

**TOWN OF DIGBY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Ossinger, CAO  
Susan Rice, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:** Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance

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 Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the agenda of October 5, 2009, be approved with the following addition under New Business H.3 Proposed Medical Centre.*

Motion carried

**C. DELEGATION**

**C.1 Ian Russell**

Mr. Russell updated Council on the trip to Stirling Scotland in September. There is a week in September known as Nova Scotia Week in Scotland. There were 42 delegates from Nova Scotia that went to Scotland. Mr. Russell stated that September 10, 2009 in Scotland will be known as Nova Scotia Day and that is as important as St. Andrew's Day. Mr. Russell showed Council the proclamation from the Premier and if the Town wanted a copy that he will get the Town one. Mr. Russell stated that Councillor Matsusaki went to represent the Town and Council and did a very good job. Councillor Matsusaki connected with approximately 41 other people and promoted Digby very well. The main focus we have to look at is aquaculture,

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tourism and energy. We have to work with Scotland to keep our partnership going. Mr. Russell stated that there is a business man from Scotland looking at coming to set up a business in Cornwallis and it would create approximately 200-300 jobs in the area. The people from Scotland were very interested to share their experiences with the delegates from Nova Scotia. Councillor Matsusaki was very interested in the energy section and stated that Nova Scotia could be the energy capital of Atlantic Canada in the next three to five years and explained how it could be possible. Nova Scotia has the fastest and highest tides in the World. There are already two turbines installed in the Bay of Fundy from people from Ireland. Scotland has turbines set up and in approximately 10 years Scotland will have 40% of the Western Europe Energy. Councillor Matsusaki stated that Nova Scotia should look at Scotland's expertise in regards to energy. The Mayor stated that Deputy Mayor Bartlett met with Premier Dexter on the weekend.

**C.2 Dean Kenley**

Mr. Kenley presented to Council a letter requesting to extend the hours from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. during the Golf Classic, Scallop Days, and Wharf Rat Rally as well as closing the boardwalk for one day during Scallop Days and two days during Wharf Rat Rally as he did last year. The Mayor stated that he would like to meet with Council and the Wharf Rat Rally Committee to have a debriefing in regards to different issues. The Mayor stated that the Town will get back to him in the near future in regards to the extension and closure of the boardwalk.

**C.3 Neptune Balance**

Barry Monroe of Neptune Balance presented a power point presentation to Council. Neptune Balance uses sixteen billion pounds of Scallop Shells to make their products. The products are natural, pure, and organic and that they collect all the scallop shells from fishermen. There is a commercial side of the business that includes natural cleaner, creams, but there is also an industrial side that would include water filtration systems,

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etc. Mr. Munroe is requesting a letter of support from the Town Council supporting their business.

**C.4 Wharf Rat Rally**

Peter Robertson updated the Council on the 2009 Wharf Rat Rally. The Rally went very well with little problems and the dates for 2010 will be September 1-6, 2010, but would like for vendors to start set up on August 30 and 31, but no selling until September 1, 2010. There were 85,000 people in Town and 23,000 motorcycles during the five days. There was approximately \$5.5 million dollars went into the economy in the Digby Area. The Wharf Rat Rally made national and local news and after the media they received 5,700 new hits on their website. The problems that were encountered were local people. The Mayor stated that he would like to have a debriefing session and Peter stated that it would have to be after October 21, 2009 because he will be away. The meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Gary Dixon from Harley Davidson in Tusket was here and stated that he is very enthused with the Wharf Rat Rally and it has been very successful. Mr. Dixon stated that it has been successful because of Peter Robertson and his volunteers, but there needs to be a paid Event Coordinator for this event and if we don't the Wharf Rat Rally will lose Peter Robertson that has made this big event happen.

Glen Dunn is a volunteer for the Wharf Rat Rally and is a local businessman in the area and stated that his objective is a problem solver and hopes to solve some of the problems of the Committee. If this event keeps growing and has the same number of people for five days like they did on the Saturday the town will be overwhelmed therefore there needs to be a full-time person and part-time secretary to work on this as well as to see if there is grants out for this type of event.

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**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

**Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of September 8, 2009, be approved with the following change under D.4 should read seconded by Councillor Turnbull and not Councillor Brittain.*

**Motion carried**

**E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**E.1 Crow Whaler**

The CAO spoke to the CAO in Kentville and he apologized for not getting back to him sooner. The crow whaler moved when the crows moved. The CAO will get back to Council on the cost.

**E.2 Carving**

The CAO met with Mr. Janson in regards to the carving and he also showed him the site where Council would like for it to go. Councillor Harvieux put a stake at the location but Mr. Janson asked if it could go between the road side and the sign instead of the sign and the playground. Council agreed to this location.

**Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the carving be placed at the Digby Arena/Vaughn VanTassell Memorial Park between the road and the Digby Arena sign.*

**Motion Carried**

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**F. REPORTS**

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

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted.

**Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the accounts payable in the amount of \$525,929.31 be approved for payment for the month of September.*

**Motion Carried**

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

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

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

(a)Loyalist Cemetery

**MOTION:**

*Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council's request to cover the cost to re-engrave the entire headstone on Jane's Holdsworth grave by Keith Tingley.*

**Motion Carried**

**F.4 TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE**

The Contract was awarded to Burrige Construction and there will be a sod turning ceremony on October 13, 2009 at 11 a.m. and the residence of Tideview will be doing that. The land belongs to the Town and Municipal Housing Corporation.

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

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

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**F.7 LIBRARY BOARD**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. On October 13, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Digby Library, there will be a book launch. On October 29, 2009, it will be Library Day throughout the region.

**F.8 WASTE CHECK**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. The Chair stated that we are moving slowly with the ICSP and after the document is completed from the 4Site Group we will bring it to Council and then to the public. The Chair stated that she has received an email from Lori VanTassell, Citizen Representative that she will be resigning due to a job opportunity up the Valley. An advertisement will be put in the paper for another citizen representative. Council send a thank you letter to Lori VanTassell and the CAO stated that it has already been done.

**F.10 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION**

The Administrative Assistant informed Council that she attended the 50+ Expo at the Digby Regional High School and that it went well.

**F.11 WATER COMMISSION**

No report.

**F.12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

No report.

**F.13 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**F.14 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD**

Councillor Harvieux stated that he is unable to make the upcoming meeting and would like Councillor Matsusaki to do up a report.

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**F.15 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE**

No meeting. No report. The Pesticide Free Nova Scotia letter came up and the Committee was in favour for it; therefore, the Director of Finance will write a letter informing them that the Town is in favour.

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

No meeting. No report.

**F.17 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. The AMA Fall Conference will be in Digby next year. Council commended the CAO on the work done to the lift station at below estimated cost.

**F.18 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT**

No meeting. No report.

**F.19 AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. There were only three bidders and that they are about 90% sure that we will receive the tender. Another examination of the runway will be done.

**F.20 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Report for September 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G.1 Ferral Cats – E. Sparle**

A letter will be sent to E. Sparle informing her that the Town gives a donation to the feral cats.

**G.2 Skunk Problems**

A letter from Ms. Haynes was presented regarding a skunk problem in Town. S/Cst. Parry looked into it and he contacted DNR to see if they trap animals or have any traps but they don't and anyone that traps an animal has to have a license. A letter will be sent to Ms. Haynes stating that we are working on the situation.

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**G.3 Pesticide Free Nova Scotia**

It was brought up under Pesticide Committee.

**G.4 Cruiseship**

The Cruiseship Committee is requesting to close the marina parking lot on October 15, 2009 for the Balmoral Cruiseship. There will be a reception at a downtown restaurant. Quotes from the restaurants will be coming in shortly to find out where the reception will be located. There will be entertainment on the marina and buskers at the cenotaph.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H.1 UNSM Conference, November 4-7, 2009**

Anyone who would like to attend the UNSM Conference please email the Administrative Assistant.

**H.2 Five-year Capital Investment Plan**

The CAO presented the final draft of the five-year capital investment plan. The CAO stated that in the New Year he is going to sit down with the staff and look at year two, three, four and five in regards to the priorities and bring it back to Council.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approve the Five-Year Capital Investment Plan.***

**Motion Carried**

**H.3 WWTF Upgrade Project Steering Committee Terms of Reference and Committee Member Section**

The CAO stated that we need to have a steering committee setup as well as a project coordinator hired.



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**Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Manzer that Council approve the WWTF Upgrade Steering Committee Terms of Reference.*

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Councillor Manzer sits on the Steering Committee.*

**Motion Carried.**

**H.4 Proposed Medical Centre**

The Vice-chair of the Medic Committee would like to set up a meeting to discuss the proposed Medical Centre. The Mayor stated that he will contact the Vice-Chair to see when they would like to meet.

Councillor Brittain mentioned to Councillor Matsusaki if he could not attend a Medic Committee meeting to let her know so that she could attend the meetings.

**I. QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Brittain and Deputy Mayor Bartlett.

TIME: 9:10 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**