

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY August 6, 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
None.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Agenda of August 6, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Nina Barnaby-Nova Scotia Community College

Nina Barnaby came on behalf of NSCC to speak about an upcoming community initiative through NSCC currently there are many programs offered through the Digby campus with an average of 50 students per year. The Tri County Sandbox initiative is part of the provincial NS Sandbox initiative and is hosted by community colleges and universities and offers post-secondary student opportunities to build the necessary skills and capacity for innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship. There will be an upcoming Digby and Doctors Design Challenge on

October 8 and 9th this two day challenge presented by NSCC Digby and the Tri County Sandbox will hold this opportunity to engage in Human Design Thinking theory and to collaboratively explore innovative solutions to how do we attract and retain healthcare workers to the Digby area. This Challenge can accommodate up to 40 participants who are post-secondary students, committee members from Doctor Recruitment, local government members and folks from the general community. Participation in the two-day challenge is a cost of \$200.00 per seat with 6 seats available to the Town and Municipal Council members. Mayor Cleveland spoke about the stakeholders group that is meeting later this month and he can bring this up to them they may also be interest in attending this session. Council thanked Nina for presenting this opportunity to them.

D.2 Richard Parry and Terry Gilbert British Home Children

Richard Parry thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on this initiative. Both Richard and Terry are both descendants of the one hundred thousand British Home Children they are here asking for Council approval to participate in the 150 th Anniversary of the first British Home Child taken to Canada by the lighting up of the lighthouse on the waterfront in Blue, Red and White on September 29, 2019. Council approved the request for the event.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 July 2, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the Minutes of July 2, 2019 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 None.

G. REPORT

G.1 Acting Chief Administrative Officer Report

The Acting CAO report was distributed for Council review. CAO Tom Ossinger received a phone call on the application for funding for the lagoon and curtain for the waste water system we have received the full funding that was requested there will be a public funding announcement coming. Donna Jeers from Department of Justice emailed the CAO that the statistics have been updated and they are trying to arrange a meeting with the Town CAO and the Municipality of Digby CAO to discuss. There is also a request from the Wharf Rat Rally to sound the fire alarm during the festival this has been discussed with the Fire Chief as well as the RCMP all are ok with this so the request is coming forward tonight for information for Council just to make them aware of the sounding of the Fire Alarm.

G.2 Digby Area Recreation Commission Report

The report was included in the package for Council review. The notice for early retirement was received from Bob Powell the process to find a replacement for Bob has begun.

G.3 Committee of the Whole Report

One recommendation coming forward from the Committee of the Whole meeting the Parental Accommodations for Elected Officials Policy

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Parental Accommodations for Elected Officials Policy is approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Property Valuation Services Corporation

The PVSC Annual Report is on the Digby Cloud for those who wish to view it can do so there.

H.2 Atlantic Mining Nova Scotia

This is notification of the Airborne Geophysical Survey and that the Province has granted mineral rights for select areas of southwestern Nova Scotia to Atlantic Gold Corporations Ltd. This letter is to provide notice to members of the general public that a study will commence on or about July 22 until mid-August. This is an information item.

H.3 David Boland

This letter was sent to Tony Harvey at Nova Scotia Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal concerning road signs on Highway 217 at the Middle Crossroads Intersection. Mayor Cleveland was copied on the letter along with the Deputy Warden of the Municipality of Digby this is an information item.

H.4 Society for the Friends of Feral

The CAO received a thank you letter from the Friends of Feral thanking the Town of Digby for the generous grant that was awarded through Grants to Organizations.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Municipality of Digby

This request is coming forward tonight from the Deputy CAO of the Municipality of the District of Digby in order for Alfred Doucet to be appointed as a special constable through the Province the Town of Digby will need to officially appoint him as the building and fire inspector for the Town by way of a motion.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Alfred Doucet be appointed as the Town of Digby Building and Fire Inspector.

Motion Carried.

- K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Contract Negotiations

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

Council moved out of In Camera.

Motion:

Moved by Mayor Cleveland and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Council proceed with the Land Purchase of the Visitor Information Center on Shore Road as per the Offer to sell with noted amendments as discussed.

Motion Carried.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux at 7:02 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor Cleveland



Clerk E. Tom Ossinger