

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

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

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

REGRETS: Councillor Ron Matsusaki

A. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

Add under new business J.5 Work's Department, J.6 UNSM Conference, and J.7 Fishermen's Memorial.

C.2 Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the agenda of September 6, 2011 be approved with the following additions under new business J.5 Work's Department, J.6 UNSM Conference, and J.7 Fishermen's Memorial.

Motion Carried.

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D. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Rhyno LED Lighting Solutions Inc.

Glenn Rhyno made a presentation to Council on LED lights. Mr. Rhyno stated that he has decorative post LED lights for our town owned street lights. The cost is \$375 per light but has a \$100.00 rebate per light. The life expectancy for these lights are 17 years. To have the lights installed a certified electrician would have to do it. A test of these lights are being done in Halifax Regional Municipality. The LED bulbs for the street lights will cost \$600 per light but has a \$100.00 rebate per light and the life expectancy is 15 years plus 5 year warranty. To have the lights replaced a linesmen would have to do it. Council suggested that Glenn meet with the CAO and Director of Finance regarding the town owned street lights.

D.2 Kathleen Gidney

Ms. Gidney made a presentation to Council on getting funding for the Digby Area Bus Society known as "Da Bus". She broke down the costs associated to help fund the society. She will be using her own vehicle until the Society can purchase a bus. Discussion ensued. The Mayor thanked her for coming but Council has two other requests to look at as well.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 August 2, 2011

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of August 2, 2011, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

E.2 Special Council July 26, 2011

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the minutes of July 26, 2011, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED MINUTES

None.

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G. REPORTS

G.1 CAO's Report

The CAO presented his report to Council.

G.2 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A) Accounts Payable

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that the accounts payable in the amount of \$506,950.27 be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

G.3 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

Information was presented in the Mayor's Report. The Mayor stated that the old Tideview Terrace will be demolition if no one purchases the building. Council asked on who owns the land but the Mayor stated that we do not know what the agreement stated and who owns the land.

G.4 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

No meeting. No report.

G.5 LIBRARY BOARD

No report. Councillor Brittain stated that there was a local library committee meeting and it consists of Deputy Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, Councillor Brittain, CAO of the Town of Digby Tom Ossinger, CAO of the Municipality of Digby Linda Fraser, and two representatives from Yarmouth. The local library board discussed the awning that was pulled off the building during a storm and Tom has contacted the company we purchased the awning from to see if they will come good for the awning because it was not properly installed, and is looking at bike racks. The local library board committee only meets when needed.

G.6 WASTE CHECK

No meeting. No report.

G.7 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

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G.8 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

No meeting. No report. Meetings were held regarding the Wharf Rat Rally during the event.

G.9 WATER COMMISSION

No meeting. No report.

G.10 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

The Mayor stated that he has information in his report.

G.11 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

No meeting. No report.

G.12 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

No meeting. No report.

G.13 ANNAPOLIS/DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The new director of ADEDA will be making a presentation to Council in the near future.

G.14 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

No meeting. No report.

G.15 AIRPORT COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

G.16 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his report to Council.

G.17 UPPER CLEMENTS PARK

No report. Deputy Mayor Bartlett could not attend the meeting.

G.18 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY Report

No meeting. No report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Women's Place Resource Centre

Information item.

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H.2 Independent Marine Ports Association of Canada

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council approve \$500.00 to the Independent Marine Ports Association of Canada conference.

Motion Carried.

H.3 Transport de Clare Society

A letter from Transport de Clare Society was presented to Council. The Mayor suggested that we send an email to the Municipality of Digby in regards to their decision on the Kings Transit request and after we get the information that we discuss the three different options that we have been brought forward.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Resolution for preapproval of debenture -- Waste water

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve the Resolution for Pre-approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate.

Motion Carried.

J.2 Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Various Purposes

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Brittain that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution.

Motion Carried.

**J.3 Resolution for Pre-approval of Debenture Issuance
Subject to Interest Rate**

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Manzer approve the Resolution for Pre-approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate.

Motion Carried.

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J.4 2011/12 Operating Budget

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council approve the general operating budget for the Town of Digby for the 2011/12 fiscal year in the amount of \$4,244,009.00.

Motion Carried.

a) Tax Rate

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the tax rate for the 2011/12 fiscal year be set as follows:

<i>Residential</i>	<i>\$1.92 per \$100 of assessment</i>
<i>Residential Resource</i>	<i>\$1.92 per \$100 of assessment</i>
<i>Commercial</i>	<i>\$3.89 per \$100 of assessment</i>
<i>Business Occupancy</i>	<i>\$3.89 per \$100 of assessment</i>

Motion Carried.

b) Garbage Rate

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the annual residential garbage rate for the 2011/12 fiscal year be set as follows: \$208.50 per dwelling unit.

Motion Carried.

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c) Interest on Outstanding Taxes

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and Councillor Turnbull that simple interest at a rate of 20% per annum be applied each month on all tax arrears, and that interest at a rate of 20% per annum be applied each month on the 2011/12 taxes as per the Town of Digby Instalment Billing Policy #2009-01. The Clerk for the Town of Digby is to be empowered to collect by warrant all outstanding taxes after the due date.

Motion Carried

d) Tax Certificate

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the fee for a tax certificate be set as \$25.00.

Motion Carried.

e) Sewer Service Charge

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that an annual sewer service charge shall be \$5.05 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption in accordance with the Town of Digby bylaw respecting the regulations of sewer service charges.

Motion Carried.

J.5 Public Works

Councillor Turnbull liked to thank the Public Works Crew for the amazing job of cleaning up during the Wharf Rat Rally. Council will send the Public Works Crew a letter.

J.6 UNSM Conference, November 1-4, 2011, in Halifax

Any Councillor wanting to attend please notify the Administrative Assistant as soon as possible.

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J.7 Fishermen's Memorial

On September 18, 2011 at 2 p.m. there will be a Fishermen's Memorial Service at the Fishermen's Memorial Park. On September 17, 2011 the Point Prim Park will have its official opening.

**K. IN CAMERA
None.**

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Harvieux seconded by Councillor Turnbull TIME: 7:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK