

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY September 4, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

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

STAFF PRESENT : Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance
Leslie Brinton, Executive Assistant

REGRETS: Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

One addition to the Agenda under New Business J.6 143 First Avenue Land Purchase

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Agenda of September 4, 2018 be approved with one addition to the Agenda under New Business J.6 143 First Avenue Land Purchase.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Ted Leighton-Bear Island

Mr. Ted Leighton came to speak to Council tonight on the future of the Bear Island Property and the future land conservation of that site. Mr. Leighton is a permeant resident of Smith's Cove and frequently visits the island. The island is home to many species of birds and Mr. Leighton wants to the property to become a conservation property where birds can migrate and nest. The island was left to various parties and one being the Town of Digby and that the Town of Digby should consider the future management of the island and perhaps consider some signage to indicate the possible use of the portion of the island owned left in trust to the Town of Digby and a couple of other organizations. Perhaps Council should ask the CAO to have further discussion with the solicitor and bring together the other who are listed along with the Town of

Digby. Mr. Leighton also spoke about the possibility of some Provincial Grant money to assist the town with proper signage for the conservation of the island. Council thanked Mr. Leighton for his presentation very interesting to learn what could be nesting on the island.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 August 7, 2018

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Minutes of August 7, 2018 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

F.1 None.

G. REPORT

G.1 Chief Administrative Officer

The Chief Administrative Officer report was distributed to Council for review. The CAO was unable to attend tonight meeting due to the workshop being held in New Glasgow that he is attending. Councillor Harvieux mention to Council that he was scheduled to attend however a family emergency prevented him from attending.

G.2 Committee of the Whole Report

The Committee of the Whole report was distributed for review.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Council amend the 2018/19 Capital Budget to proceed with the lease buy out of the 2015 backhoe loader at a cost of \$82,835.36 plus HST to be funded from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council grant the authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a service agreement with the Municipality of the District of Digby to supply solid waste compaction services at the Transfer Station.

Motion Carried.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Freedom of the City Parade Digby 2018

The Mayor and CAO received email from Darren Ashe on behalf of the Cornwallis Sea Cadets asking if the Town would like to be part of the 75 anniversary year of the cadets. Council would be pleased to be part of this celebration.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 By-Law # 2018-02 Vending and Licensing (Second and Final Reading)

This By-Law is coming forward for the seconded and final reading. Councillor Harvieux asked for clarification of the By Law in relation to the Digby Arena and the fee that may or may not be associated with vending at the Arena.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Vending and Licensing By-law be tabled to a later meeting.

Motion Carried.

J.2 By-Law # 2018-03 Public Places (Second and Final Reading)

This By-law is coming forward for the seconded and final reading.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brittain that Council give second and final reading to By-Law #2018-03 The Public Places.

Motion Carried.

J.3 Tender # 2018-04 Equipment Purchase-Recommendation

The tender for the 4 WD One Ton Truck for Public Works has closed and three tenders were received those have been evaluated and the recommendation is being presented tonight.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council award the tender for the equipment purchase of a 4WD one ton truck including dump body and plow in the amount of \$80,415.60 including HST.

Motion Carried.

J.4 By-Law # 2018-04 Respecting Outdoor Fires

This By-law is an update of an older Outdoor Fires by law and is coming forward tonight for first reading.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council give first reading to By-Law # 2018-04 Respecting Outdoor Fires.

Motion Carried.

J.5 Former Provincial VIC Property

The CAO prepared a summary report for Council to review and consider back in June the Town expressed interest to TIR on the Town acquiring the land on Shore Road known as the old VIC property. The Town should consider the purchase of the property and are they prepared to pay market value for that location. If the Town is not interested in the property the province may consider demolishing the building and hold the land for potential future use for a tidal project. The CAO has requested entry into the building and will make a recommendation after that time.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the CAO be given direction to pursue access to the building and compile a report for Council consideration.

Motion Carried.

J.6 143 First Avenue Land Purchase

The CAO was given direction by Council to negotiate the purchase of the property at 143 First Avenue. The CAO has complete that negotiation and the CAO is now asking if Council could grant the authority to the CAO and the Mayor to sign a purchase and sale agreement.

Councillor Turnbull declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the room.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Council give the authority to the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of 143 First Avenue PID # 30231245.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Turnbull returned to the meeting.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett at 6:50 P.M.

Motion Carried.