

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, Town Clerk
Matthew Raymond, Deputy Clerk
Susan Rice, Recording Secretary

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
G.2 27th Annual RCMP vs CTV Benefit Hockey Game.

B.2 Approval of the agenda

Moved by: Councillor Bartlett
Seconded by: Councillor Handspiker

That the agenda of February 4, 2008 be approved with the following addition under correspondence.

MOTION CARRIED.

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C. DELEGATION

None.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

D.1 January 7, 2008

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That the minutes of January 7, 2008, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of January 7, 2008.

F. REPORTS

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

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

a) Accounts Payable

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland

Seconded by: Councillor Bartlett

That the accounts payable in the amount of \$158,084.29 be approved for payment for the month of January.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Remuneration Policy

Councillor Brittain asked why the Remuneration Policy was brought up. Councillor Cleveland mentioned that Cape Breton and Lower Sackville was having a problem so the Finance Committee thought we should review it. Councillor Cleveland stated the one thing that was changed was the permission to be absent without cause.

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Bartlett

That the Council approve the Remuneration Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

a) Taxi Fare Increase

Discussion ensued with the taxi fare increase.

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded by: Councillor Harvieux

That the taxi fare increase be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) Police Advisory Board

Councillor Handspiker stated the Police Advisory Board Committee was sworn in on January 31, 2008, by Deputy Mayor Lewis. The Board consists of two councillors, two citizen appointments, and one from the Department of Justice. There will be a talk on February 12, 2008 to the Town and Municipal Police Advisory Boards and on the 28th of March there will be training.

Councillor Harvieux asked about the taxi driver that was not to pick up individuals in Town. The Town Clerk stated that a letter was sent to Linda Fraser, CAO, Municipality of Digby, regarding this person and she was going to bring it up to her Council. The Town Clerk stated that the taxi driver can pick up passengers in the Municipality and drop off in town and wait for them to come back to transport them back to the Municipality.

F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Handspiker

That the Committee approve to do an enumeration in the Town of Digby for the upcoming election at a cost of \$1,400 to \$1,500.

MOTION CARRIED.

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Councillor Brittain stated that she will be in attendance for the month of February.

F.4 TOURISM

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

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F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No report. Councillor Cleveland informed Council that they are still in the process of reviewing the building plans.

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Harvieux stated that on May 17 the Moscow Circus is coming to town but there will be no animals.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

No meeting.

F.8 WASTE CHECK

No meeting.

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

F.10 EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

No meeting.

F.11 WATER COMMISSION

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.11 Water Commission cont'd

a) Building Canada Fund Project

The Town Clerk presented the resolution that has to be passed by Council.

Moved by: Councillor Bartlett
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That the water project of installing a dedicated transmission line from the wells in Mount Pleasant to distribution reservoirs on Sydney Street and renewal of the distribution main on Culloden Road from Mount Pleasant to the Victoria Street/Racquette Road intersection be the Town of Digby #1's priority for consideration of the funding under the Building Canada Fund (Round 1).

MOTION CARRIED.

b) Appointment of Water Commissioner

The Council decided to bring this subject up under new business under In Camera.

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

No meeting.

**F.16 ANNAPOLIS/DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY**

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.17 CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Report for January 2008 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

**G.1 Letter from the Department of Justice – Safer
Streets & Communities**

Information purposes.

G.2 27th Annual RCMP vs CTV Benefit Hockey Game

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Handspiker

That Council approve to give two Town of Digby shirts to the 27th Annual RCMP vs CTV Benefit Hockey Game.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Borrowing Resolution Municipalities and School Boards

The Town Clerk stated that the Borrowing Resolution is passed on an annual basis.

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded by: Councillor Brittain

That Council approve the borrowing resolution Municipalities and School Boards in the amount of \$350,000.

MOTION CARRIED.

H.2 Votex Electronic Voting System

The Deputy Clerk informed Council that the Town Clerk, Bonnie Duncan, and himself had a presentation regarding the Votex Electronic Voting System and they were very impressed with it. There would be no paper ballots, a picture of each person running for Council and they would have to push a button to vote. The cost is approximately \$7,000. The Deputy Clerk asked Council if they would like to have a demonstration on the electronic voting system. The Council agreed and it would be on February 14, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

H.3 National Flag of Canada Day – February 15, 2008

The Mayor proclaimed February 15, 2008 in the Town of Digby as National Flag of Canada Day.

H.4 Council Picture

There were four quotes presented to Council on the price of pictures. Council decided to leave the decision up to the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

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H.5 In Camera – Legal Issues

Moved by: Councillor Handspiker
Seconded by: Councillor Cleveland

That Council move to go into "In Camera".

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by: Councillor Cleveland
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lewis

That Council move to go out of "In Camera".

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by: Councillor Brittain
Seconded by: Councillor Cleveland

That Council approve Jeff Sunderland be appointed as the new Water Commissioner for a three-year term commencing February 3, 2008 to March 31, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED.

A letter be written to Ron Smith that applied to be a Water Commissioner that we will keep his letter on file.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Cleveland and Councillor Harvieux
TIME: 8:05 P.M.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK