

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY August 4, 2020
Council Chambers**

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

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.3 Unsightly By law J.4 Farmers Market and J.5 African NS update.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Agenda of August 4, 2020 be approved with three additions under New Business J.3 Unsightly By law J.4 Farmers Market and J.5 African NS update.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 July 6, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the Minutes of July 6, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

E.2 Special Council Meeting July 20, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 20, 2020 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 Second Reading Solid Waste By-Law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council give second and final reading of the Solid Waste-Resource Management BY Law # 2020-01.

Motion Carried.

F.2 Rainbow Crosswalk

Mayor Cleveland was speaking to a member of the African Heritage community as well as the lady who drafted and sent the correspondence for the consideration of the rainbow crosswalk. Discussion about the location perhaps between the two banks along Water Street and the second location discussed would be the crosswalk from the Scotiabank and Marshalls.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council approve the painting of the rainbow crosswalk on Water Street from Scotiabank to the Promenade.

Motion Carried.

G. REPORT

G.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

The CAO report was presented. The recent announcement for the wearing of masks at indoor public places took effect on July 31 and will be required in the public areas of the Town Hall a policy is being worked on for the wearing of masks in the public office areas. The Public Works Building will remain closed to the public. The Minister directive has been amended to allow in person meetings. Council chambers have been organized to accommodate the social distancing guidelines. Digby Station formal rental agreement has been executed with the Nova Scotia Health Authority. The COVID-19 property tax financing program deadline for application was July 31, 2020 only one application was received for the program. The Wastewater upgrade project was expected to begin July 6 however a two week delay while waiting for material to arrive the project is expected to commence on July 27.

G.2 Committee of the Whole Report

There are two recommendations coming forward from the recent Committee of the Whole.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Operating Reserve Fund Policy as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Michael Carty Photography Invoice of \$775.00 for photography with 50% cost sharing with the Municipality of Digby.

Motion Carried.

G.3 Returning Officer Report

The Returning officer gave an overview of her report to Council on the work to date on the upcoming October 17, 2020 election there is a recommendation coming forward tonight for consideration by Council to set a date for date for the amended list of voters to be completed.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council set the date for the amended list of electors to be completed.

Motion Carried.

G.4 Digby Area Recreation Commission Report

The Report was distributed to the Council. Tournaments will not be happening this year and hockey is being discussed on what that might look like if at all in the fall. There will be decisions that will have to be made for the upcoming hockey and curling season.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 None.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 First Reading Draft Urban Chicken By law

The Draft Urban Chicken By law was presented and discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting and is coming forward today for first reading.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council give first reading to the Urban Chicken By law as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.2 Draft Capital Investment Plan

The Draft Capital Investment Plan was amended from the last time it was presented for review the accessible washroom for the Digby Fire Department was added as well as a pump for well 4 item under the Digby Water Commission those are the only additions to the CIP from the last presentation.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approve the Capital Investment Plan as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.3 Unsightly By law

Deputy Mayor Bartlett asked if there is anything that can be done for garbage there are certain spots in town that on a daily basis have lots of bags and it seems to be the same location over and over. The By Law Enforcement officer has the tools to deal with these folks either under the Solid Waste By law or the Dangerous and Unsightly and action needs to be taken and deal with these property owners.

J.4 The New Farmers & Artisans Market

The Farmers Market folks are interested in moving to an indoor location in the fall and they are expressing interest in the Digby Fire Hall. The CAO was speaking with a representative from the Farmers Market and if Council wishes the CAO can speak with the Fire Hall on the possibility of the market relocating to that facility in the fall.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council approve the New Digby Farmer's & Artisans Market as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.5 African Nova Scotia

Mayor Cleveland was speaking to concerned folks from the African community regarding the belief of an old by law to do with the people of color Mayor Cleveland is unable to find any reference to. The folks that have been speaking to Mayor Cleveland believe that the By-law was in the early 1960 but in research conducted in the old by law books we are unable to location anything in the documents here that talk about that. They folks that Mayor Cleveland spoke too were looking for an apology to the African Community. Mayor Cleveland will do some more research.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Tide View Terrance Board Insurance

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

Council moved out of In Camera.

L. ADJOURNMENT

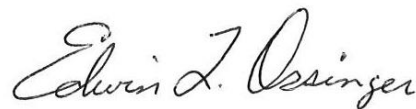
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 7:41 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor Ben Cleveland



Clerk E. Tom Ossinger