

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett
Councillor Jean Brittain
Councillor Danny Harvieux
Councillor Brian Manzer
Councillor Peter Turnbull
Councillor Ron Matsusaki (6:05 p.m.)

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

REGRETS: Mayor Ben Cleveland

A. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

Delete Delegation D.1 Friends of Ferals – Sue Dexter-White.

C.2 Agenda

Motion:

***Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the agenda of March 5, 2012 be approved with the following deletion under delegation D.1 Friends of Ferals – Sue Dexter-White
Motion Carried.***

D. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Friends of Ferals – Sue Dexter-White

The Friends of Ferals could not make the meeting but did send a letter. They are requesting funding. The CAO informed the Council that we gave them \$300.00 in 2008/2009, 2009/2010 they asked for \$500.00 and we gave them \$300.00, in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 we did not give them any funding. The Council decided to bring it up to budget consideration.

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E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 February 6, 2012

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the minutes of February 6, 2012, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED MINUTES

F.1 Electronic Voting

The CAO presented information to Council on electronic voting. A lengthy discussion was had in regards to electronic voting.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Matsusaki that the Council approve to use Intellivote for the electronic voting for the 2012 Municipal Election.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the first reading of the Bylaw #2012-02 a Bylaw to Authorize the Voting by Internet and Telephone for the 2012 Municipal Election be approved.

Motion Carried.

F.2 FCM Conference – Saskatoon, SK

Councillors informed the Administrative Assistant that they will not be attending the FCM Conference in Saskatoon this year.

G. REPORTS

G.1 CAO's Report

The CAO Report for February was presented. Discussion ensued on fixing the parking lot at the rink.

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G.2 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Accounts Payable

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that Council approve \$491,247.96 for payment.

Motion Carried

B. Apple Blossom Festival

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approve \$1,200 to the Apple Blossom Festival.

Motion Carried.

C. Digby Elementary Home and School Easter Eggstravaganza

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Matsusaki that Council approve \$300.00 to the Digby Elementary Home and School for the Easter Eggstravaganza.

AYES

**Councillor Harvieux
Councillor Turnbull
Councillor Matsusaki
Motion Defeated.**

NAYS

**Councillor Brittain
Councillor Manzer
Councillor Bartlett**

D. Noise Bylaw Exemption

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve the exemption of the Noise Bylaw #2000-11 Section 9 (1) on Friday, June 22, 2012, from 7 p.m. to Saturday, June 23, 2012 to 7 a.m. granted for the Relay for Life.

Motion Carried.

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E. Returning Officer

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Matsusaki that Council approve Susan Rice as the Returning Officer.

Motion Carried.

F. Assistant Returning Officer

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Manzer and seconded by Councillor Brittain that Council approve Leslie Young as the Assistant Returning Officer.

Motion Carried.

G. List of Electors

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Manzer and seconded by Councillor Brittain that Council approve to use the permanent register of electors maintained for provincial or federal elections.

Motion Carried.

G.3 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No report.

G.4 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for February was reviewed and accepted.

G.5 LIBRARY BOARD

No meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for March 15, 2012.

G.6 WASTE CHECK

Report for February was reviewed and accepted.

G.7 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No meeting. There will be a public open house on Thursday, March 8, 2012 from 2 – 4 p.m. and 7 – 9 p.m. at the Digby Fire Hall.

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G.8 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

No meeting.

G.9 WATER COMMISSION

No report. The Source Water Protection Committee is still actively meeting and signage will be going up shortly informing people that you are in a Water Supply Protection Area.

G.10 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No report. There was an Industrial Commission meeting in regards to upcoming conferences and Tidal Power.

G.11 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

No report. Councillor Manzer informed Council that Mona Raymond a teacher at the Adult Learning School passed away.

G.12 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

No report. Councillor Harvieux informed Council that the Senior Safety Board will be asking \$12,500.00 for this coming year that is an increase of \$500.00.

G.13 ANNAPOLIS/DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

No report. There was a meeting and they presented the 2012/2013 Business Plan.

G.14 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

No report. No meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for March 13, 2012.

G.15 AIRPORT COMMITTEE

No report.

G.16 MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

G.17 UPPER CLEMENTS PARK

Deputy Mayor informed Council that he could not attend the meeting due to another meeting he had to attend.

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G.18 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

Report for February was reviewed and accepted.

G.19 DATA Report

There is a meeting scheduled for next week.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Email from Hubert D'Entremont

Information item.

H.2 Property Valuation Services Corporation

Information item.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 RCMP Contract

The CAO informed Council that the RCMP Contract expires on March 31, 2012. The contract is for a 20 year term but you can give the RCMP two year written notice to withdraw from the contract. The Town has an MPSA with the RCMP as of know. The CAO informed the Council on the difference between an MPSA and a PPSA. The CAO also stated that the province has signed the PPSA after having the contract for four years and they want the nine town's to sign it within four weeks. There is a meeting scheduled on Friday, March 9, 2012 in Halifax to discuss the contract; therefore, there may be a need to have a special council meeting to discuss the RCMP contract.

K. IN CAMERA

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Manzer that Council move to go into In Camera.

Motion Carried.

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L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Brittain and Councillor Harvieux TIME: 7:50 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK