

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
April 7, 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 Handspiker and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brittain that the Agenda of April 7, 2015 be approved.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

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E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 March 2, 2015

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of March 2, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

E.2 Special Council Meeting March 16, 2015

Motion :

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2015 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

G. REPORTS

G.1 CAO's REPORT

Council wanted to extend their congratulations to the CAO on his municipal law course and his collective mark to date. The CAO wanted to let Council know that the grants to organizations are currently being reviewed and a meeting will needed to be set so that the budget committee can evaluate the applications. The Director of Finance indicated that he would like to set three meetings for the budget with a tentative date for approving the budget of June 1, 2015. The first meeting has been set for April 16, 2015 at 6 PM. Mayor Cleveland indicated that a meeting had been held with the Provincial Tourism personnel and they have indicated that when the property is accessible we can have a look inside for fixtures and display material that we may be able to utilize at our Visitor Information Center. Additional signage was also discussed along the ferry route to direct visitors to the Town's Visitor information Center. The Mayor indicated that another meeting with the provincial tourism folks will be coming up.

G.2 Waste Check REPORT

Report was presented.

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H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Aquaculture letter from Premier McNeil

A letter was received from Premier McNeil acknowledging our letter on aquaculture development and the Premier indicated that aquaculture is a key contributor to rural economy and has potential to grow and they will be moving forward with the new aquaculture governance.

H.2 Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life

A request was received from the Relay for Life organizers however the CAO indicated that under the new noise bylaw an exemption is not required. This year's event will not be an overnight event.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Conditional Management Plan

The Conditional Management Plan was presented to Council there are only minor changes from the last CMP the term has gone from one year to three years as well as some changes in the zones. The Mayor indicated that based on the current CMP we are having the right affect on the area with the change to three year as opposed to one year terms in the past.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Manzer that the Conditional Management Plan be signed by Mayor Cleveland as well as the CAO Tom Ossinger.

Motion Carried.

J.2 Industrial Commission-DDA

The Industrial Commission ceased to exist as a legal entity after the MGA came into effect and the Industrial Commission Act was abolished. The Industrial Commission needs to become a legal entity again. The CAO has been researching the best way for this to happen. There will be an intermunicipal agreement as well as a MOU coming forward in the near future and having legal entity will be required.

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J.3 UNSM Spring Workshop Registration

The UNSM spring workshop rooms have been booked the executive assistant will do the registration for those who will be attending the workshop.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Contracts

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

Council moved out of In Camera.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the Agreement for the Processing of Recyclables between the Town of Digby and Scotia Recycling Limited be approved.

Motion Carried.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Deputy Mayor Brittain seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 7:21 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK