

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett
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: Mayor Ben Cleveland

A. Deputy Mayor Bartlett 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 Manzer that the agenda of March 1, 2010, be approved with the following addition under Correspondence G.6 Rene Leblanc 2010 TIANS AGM.

Motion carried

C. DELEGATION

C.1 Darlah Purdy

Ms. Purdy informed Council that there is a program from Conserve NS and NS Power to low income home owners that heat with electricity so that they can get free home energy upgrades. Ms. Purdy will leave some pamphlets.

C.2 Rob Hersey – Friends of Point Prim

Mr. Hersey informed Council that there is a new society meeting formed call Friends of Point Prim and they are asking the Town for a one time financial contribution of \$1,000 to enhance the site and clean up of Point Prim. A budget was presented to Council.

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C.3 Bernadette MacDonald

Ms. MacDonald made presentation to Council on youth homelessness increase in the last two years in South West Nova. Ms. MacDonald presented a business plan to Council. Service Canada is purchasing a house in Yarmouth on Argyle Street to house seven youths but the government will not cover any operating cost on capital; therefore, Ms. MacDonald is going to each municipal unit in Tri County to see if they will help fund \$15,000. Ms. MacDonald is requesting \$500 from the Town of Digby. This is a huge need in rural Nova Scotia and the Provincial will not help support it because they support the shelters in Halifax and are very reluctant to sponsor any shelters in rural areas. A question was asked on how long the average stay for a youth is and she stated approximately 6-7 months. They will have six long term beds and one emergency bed. Council thanked Ms. MacDonald for coming and forward her request to budget considerations.

D. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of February 1, 2010 be approved as presented.

Motion carried

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 Citizen Appointment of Tri County Housing

A letter from the Department of Community Services was presented to Council stating that no elected officials can sit on the Tri County Housing Board. Discussion ensued. The Tri County Housing Board is more of a placement board than a management board.

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F. REPORTS

F.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE/ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that the accounts payable in the amount of \$322,449.21 be approved for payment for the month of February.

Motion Carried

F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY
COMMITTEE

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted.

a) Eric Locke

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council sponsor Eric Locke in the amount of \$500.00 to go to British Columbia for instruction for golfing as part of the Canada Games and give pins to him to help promote Digby while he is there.

Motion Carried.

b) Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers

The Municipality of Digby does not put an ad in the NS Crime Stoppers. Council would like the local NS Crime Stoppers Association to do a presentation sometime.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Manzer that Council approve an ad in the amount of \$250 to the Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers book like previous years.

Motion Carried.

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F.4 TOURISM COMMITTEE

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No report. The archaeological study was approved with no problem.

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Councillor Brittain stated that there was a funding announcement done by MP Greg Kerr on February 23, 2010 at the Digby Arena.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

No meeting.

F.8 WASTE CHECK

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted as presented. Council will go into in camera at the end of the meeting.

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting. There will be a meeting on March 10, 2010 at 6 p.m. to look at and discuss the draft report and would like the full Council to attend.

F.10 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

No meeting.

F.11 WATER COMMISSION

No report. There will be a Utility and Review Board Hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 11 a.m. at the Town Hall.

F.12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No report.

F.13 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

No report.

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F.14 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

No meeting. No report.

F.15 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

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

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted. Councillor Harvieux asked about the Tidal Project that was presented in the report on page 6. Councillor Matsusaki updated Council on the tidal project. Council stated that we could write a letter of support regarding the Tidal Project and the Mayor could put it on the ADEDA agenda. The CAO stated that ADEDA is asking for some more funding from each municipal unit for the 2010/2011 operating budget. The Town's portion will be \$615.00 plus the \$12,975.00. ADEDA's break down for funding is 75% from the Municipality of Annapolis and Municipality of Digby and the other 25% is from the four Towns. ADEDA will be doing a presentation on the business plan that was emailed out to Council in the near future.

F.17 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted. The CAO stated that we have received two RFPs for the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approve Bill Leblanc to be the citizen representative on the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried.

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F.18 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted. Discussion ensued with the Neighbourhood Watch Program.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council proceed with the Neighbourhood Watch Program.

Motion Carried.

F.19 AIRPORT COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.20 MAYOR'S REPORT

Report for February 2010 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Tri County Regional Science and Technology Expo

Council decided that we do not donate to the Tri County Regional Science and Technology Expo but if there is a local Science Expo that we look at support that one.

G.2 Hanse Society Membership (Upper Clements Park)

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Manzer that Deputy Mayor Bartlett sit on the Upper Clements Parks Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

G.3 Letter of Support for Aerial Adventure Park – Upper Clements Park

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council do up a letter of support with terms stated from the email of February 24, 2010.

Motion Carried.

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**G.4 DARC – Vaughn VanTassell Memorial Park Maintenance
and Inspection Services**

Information item.

G.5 June Pyne

Information item.

G.6 2010 TIANS AGM

The 2010 TIANS annual general meeting will be held at the Pines and Mr. Leblanc is requesting financial support to help cover the cost of the breakfast.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Manzer that Council approve \$750.00 towards the breakfast for the 2010 TIANS annual general meeting.

Motion Carried.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Proclamation Policy

There were two proclamation policies presented to Council. Discussion ensued.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council accept the Proclamation Policy instead of the Declaration of Proclamation Policy.

Motion Carried

The CAO thanked the staff members for researching of different proclamation from different municipalities.

H.2 NSEF

Discussion ensued with NSEF. The Deputy Mayor stated that he is on the UNSM Fall Conference Committee and he will pass the information along to them.

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H.3 Roger Brooks Community Tourism Market Readiness Assessment

A proposal was presented and is requesting \$300 for room rental and refreshments to host the Roger Brooks Community Tourism Market Readiness Assessment. Discussion ensued. Council suggested that there is meeting rooms available at no cost for i.e. Heritage Centre, Arena, Curling Club, etc. and maybe Tim Horton's to sponsor some refreshments. The Deputy Mayor stated that he will look into it.

H.4 In Camera

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that we move into "In Camera."

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that we move out of "In Camera."

Motion Carried

I. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

TIME: 8:50 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK