

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
December 7, 2015**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance
Leslie Young, Executive Assistant

REGRETS:

A. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

There are two additions to the agenda under In Camera K.1 Personnel and under New Business J.1 New Year's Levee.

C.2 Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Agenda of December 7, 2015 be approved with two additions under In Camera K.1 Personnel and under New Business J.1 New Year's Levee.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

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E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 November 2, 2015

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that the Minutes of November 2, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Brittain inquired about the Heritage Center rental. The Mayor indicated that funding for the program did not happen. And there will be further cuts to come as the Government announced that major funding cuts are to happen there is no option.

The CAO updated Council on the application for the ACOA funding the application is now complete and has been submitted. The Mount Pleasant property has now been sold the closing for the property was Friday December 4th the sale price for the property was \$25,000.00.

G. REPORTS

G.1 Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole is recommending to Council the Disposal of Surplus Property Administrative Policy # 2015-03 as well as the repeal of the Enforcement Policy # 1994-01.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux the Disposal of Surplus Property Administrative Policy #2015-03.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Turnbull the repeal of the Enforcement Policy #1994-01.

Motion Carried.

G.2 Waste Check Report

The report was included in the package. The Mayor would like to see the removal of the word "burning" from her report and the Deputy Mayor will update her report for that removal.

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H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Letter-Juniper House

Council received a copy of this letter along with a purple ribbon prior to tonight meeting.

H.2 Letter-Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage

Minister Ince expressed thanks to Council for their support in the 2015 Heritage Conference.

H.3 Letter-Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Mayor Cleveland received a letter inviting him to participate in an information session for Municipal leaders to discuss aquaculture development in our area. The session is being held on Friday December 11, 2015 in Halifax. Mayor Cleveland has tentatively RSVP for attendance at the session.

H.4 Letter-Digby Area Tourism Association

Council received a letter asking for sponsorship for the 2016 Saltscapes Expo. In 2015 Council did a cost sharing with the Municipality of Digby. Council would like to have some clarification of the funding they are requesting the letter included in the package is asking for \$100.00 however in 2015 the cost share of the booth was \$620.00. Council would like to cost share on a booth with the Municipality of Digby however they would like the CAO to confirm this is the funding support they are looking for.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Town of Digby cost share a booth with the Municipality of Digby at the 2016 Saltscapes Expo.

Motion Carried.

H.5 Letter-Municipality of Digby

The Municipality of Digby is asking if the Town of Digby would be interested in cost sharing the \$3000.00 to send the Digby Scallop Queen to Apple Blossom Festival. Council at this time is not willing to cost share with the Municipality of Digby to send Scallop Days Queen to Apple Blossom.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Town of Digby acknowledge the letter for cost sharing but are not able to cost share at this time.

Motion Carried.

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H.6 Letter-The Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia

Council reviewed the letter regarding the upcoming Purple Day on March 26th, 2016.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 New Year's Levee

Councillor Handspiker inquired with Council about the New Year's Levee. Councillor Bartlett indicated that in the next week there will be a meeting of the events committee but a Levee is scheduled. Councillor Bartlett wanted to update Council on the tree lighting event there was a lot of attendance and the event went really well. The CAO wanted to mention to Council for next year we may want to look at blocking off the street only for the time of the tree lighting to allow people to gather in the street.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Personnel

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council move to In Camera.

Motion Carried.

Council moved out of In Camera.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Handspiker at 7:05 p.m.

Motion Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK