

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011**

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

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

REGRETS: Ron Matsusaki

A. The Mayor 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 Bartlett that the agenda of March 7, 2011, be approved with the following addition under New Business. H.3. Medic Committee Update.
Motion carried.***

C. DELEGATION

C.1 Taxi Companies – Joy Hudson, Bob Wade, And Hal Oliver

Joy Hudson made a presentation to Council in regards to Kings Transit coming into the downtown area and how that will affect the taxi companies. Joy stated that when Kings Transit started coming into the Superstore, Sobeys and the hospital they lost 50% of their business and if the bus goes downtown they will lose the other 50%. The bus will be going downtown every hour but different direction and also will be going to the ferry terminal once a day except for Sunday's. The Council informed the taxi drivers that King Transit is not allowed to take large suitcases because of their speed. The buses don't run on Sunday's and stop

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running at 8:30 p.m. The Mayor stated that he has been asked from the citizens of the Town of Digby about the bus coming in to the downtown area because they cannot afford to take a cab.

Deputy Mayor Bartlett stated that Mike Adams of Bay Ferries would like to do some packages for i.e. Upper Clements Park and maybe the taxi companies can contact Mike to see if they can work on a package with them for transportation.

The Council informed the taxi companies that we have no cost to the service as yet and it is just in the discussion phase.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

D.1 Minutes of March 7, 2011

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of March 7, 2011, be approved with the following amended on page 5 section (c) delete last sentence.

Motion Carried.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 Second Reading of Solid Waste Resource Management Bylaw #2011-01

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the second reading of the Solid Waste Resource Management Bylaw #2011-01 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

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F. REPORTS

F.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Report for February 2011 was presented

a) Apple Blossom Festival Closing Dinner

The CAO asked Council who will be looking after the closing dinner for the Apple Blossom Festival.

Deputy Mayor Bartlett stated that he spoke to John Soles of Scallop Days and that he is going to contact the CAO regarding the Apple Blossom Festival Closing Dinner. Discussion ensued.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approve no more than \$1,000 for the Apple Blossom Festival Closing Dinner.

Motion Carried

b) Digby Academy Dangerous and Unsightly

The CAO updated Council on the status of the Digby Academy. The owner Ulric Schlawitz emailed Michael Tavares stating that he did not give permission to Mr. Tavares to act on his behalf; therefore, the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia advised us that they will not be involved on the matter of securing and cleaning up of the property. Mr. Tavares would like to readdress the Committee in regards to this issue.

F.2 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) Accounts Payable

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the accounts payable in the amount of \$669,382.94 be approved for payment for the month of January 2011.

Motion Carried.

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b) Apple Blossom Festival 2011

Motion:

***Moved by Councillor Manzer and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve \$1,200 to the Apple Blossom Festival 2011.
Motion Carried.***

c) Painting of the Visitor Information Centre

Deputy Mayor Bartlett informed Council that Home Hardware cannot get the paint; therefore, the Town will have to cover the cost of the paint if we decide to paint the Visitor Information Centre with Maude Lewis paintings. Councillor Brittain stated that Terry Fillimore cannot give a price on how much it will cost for the paint until the design is done up for the building.

Motion:

***Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council table the request to a future meeting.
Motion Carried.***

F.3 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No report was presented but the Mayor reported information in the Mayor's report.

F.4 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for February was reviewed and accepted. Councillor Brittain informed Council that she encourages all Councillors to come and attend the 2011 Senior Canadian Curlers from March 19-26, 2011.

F.5 LIBRARY BOARD

No meeting. No report.

F.6 WASTE CHECK

Report for February was reviewed and accepted.

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F.7 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.8 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

No meeting. No report.

F.9 WATER COMMISSION

Report for February was reviewed and accepted.

F.10 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No report was presented but the Mayor reported information in the Mayor's report.

F.11 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

No report.

F.12 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

No meeting. No report.

F.13 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.14 ANNAPOLIS/DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The CAO informed Council that Municipality of Annapolis has not agreed to the funding agreement.

F.15 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Report for February 2011 was reviewed and accepted.

F.16 AIRPORT COMMITTEE

No meeting. No Report. The Digby Annapolis Regional Airport is listed in the top 10 projects for the Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency.

F.17 MAYOR'S REPORT

Report for February 2011 was reviewed and accepted.

F.18 UPPER CLEMENTS PARK

No report.

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F.19 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY Report

Report for February 2011 was reviewed and accepted.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Letter from Canadian Federation of Independent Business

The CAO will send a letter to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business for them to meet with Council

G.2 Navy League of Canada

The CAO will send a letter to the Navy League of Canada asking them to make a presentation to Council.

G.3 Tideview Building (West Street)

Letters were presented by the Digby and Area Community Health Board and Tideview Terrace in regards to the Tideview Terrace Building on West Street.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Borrowing Resolution

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$650,000 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

H.2 Garbage Collection – Commercial

The CAO stated that we have not had a Solid Waste Contract for approximately two years and he will be putting out a request for proposal for collection and transportation of solid waste. The CAO asked Council in regards to picking up commercial garbage and stated the different options that they could go with. Discussion ensued with the Solid Waste Collection. Council asked the CAO to email them the different options that he proposed.

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H.3 Medic Committee Update

Councillor Brittain updated Council on the Dalhousie medical students that will be coming to Digby. It has been confirmed that they will be coming to Digby on the long weekend of May and will be doing some clinical work in the Emergency Room as well as touring the area. The cost to the Town will be approximately \$1,000.

I. IN CAMERA

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Turnbull and Councillor Harvieux TIME: 9:05 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK