

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
January 5, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Cleveland
Deputy Mayor Jean Brittain
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: Councillor Danny Harvieux

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

Three additions two under correspondence H.4 African Heritage Launch and H.5 Letter from Municipality of the District of Clare and under New Business J.1 Community Energy Trust.

C.2 Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brittain that the Agenda of January 5, 2015 be approved with the following additions under Correspondence H.4 African Heritage Launch and H.5 Letter from Municipality of Clare and under New Business J.1 Community Energy Trust.

Motion Carried.

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D. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

Sean Fredericks the President of the Digby BMX & Skateboard Association presented to Council on the efforts that have been made to date as well as the interest that has been expressed from the community on the development of a park. The association is currently looking at a piece of land near the ball field as an ideal location. The Association at this point is asking for Council to support the park so that they can apply for a grant through the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness the application is due on February 5, 2015 and the application needs a sign off from the Council indicating that the town will take ownership of the project once complete. Deputy Mayor Brittain inquired about the low cost of the project compared to prior presentations from other organizations. Mr. Fredericks indicated that they are trying to keep costs low and timeline to complete the project quickly.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Council support the application of the funding request for the Digby BMX & Skateboard Association.

Motion Carried.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 December 1, 2014

On Page 8 of the Minutes of December 1, 2014 the motion was incorrect it should also include the Municipality of the District of Digby.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the minutes of December 1, 2014 be approved with the amendment to the Motion on Page 8 to include the Municipality of the District of Digby.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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G. REPORTS

G.1 CAO's REPORT

The CAO wanted to check with Council to see who was interested in attending the FCI information session that will be held on Friday January 23rd in Wolfville. Deputy Mayor Brittain indicated that she will be attending with the CAO and Director of Finance.

G.2 Waste Check Report

The Report is attached.

G.3 DALA Report

The Report is attached.

G.4 DARC Report

The Report is attached.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Property Valuation Services

A letter was received from Property Valuation Services to indicate the 2015-16 budget had been approved and will mark the fifth year without an increase to municipal funding. The Mayor also indicated that he has spoken to a PVSC representative and they are willing to attend the open house proposed for March.

H.2 Letter-Municipality of the District of Shelburne

Council would like to see a letter sent to Hon. Stephen McNeil regarding the aquaculture industry.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Handspiker that a letter be sent to the Hon. Stephen McNeil concerning the future of aquaculture industry in Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried.

H.3 Letter-FCM Membership

A Letter was received indicating that the 2015-16 membership is now due and the membership form has been completed and returned with payment.

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H.4 African Heritage Launch

The Mayor wanted to mention to Council about African Heritage month in February. The official opening will take place on January 29, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Municipality of District of Digby office.

H.5 Letter from Municipality de Clare

Municipality of the District of Clare sent letter of thanks for the funding announcement for Digby-Weymouth Highway 101 to Greg Kerr as well as Gordon Wilson and the Town of Digby received a copy of those letters.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Community Energy Trust

The Digby Clare Energy Authority would like to change the name to be the Digby Clare Energy Enterprise (DCEE).

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Handspiker and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the new name be the Digby Clare Energy Enterprise.

Motion Carried.

The Digby Clare Energy Enterprise is also looking for 2 members to sit on the board currently the Mayor along with Councillor Harvieux sit on the DDA committee this will be the likely choice to join the board.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Mayor Cleveland and Councillor Harvieux be appointed to the Digby Clare Energy Enterprise Board.

Motion Carried.

The Digby Clare Energy Enterprise is also asking a funding formula be discussed among Council. Several funding formulas were suggested. Discussion ensued among Council. Council came to an agreement they could accept the funding based on a percentage of 50% equal split as well as 25% based on Population and the remaining 25% based on uniform Assessment those calculated out to 41% for the Municipality of Clare and 37% for the Municipality of the District of Digby as well as

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22% for the Town of Digby the Municipality of the District of Digby has agreed to pay a higher percentage therefore making the funding formula 40% Municipality of the District of Digby, 40% Municipality of Clare and 20% Town of Digby.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the funding agreement formula be 40 percent Municipality of the District of Digby 40 percent Municipality of Clare and 20 percent Town of Digby.

Motion Carried.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Lease Agreement

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

Council moved out of In Camera.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Handspiker and Councillor Turnbull at 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK