

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
July 6, 2015**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, CAO
Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance
Leslie Young, Executive Assistant

REGRETS: Councillor Mike Bartlett

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

None.

C.2 Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that the Agenda of July 6, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 June 1, 2015

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the Minutes of June 1, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

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F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 Wharf Rat Rally Traffic Plan

The CAO has received confirmation from the RCMP that they are ok with the traffic plan for the upcoming Wharf Rat Rally. The Provincial VIC letter of interest for the property has been sent and we have not heard anything back as of now.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that the Wharf Rat Rally Traffic Plan be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

G. REPORTS

G.1 CAO's REPORT

Deputy Mayor Brittain stated that there would be no administration committee meeting this month as the CAO will be on vacation for the next few weeks. The Mount Street School has received some interest from the Salvation Army however the CAO has received a call inquiring about the property from another group and it will be discussed In Camera.

G.2 Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole recommends the appointment of Sheree Halliday as the Town of Digby Citizen Representative to the Digby Area Senior Safety Society Board.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brittain that Sheree Halliday be appointed as the Town of Digby Citizen Representative to the Digby Area Senior Safety Society Board.

Motion Carried.

G.3 DALA Report

The report was presented.

G.4 DARC Report

DARC has been awarded funding that they had requested and they are very pleased to have that funding in place.

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G.5 Library Board Report

The report was presented. The Deputy Mayor Brittain wanted to mention the new email policy that was approved and will enable the board to deal with non-urgent matters and will avoid the necessity of bringing the board together.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Digby Area Tourism Letter

A letter was received from the Digby Area Tourism thanking the Town for our generous support.

H.2 Liquor Control Act proposed changes

A letter of two proposed changes to the liquor control act was distributed. The Mayor has spoken to two of the local restaurants and they are very much in favor of the proposed changes. That will allow customers to purchase two alcohol drinks without purchasing food and after two drinks they would be required to purchase food. The other change would be to make the entire province a "wet" province they are recommending that the legislation amendments not be proclaimed for one year to allow for municipalities and towns to introduce zoning or by-laws to restrict any areas that are currently "dry" and that would like to remain "dry".

H.3 Municipality of Yarmouth-Land Registration Office Closure

A letter was received from the Municipality of Yarmouth regarding the closure of the Land Registry Office in Yarmouth. Council would like a letter to be drafted by the Mayor and sent to the Minister concerning loss of employment and travel to the nearest land registry office in support of the Yarmouth closure as well as concerns for our own Land Registry Office.

H.4 Municipality of Digby Joint Regional Tourism Marketing Initiative

A letter was received from the Municipality of Digby on a potential joint regional tourism marketing initiative. Deputy Warden MacAlpine had recently been along the waterfront in Halifax and noticed other kiosks promoting other areas of the province and would like to see Digby area involved the costs for operating a kiosk from June to October staffed 7 days a week would cost around \$45,000 to \$50,000. Council suggested that we wait and see what happens with the new tourism

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department with the Province before we commit to a kiosk on the waterfront in Halifax.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Western Regional Enterprise Network Terms of Reference

The WREN agreement has been approved and signed however there has been some amendments to the terms of reference with the demise of the Economic Rural Development and Tourism so a revised terms of reference with the amendments has been distributed.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that the Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Terms of Reference amendments be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.2 Regional Enterprise Network Inter-Municipal Agreement

There are some changes to the Inter-Municipal Agreement the main change would be to the Audit Committee. The Liaison and Oversight committee will not appoint the Audit Committee they will be appointed by the Board of Directors. There is also come changes to the Liaison and Oversight Committee under section 8.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the Regional Enterprise Network Inter-Municipal Agreement amendments be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.3 Digby Scallop Days Fun Run street closures

This is an annual event except this year they are requesting additional street closures due to the length of the race.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Scallop Days Fun run street closures be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

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J.4 NS Pee Wee Young Guns advertising

Council discussed the letter received for advertising for the NS Pee Wee Young Guns.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that we approve advertising at the silver sponsor level of \$200.00 for the NS Pee Wee Young Guns.

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Councillor Harvieux
Councillor Handspiker
Councillor Manzer**

Motion Defeated.

J.5 Cruise Ship Visit

There are possibly three cruise ships due in the Digby Port this summer the CAO has already spoken to our VIC Manager and they are willing to be of assistance as a guide during the visits. As well put together a small package for those visitors which will include the Digby 125th anniversary pin card. The CAO wanted to discuss with Council the cost of the piper as this was not part of the sponsorship budget request and it is coming forward now he felt that it should come to Council for a decision.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that we approve the \$300.00 cost for the piper as requested.

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Councillor Handspiker
Councillor Manzer**

Motion Defeated.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Contract

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

Council moved out of In Camera

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that a letter of support for the services of the Salvation Army be drafted and sent by the Mayor.

Motion Carried.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Harvieux seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 7:23 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK