

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Cleveland
Councillor Jean Brittain
Councillor Brian Manzer
Councillor Peter Turnbull
Councillor Danny Harvieux
Councillor Ron Matsusaki

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, CAO
Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance
Susan Rice, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett

- A. Mayor Cleveland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- B. **AGENDA**
 - B.1 Approval of the agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Brittain that the agenda of November 2, 2009, be approved as presented.
Motion carried

- C. **DELEGATION**
 - C.1 **Debbie Nielson, UNSM Sustainability Coordinator**

Debbie Nielson gave a power point presentation to both Councils regarding the Eco Nova Scotia Program. The UNSM Sustainability has a website. Ms. Nielson informed Council that there is funding for a lot of different programs for municipalities for Eco Nova Scotia for clean air and climate change. Ms. Nielson stated that if anyone needs help filling out an application or find out who to contact regarding different programs they could contact her. The Mayor thanked Ms. Nielson for coming to do a presentation to Council.

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E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 Neptune Balance – Letter of Support

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Matsusaki and seconded by Councillor Brittain that Council send a congratulation and best wishes letter to Neptune Balance.

Motion Carried.

F. REPORTS

F.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted. The meeting time is changed from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that the accounts payable in the amount of \$223,664.01 be approved for payment for the month of October.

Motion Carried

F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

No report.

F.4 TOURISM COMMITTEE

No report.

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F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No report. The new Tideview Terrace facility has started construction. The wells for the geo thermal had to be dug deeper but they do not have to have as many as planned. There has to be a brief discussion later on in regards to the existing structure of Tideview and what will be done with it.

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.8 WASTE CHECK

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report. Councillor Brittain stated that we are waiting for Chris Millier to give us a draft of the MPS/LUB/ICSP.

F.10 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

The Deputy CAO from the Municipality of Digby and the CAO met with the chosen candidate for the REMO Coordinator on Friday afternoon and he is very knowledgeable, he is from the Clare area and his references will be checked later this week.

F.11 WATER COMMISSION

No report.

F.12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No meeting. No report.

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F.13 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

No report. Councillor Manzer stated that he received an email last Wednesday and their funding was approved for Learning Grove.

F.14 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Dawn Thomas, Senior Safety Coordinator will be speaking at the UNSM Conference on Saturday morning.

F.15 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.16 ANNAPOLIS/DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.17 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. The CAO stated that we need to have another committee set up for the Source Water Protection Planning Advisory and it will consist of the following:

- 1 member of the Digby Water Commission
- 1 elected official from the Municipality of Digby
- 1 citizen appointed member from the PAC, Municipality of Digby
- 1 citizen member from the Municipality of Digby
- 2 members elected from the PAC, Town of Digby
- 1 citizen appointed member from the PAC, Town of Digby
- 1 citizen member at large from the Town of Digby
- 1 employee from NS Environment

The Water Protection Plan has to be done and sent in by November 16, 2009. The Advisory Committee had to be set up to work on it but due to the time restriction the CAO had to work on it and complete it by then.

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Council agreed to advertise for a citizen member to sit on the above committee and also agreed to the membership of the committee.

F.18 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.19 AIRPORT COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.20 MAYOR'S REPORT

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Digby and Area Health Services Charitable Foundation

The Digby and Area Health Services Charitable Foundation will be meeting with the Municipality within the next week or two. They will be having a presentation that Council had. The Director of Finance stated that we can borrow the money but the tax rate would have to go up approximately 2 cents over the next 20 years and he also stated that if Council decides to build the new health centre that we just sign for the capital portion and not sign for the operating portion. After the municipality has the meeting, then both Councils should have a joint meeting to discuss the Health Centre.

G.2 DRHS hosts the Provincial Division 3 Finals on November 6 and 7, 2009

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Town give them \$100.00 to cover the costs for the reception for the DRHS Provincial Division 3 Finals on November 6 and 7, 2009.

Motion Carried.

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G.3 Bethany Bargin Bin Society

Bethany Bargin Bin had come to the previous Council in regards to a reduction in their tax rate. Discussion ensued. The CAO stated that it will take approximately two months before it has passed because it is a bylaw. The CAO will investigate to see if we can make Schedule A a policy so it does not have to take as long to pass.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Manzer that Council approve to reduce the tax rate from commercial to residential for the Bethany Bargin Bin Society.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Job description

The job description for the permanent part-time employee was perused.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the job description be approved as well as the position of Accounts Payable Clerk be approved.

Motion Carried.

H.2 Citizen Appointments

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approves Sherri Lewis as the citizen representative for the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried.

The Director of Finance stated that the Senior Safety Board is looking for a citizen representative and we had a verbal confirmation in regards to a citizen interested and the deadline is next week.

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Council agreed to readvertise for the RCMP Police Advisory and advertise for a citizen representative for the Source Water Protection Planning Advisory Committee.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Harvieux and Councillor Turnbull

TIME: 8:50 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK