Town of Digby do declare that on this day, being the 7th day of July 2008, Austin Daniel Corbett in now an honorary citizen of the Town of Digby, with all the rights and privileges pertaining there to.

Mayor Mackintosh presented a certificate to the Make a Wish Atlantic Provinces.

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C.3 Mr. Rickey Pulley- Property Purchase

Mr. Pulley submitted his request to purchase Town owned land on the South end of Queen Street, Digby. Mayor Mackintosh stated that the Town has purchased the property in question for a particular purpose.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Pulley's purpose for wanting the land.

Mayor Mackintosh stated that Mr. Pulley's proposal would be looked at and a decision would be made at a later date.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

D.1 June 3, 2008

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland

Seconded by: Councillor Bartlett

That the minutes of June 3, 2008, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

D.2 Special Council June 5, 2008

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland

Seconded by: Councillor Bartlett

That the minutes of the special council meeting of June 3, 2008, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

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E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

F. REPORTS

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

a) Accounts Payable

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Bartlett

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$250,479.81 be approved for payment for the month of June.

MOTION CARRIED

F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

(A) Report for June 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of sandwich boards that can be used by each business.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That each business be restricted to two sandwich boards to reduce clutter on sidewalks, under Streets and Public Property By-law. Matter will be taken to Fire Police and License Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

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(B) Dog Waste Stations were discussed. Bayview Animal Hospital has purchased two.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That Dog Waste Stations be purchased by the Town.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Report for June 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

(A) EMO Self Assessment-

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That Council approve the EMO Self Assessment.

MOTION CARRIED

(B) Tree planted in memory of Olie Sproule

Moved By: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That a tree be planted in memory of Olie Sproule in recognition of his contribution to the town.

MOTION CARRIED

F.4 TOURISM

Report for June 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Mayor Mackintosh thanked Councillor Brittain and Councillor Harvieux and everyone involved for their time and effort with this successful barbeque.

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F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No meeting.

Councillor Cleveland stated that they were still hoping for Spring construction.

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for June 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Cleveland stated that a date was set for budget meeting.

Cara Sunderland is unable to attend meetings until January 2009. There was discussion about speaking to Jeff VanTassell to take her place for remainder of the term as he is familiar with the committee. Councillor Cleveland will speak to Mr. VanTassell and inform Council of the results.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

No Report as they held their Annual General Meeting in June. Deputy Mayor Lewis circulated copies of the July Library report.

F.8 WASTE CHECK

No report

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

F.10 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

No meeting

F.11 WATER COMMISSION

Report for June 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Water Hydrants are being painted at this time.

F.12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No meeting.

F.13 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Report for June 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Councillor Brittain informed Council that the DALA graduation exercises were very nice. The Town of Digby Citizenship Trophy was awarded to Lionel (Junior) Taylor by Deputy Mayor Sherri Lewis.

F.14 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

No meeting.

Councillor Harvieux informed Council that the Senior Safety Coordinator will be working five days a week again. They have received support from the RCMP, Municipality, Digby and Area Charitable Health Foundation as well as the province. A request for the amount of \$15000.00 from the Town will be discussed at the budget meeting.

F.15 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE

No meeting.

Councillor Harvieux stated that the committee has received flyers and have received a good response about them.

F.16 ANNAPOLIS/DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Report for May 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.17 CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

F.18 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

No meeting.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Letter from Municipality

Warden Jim Thurber has requested that the Town of Digby consider entering into discussions with the Municipality of Digby to discuss the possibility of creating a Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO). The creation of this organization would eliminate the need for so many volunteers and it would create a more structured organization.

The issue was discussed and Town Clerk Tom Ossinger will send a letter to Warden Jim Thurber requesting an independent facilitator put together a presentation for Council outlining the benefits of this new organization.

G.2 DATA Interpretive Panels & Other Signs

Discussion ensued regarding interpretive panels and other signs created by DATA. They would like to have the signs installed beside the Visitor Information Centre on the grassy area.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Councillor Cleveland

That the Interpretive Panels be installed in the requested area.

MOTION CARRIED

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Taxi Bylaw Amendment

Resolved by the Council of the Town of Digby, under authority of the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia, that the following bylaw be enacted and that the Clerk forward a copy of it duly certified to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Digby Taxi Bylaw #2006-01 Section 9 Application for Taxi Operator's License be amended as follows:

Section 9 (b) & (c) be deleted and replaced with the following Section 9 (b) and Section 9 (d (e) to be remembered accordingly:

9 (b) satisfactory evidence that the applicant has not been convicted of an offense under the Liquor Control Act of Nova Scotia, a summary conviction offense under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act of Canada or the Criminal Code of Canada within five (5) years preceding an application.

Moved By: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded By: Councillor Bartlett

That the amendment be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

H.2 UNSM Conference Room Bookings

The UNSM Conference to be held in Yarmouth from September 17th-20th was discussed. Room for Mayor or delegate must be confirmed by July 9th. Mayor Mackintosh will be attending the conference.

H.3 Wharf Rat Rally

Councillor Harvieux requested that a letter be sent to the Wharf Rat Rally Committee for an update regarding the Rally and what is being planned for this year. Town Clerk Ossinger will send a letter to Mr. Robertson requesting the update.

H.4 Heritage Centre

Town Clerk Ossinger has had all locks replaced at the Heritage Centre to ensure building security. Councillor Cleveland explained some of the work that has been done and what still needs to be addressed. There was discussion regarding the hours the building will be open to the public. The Digby Scallop Days Committee will be moving their office to the Heritage Centre. Councillor Bartlett will be

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responsible for the key. Discussion ensued regarding user fees and other issues concerning the building's use. Councillor Bartlett will set up a schedule of hours of operation and bring it back to Council. There will be more discussion at a later date regarding long term plans for the building.

H.5 Budget Meeting

It was decided that the Budget Meetings will be held July 9th at 3:00 P.M at Town Hall.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Handspiker and Councillor Cleveland.
TIME: 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK