

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY July 2, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

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

STAFF PRESENT : Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer
Leslie Brinton, Executive Assistant
Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance

REGRETS:

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B.1 None.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

Three additions to the Agenda under New Business J.4 Canada Day Update J.5 Capital Investment Plan and J.6 Tax Sale List. One Addition to the Agenda under Delegations D.2 Solar Energy.

C.2 Approval

Motion

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Agenda of July 2, 2019 be approved with four additions under New Business J.4 Canada Day Update J.5 Capital Investment Plan and J.6 Tax Sale List and under Delegations Solar Power.
Motion Carried.***

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None of the delegations attended this meeting for their presentations.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 June 10, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Minutes of June 10, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 Cowan Property

The CAO received notice from Mr. Cowan that the price has been reduced for the land he is interested in selling to the Town to \$105,000 plus migration fees this would still put us over the independent appraisal given by Christine Harnish of Pier II Reality. The concern would still be how much usable space would we have there is a fair bit of wet land there. We could hire a company to go in and see how much of the land might be usable space however we may end up with the same price as we currently have.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Town purchase the land from Tom Cowan PID 30225320 on Victoria Street for \$105,000.00 plus migration costs.

Ayes

Nays

Mayor Cleveland

Councillor Harvieux

Councillor Turnbull

Councillor Bartlett

Deputy Mayor Brittain

Motion Defeated.

G. REPORT

G.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

The CAO report was distributed for Council review. The Marking Levy meeting will be held tomorrow at the Digby Fire Hall this will be a time to discuss with the stakeholders the CAO is encouraging all members of Council is they are able to attend to do so. The Cowan Property was discussed under Business Arising from the Minutes. The Wharf Rat Rally is requesting to use the promenade for the festival and will be coming forward tonight under New Business. Dangerous and Unsightly Premises for 10 Carleton Street this will be discussed In Camera. Street Light Maintenance is being discussed with Ashcroft Power Services they are interested in entering into an agreement to provide street light repair and maintenance at this time we are still awaiting the agreement from Ashcroft. The CAO reminded the Council that he was going on vacation.

G.2 Digby Area Recreation Commission Report

The report was included in the package for Council review. Council asked about the Digby Active Fund and if there was any funds and yes there is around five thousand dollars in that fund.

G.3 Library Board Report

Deputy Mayor Brittain provided a report of the Annual General Meeting held on June 20, 2019 as well as the an update on the Regular Meeting. Deputy Mayor Brittain has agreed to serve another term as Chair of the Personnel Committee.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Notice of Surplus Property

The CAO received correspondence from Nova Scotia Infrastructure Renewal regarding a small piece of surplus property on Mount Street and are asking if we have interest in acquiring the property. Discussion ensued this property would be of no value to the Town of Digby.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Wharf Rat Rally Promenade Request

The Wharf Rat Rally is requesting that they use the Promenade deck for a chainsaw carving show. The CAO meet with the Director of Public Works to discuss this request and they do not see any issues provided the precautions are taken to protect the deck.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Council approve the request for the Chainsaw Carving Show on the Promenade.

Motion Carried.

J.2 Wharf Rat Rally Traffic Plan

The Wharf Rat Rally has submitted their traffic plan for the upcoming rally. This year Harley Demo rides will be happening from the Downtown Core however this will not create any amendments to the traffic plan just that it may create more folks to that area. The traffic gates will be looked after by the Digby Ground Search and Rescue folks they have been doing this for many years and it seems to flow pretty good.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the 2019 Traffic Plan be Approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.3 Municipal Election 2020

The CAO added this to the agenda for early discussion what are Councils thought for the fall of 2020 election do we wish to continue with electronic voting and if so perhaps we can piggyback on the HRM electronic portion as we used in the past. Council did not have any issues with the last electronic voting process in 2016 and will likely use the same format as in the past.

J.4 Canada Day

Councillor Harvieux spoke about the recent Canada Day BBQ event in the last two years we have been about the same amount of attendees so this year we decreased a tiny bit on the quantity of food ordered and this year we ran out of cake and watermelon however the event was well attended. Councillor Harvieux expressed his sincere thanks to Brian from Public Works as well as Joy from the Town Hall and Sandra Turnbull all the help was appreciated.

J.5 Capital Investment Plan

The Director of Finance distributed to the Council the Capital Investment Plan the Digby Water Commission has now approved their portion of the Capital Investment Plan and other than a

couple of minor changes from the draft not much has been amended. On the Digby Water Commission side the land that was recently approved for purchase has been added to the CIP.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull That Council approves the Town of Digby General Capital Budget for the 2019/20 fiscal year as presented in the amount of 2,615,734 to be funded as follows:

Capital from Revenue	4,000
Capital Reserve	230,370
Gas Tax Funding	583,750
MFC	1,465,164
Municipality of Digby	284,550
Streetscape Beautification Grant	15,400
Heritage & Culture	32,500
Total	2,615,734

And further, that Council approve in principle the subsequent nine years' General Capital Investment Plan as presented:

General Capital	
Fiscal Year Total Amount	
2020 – 2021	2,976,300
2021 – 2022	892,000
2022 – 2023	2,637,000
2023 – 2024	97,000
2024 – 2025	69,500
2025 – 2026	307,000
2026 – 2027	22,000
2027- 2028	22,000
2028- 2029	22,000

To be clear, the second part of this motion contemplates the approval of the amounts for the years 2020-2021 to 2026-2027 for planning purposes only; this is not the authority to spend, nor is it necessarily the final and complete listing.

Motion Carried.

J.5 Tax Sale list

The Director of Finance distributed to Council a list of unpaid taxes by Roll number and amount. Some of these listed will indicated if they have a payment agreement in place or if they will be moving forward on a tax sale listing. There are twenty that are listed here that are eligible for tax sale now that being said by the time it actually goes to tax sale day this list will likely be much shorter. There is no requirement by Council to approve this list however we just wanted to have it on record that the list was prepared and presented at this meeting.

- K. **IN CAMERA**

K.1 **Dangerous and Unsightly**

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

Council moved out of In Camera.

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

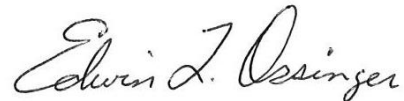
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett at 7:08 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor Cleveland



Clerk E. Tom Ossinger