

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY November 4, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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

**STAFF PRESENT :** Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer  
Leslie Brinton, Executive Assistant  
Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance  
Bruce Baxter, Special Constable, By Law Enforcement Officer

**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 Deputy Mayor Brittain that the Agenda of November 4, 2019 be approved as presented.***

**Motion Carried.**

**D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**D.1** Roger Marshall and Al Dupis Digby Downtown Business Association came to discuss the past summer music program that was held on the Digby Promenade the found that the location was excellent and the number of folks who turned out was also good and would like to continue again next year. Early in the summer the association approached Council requesting a gazebo/canopy structure that would be more permanent at that time the Town loaned the association one of the small gazebo tents that we had available which did sustain some damage however was not a permanent fixture and they are asking tonight if Council would consider asking the engineer who designed the Promenade to at least consider a structure for that location

as well as additional seating and are requesting that Council make that decision by December 1 as well they are asking that a committee be formed to see this project to completion and both Al and Roger would volunteer to sit on or assist with the committee. The Council expressed concerns again about the view from that location and that if consideration be given that the view be highly considered. Deputy Mayor Brittain spoke about the Digby Center and the abandoning of that stage and area that was built for that purpose. The Association does see the benefit of both areas for large and small groups depending on the amount of people you have. Council discussed the idea of having the engineer just provide a cost estimate for this type of project before committing to it however the December 1 deadline is not realistic given that the annual budget is done and approved for this year.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to contact and obtain cost estimate for a structure from the design engineer.***

**Motion Carried.**

**E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**E.1 October 7, 2019**

**Motion:**

***Moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Minutes of October 7, 2019 be approved as presented.***

**Motion Carried.**

**F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**F.1 None.**

**G. REPORT**

**G.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report**

The CAO report was presented there will be Amendments to the Workers Compensation Act the Province has recently passed Bill 204 this bill mandates municipalities to register volunteer firefighters for Workers Compensation it is estimated at this time about fifty percent of volunteer firefighters do not currently have coverage. These change does require a 12 month notice letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing this has been received and will be coming up under correspondence for information and we will also be receiving correspondence from the Workers' Compensation Board to explain these changes as well. The purchase of land on Shore Road known as the Old Provincial VIC there is no further update at this time. The ICIP program requires a Project Management Services an RFP has been drafted and once completed we will be seeking invitational RFP's for this service. The NSFM Fall Conference will be held at the Westin Hotel starting November 5-8<sup>th</sup>. The Invitational tender for the surplus Fire Truck has been sent to all Fire Departments in the Digby Municipal Fire Service this tender closes on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Recognition Dinner will be held early December we will have one employee that is being recognized for 40 years of service we are hopeful that she will attend even though she is the type of employee that doesn't like recognition.

## **G.2 Committee of the Whole Report**

### **Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Council send a letter of decline for the LED Roadway Lighting proposal as presented by Leroy Riggs from LED Roadway Lighting.*

**Motion Carried.**

### **Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Deputy Mayor Brittain that Council send a letter to Premier McNeil concerning the future of the Upper Clements Park.*

**Motion Carried.**

### **Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council support the application for Provincial Funding for a shared land use planning service, and that request be for 90% funding provincially, and the remaining 10% paid by participating municipalities if the application is successful.*

**Motion Carried.**

## **G.3 Digby Area Recreation Commission Report**

The Digby Area Recreation Commission Report was included in the package.

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **H.1 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Chuck Porter**

The Office of Municipal Affairs and Housing sent notice to NSFM President Waye Mason to give notice that the Government of the Province of the Province is anticipating passage of An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95 the Workers' Compensation Act.

## **I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**I.1** None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **J.1 Dog Park Regulations/Signage**

The Administrative staff has done some research into dog park signage from other Municipal Units and we have compiled a draft regulation signage that is coming forward tonight for discussion and approval. These guideline are put into place so that if we need enforcement of any type there we will have them printed and posted at the park.

### **Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approve the Dog Park Regulations as presented.*

**Motion Carried.**

- - K. IN CAMERA  
K.1 Legal

**Motion:**

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

**Motion Carried.**

Council moved out of In Camera

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Council moved forward With the enforcement of the Order to Vacate at 10 Carleton Street and have the RCMP evacuate the building.***

**Motion Carried.**

- L. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:**

***Motion for adjournment was moved by Deputy Mayor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux at 7:36 P.M.***

**Motion Carried.**



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Mayor Ben Cleveland



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Clerk E. Tom Ossinger