

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
June 1, 2015**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, CAO
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

One Addition under J. New Business J.2 Provincial Visitor Information Center

C.2 Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that the Agenda of June 1, 2015 be approved with one addition under J. New Business J.2 Provincial Visitor Information Center

Motion Carried.

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D. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Wharf Rat Rally-Noel Facey/Rocky Calhoun

Mr. Facey wanted to come tonight to let Council know that the traffic plan has been approved by the RCMP and well as TIR. The CAO has asked that the Staff Sgt Calhoun to send an email indicating the approval of the traffic plan. This year Mr. Facey indicated that more gates will be set up and more training for those how are being responsible for the gates. As well the rally will be towing more vehicles that are parking in no parking zones. Council asked if the plan had been reviewed by the Fire Chief and Mr. Facey has not heard from the Fire Chief as of yet.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 May 4, 2015

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Minutes of May 4, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. REPORTS

G.1 CAO's REPORT

The Community Legacy Initiative agreement has now been signed by all parties. The Municipality of Clare felt that they currently have too many Intermunicipal agreements however they are offering financial support for the project. The Annapolis Basin Conference Center held a meeting with local stakeholders to discuss the importance of the cadet camp as well as the spin off for the local economy.

G.2 Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole recommends the closure of the laundry facility.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that the laundry facility units be removed and not replaced at the Heritage Center.

Motion Carried.

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G.3 DALA Report

The report was presented.

G.4 Budget Committee Report

The report was presented.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brittain that the 2015/16 Town of Digby Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,125,373.00 be approved.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the 2015/16 Solid Waste Rate be \$246.41 per dwelling unit.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Manzer and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the 2015/16 Sewer Rate be \$5.19 per 1000 gallons of water consumption.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the residential tax rate be \$1.99 per \$100 of assessment, resource tax rate be \$1.99 per \$100 of assessment and the commercial tax rate be \$4.18 per \$100 of assessment for the 2015/16 year.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the tax certificate fee be \$40.00 for the 2015/16 year.

Motion Carried.

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Motion:

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that the 2015/16 dog tax be \$20.00 Spayed/Neutered and \$25.00 not Spayed/Neutered.
Motion Carried.***

Motion:

***Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the 2015/16 simple interest rate of 20% per annum be applied each month on all tax arrears.
Motion Carried.***

G.5 DARC report

The report was presented.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 None

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Queen Elizabeth Tea

Queen Elizabeth will be the longest reigning Queen in September of this year the museum is planning a tea during that time and if anyone is interested in helping please contact Gail Hersey at the museum.

J.2 Provincial Visitor Information Center

The Mayor and the CAO have meet with Bob Book to discuss the Visitor Information Center and the use of the building for the future. They are willing to hold the building for the time being however they would like to reach out to the community and see if there is a use for the space such as a community group or tidal power group. The desks will have to go to surplus there may be shelving that we can utilize.

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K. IN CAMERA
K.1 None

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Harvieux seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 7:28 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK