

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY February 3, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

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

STAFF PRESENT : Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer
Leslie Brinton, Executive Assistant

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Jean Brittain
Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance

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

Two additions to the Agenda under New Business J.1 Pines Hotel Update and J.2 Department of Social Services Housing.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that the Agenda of February 3, 2020 be approved with two additions under New Business J.1 Pines Hotel Update and J.2 Department of Social Services Housing.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 January 6, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Minutes of January 6, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

E.2 January 20, 2020 Public Hearing

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of the January 20, 2020 Public Hearing be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

E.3 January 20, 2020 Special Council Meeting

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of January 20, 2020 Special Council Meeting 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 is one amendment to the future meeting that needs to be amended the upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18, 2020 due to the family day holiday. The CAO provided an update to the ICIP program at this time we have satisfied the requirements for the consultation obligations with Aboriginal Peoples. We are continuing the plastic contamination public awareness campaign and continue with cart rejections where needed. The CAO is working on an application under the ACOA Community Capacity Fund for the Engineering services for the Water Street Streetscape project. Mayor Cleveland and the CAO met with the new Municipal Advisor Marilyn Hay she took notes and will deliver the message that the Minister's letter was not well received by the Town. There will be an upcoming meeting on the Marketing and Promotional Levy at the Digby Fire Hall at 2:00 PM on Thursday February 6, 2020 notice has been sent to the stakeholders.

G.2 Committee of the Whole Report

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council grant permission for the use of the Vantassel Lake Property to the Lilly Lake Lollygag event on April 25, 2020.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that Council approve the amendments to the Grants and Contributions to Organizations Policy as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve the amendments to the Residential Leaf and Yard Waste Policy as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council enter into a two year lease agreement with the Salvation Army for 53 Mount Street with an increase of \$1000.00.
Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council move the request from Digby and Area Senior's Safety Society for funding to budget for consideration.
Motion Carried.

G.3 Digby Area Recreation Commission Report

The report was distributed in the package for Council to review. Councillor Harvieux reported to Council that DARC will be hosting the NS High School female and male all-star games at 1:00 PM on February 17th two arenas were interested in hosting and Digby was chosen to host the event.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Southwest African Heritage Month Dinner and Dance

The Gala dinner and dance is February 22, 2020 Mayor Cleveland encouraged those who are able to attend this event a table has been purchased.

H.2 Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage

The African Heritage Launch event was held on January 23, 2020. This is communication from the office of the Minister approving the funding we requested for the event. The event was well attended with a large group of students and members of the community that attended.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Pines Hotel Update

Mayor Cleveland has been speaking to Mr. Squires the new owner of the Pines Resort this is a result of the recent new article concerning the loss of tax revenue from the sale of the pines. Mr. Squires indicated that not much will change right away to the facility however likely be changes to come in the future. At some point Mr. Squires will be in the area and hopefully be able to meet with the CAO and Mayor. The Mayor and the CAO also met with our Municipal Advisor as suggested in the letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Chuck Porter in that conversation our advisor made notes of the discussion and the concerns regarding the letter that we received from Minister Porter. This is a hard hit to a small municipal unit and for it to happen not only once but twice is concerning. Our advisor will relay this message back to the appropriate folks.

J.2 Social Services Housing

Councillor Bartlett discussed the current state of the housing in the Digby area some of these are a disgrace and need to be fixed windows are broken out and there is a ton of garbage around these public housing units. Councillor Bartlett asked if we could have the By-law officer investigate these residences and send correspondence to the housing authority to see if we can have them cleaned up under the Dangerous and Unsightly by law.

K. IN CAMERA
K.1 None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

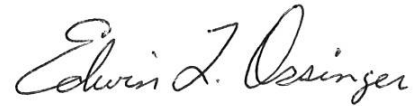
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Bartlett at 6:43 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor Ben Cleveland



Clerk E. Tom Ossinger