

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday April 6, 2021  
Council Chambers**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ben Cleveland  
Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett  
Councillor Peter Turnbull  
Councillor William McCormick  
Councillor Paul Saulnier

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

**REGRETS:**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B.1** None.

**C. AGENDA**

**C.1 Additions/Deletions**

One additions to the Agenda under New Business J.4 Town Archives

**C.2 Approval**

**Motion**

*Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Agenda for April 6, 2021 be approved with one addition under New Business J.4 Town Archives.*

**Motion Carried.**

**D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**D.1** None.

**E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**E.1** March 1, 2021

**Motion:**

*Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Minutes of March 1, 2021 be approved as presented.*

**Motion Carried.**

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

**F.1 None.**

**G. REPORTS**

**G.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report**

The CAO spoke about Tax Sale by tender which closed on March 24, 2021 we received 18 tenders In total for the both properties. The Tender for 49 Saint Mary's Street land and dwelling was awarded to Steven Desaultels for \$56,100.00 and the Mount Street land was sold to Mike Tan for \$1,700.00 plus HST who was not the highest bidder but the other two bidders rescinded their bids once they realized that the lot was not what they has expected it to be. The Regional Fisheries dispute meeting was held on March 20, 2021 although things are fairly quiet at the moment that will likely change in the spring when lobster season approaches. The feeling was that there is still a need to express upon Minister of DFO and Public Safety that we are concerned about safety and wellbeing of our community and economic impacts as a result of the dispute. The continuation of services with Iris Communication was discussed along with a redefined Scope of Work. Iris Communication recommends that we continue with services for a minimum of three months to see meaningful results. The Town of Digby total share for the period of three months would be \$606.59 plus HST.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that we continue with Iris Communication for three months for a total cost of \$606.59 plus HST.***

**Motion Carried.**

The Post Covid-19 Strategic Planning session dates have been confirmed. The sessions will take place at NS Works at the Evangeline Mall. There are three sessions in total. The Solid Waste Collection Contract tender closed on March 31, 2021 only one tender was received which was from the current hauler Digby Salvage and Disposal. A review of the tender revealed a five percent increase per year. The CAO is recommending that Digby Salvage and Disposal be award the contract.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the following Schedule of Pricing in the tender submitted by Digby Salvage & Disposal Ltd be approved.***

<b>Collection Schedule as per Appendix B</b>		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Base Price per Month</b>	<b>HST</b>
April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022	\$10,865.98	\$1629.90
April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	\$11,409.28	\$1711.39

April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024	\$11,979.74	\$1796.96
April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025	\$12,578.73	\$1886.81
April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026	\$13,207.66	\$1981.15
<b>Special Collection as per Section 46 of Agreement.</b>		
Fiscal Year	Cost per collection	HST
April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022	\$1200.00	\$180.00
April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	\$1260.00	\$189.00
April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024	\$1323.00	\$198.45
April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025	\$1389.95	\$208.37
April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026	\$1458.61	\$218.57

**Motion Carried.**

The CAO has been speaking to a gentleman who wished to remain anonymous who wishes to provide a sign or something to honor the memory Deker who passed away in a home fire a design maybe coming forward to Council for review. Bill 47 an act to amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act, and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and Respecting Accessibility was given first and second reading and was scheduled for the Law Amendments Committee on March 31, 2021. Bill 50 an Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act, and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and Respecting Codes of Conduct was given first

and second reading and was also scheduled to be brought before the Law Amendments Committee on March 31, 2021. The Covid-19 Electronic upgrades are being done the new Polycom system has arrived and should be set up by April 6<sup>th</sup>. The new Council lap tops have arrived and our IT department is currently doing the setup on each of them. The Dangerous and Unsightly Policy was drafted and is currently being reviewed by the Town Solicitor this policy will likely be coming forward at the Committee of the Whole. The Marketing Levy was introduced to the House of Assembly on March 31, 2021 by the Honourable Gordon Wilson. Once this passes through legislation a By-law will need to be created so it will likely be 2022 before it gets off the ground.

## **G.2 Digby Area Recreation Commission**

The reports was distributed to the Council in the package.

## **G.3 Committee of the Whole**

There are several recommendations coming forward from the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Council consideration.

### **Motion:**

***Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that correspondence be sent to the Municipality of Digby for consideration into a change of bus route by King Transit in the Town of Digby.***

**Motion Carried.**

### **Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council adopt the Respectful Workplace Policy amendments as presented.***

**Motion Carried.**

### **Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Councillor Saulnier and Councillor Turnbull be the two Council members appointed the Accessibility Committee.***

**Motion Carried.**

### **Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor McCormick that an Expression of Interest for potential development be drafted for affordable housing.***

**Motion Carried.**

### **Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council declare PID # 30223978 as surplus property.***

**Motion Carried.**

## **G.4 Digby Area Tourism Association**

The report was distributed to Council in the meeting package. Councillor Turnbull will provide DATA with an update to the progress being made with the Marketing Levy.

### **G.5 Waste Check Report**

Councillor Saulnier recently attended the Waste Check Meeting and voiced concerns about the wheels on the green carts. They will likely be ordered a different cart in the future.

### **G.6 Special Committee of the Whole**

The Community Grant requests were reviewed at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 30, 2021. At this point Mayor Cleveland asked the question of Dr. Strang Chief Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia on his thoughts for the summer and gathering limits for festivals and events at this time we are just waiting for a reply to the questions that were submitted. At this point in time Council can make the motion pending budget approval.

#### **Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the list below be approved for Community Grants pending final budget approval.***

<b><i>Digby Foodbank</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 575.00 (by policy)</i></b>
<b><i>South West Nova Transition House</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>Wharf Rat Rally</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>Digby Scallop Days</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>Lobster Bash Association</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>The Navy league of Canada</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 500.00</i></b>
<b><i>Friends of Ferals</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,250.00</i></b>
<b><i>Digby Area Tourism Association</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>Trinity Anglican Church</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 500.00</i></b>
<b><i>Downtown Business Association</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 500.00</i></b>

***Total amount*** ***\$29,325.00***

**Motion Carried.**

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **H.1 Municipality of Barrington**

The Municipality of Barrington sent correspondence to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments concerning their opposition to Bill 47 and the concerns regarding no consultation with municipalities.

### **H.2 Western Counties Regional Library**

The CAO received this correspondence from the Western Country Library. The letter is asking Council to consider the new funding rate this would be an increase of \$3,997 per year. The CAO has been speaking with other CAO's in the province and most are opposed to the increase in funding. This item will be tabled to the next meeting to allow time for the CAO to gather clarification on this item.

### **H.3 Terry Gilbert Mural**

The Town Hall received a request from Terry Gilbert who is interested in doing some art work at The Shoreline Restaurant and is asking for financial assistance from the Town to do this project. Council would need more information about the project if the Shoreline has been in consultation about the exterior and a mural and the CAO can see what might have been done in the past on

other private buildings such as the Dr. Leveque Building on the corner of Carleton Street and Birch Street more information to come on this request.

**I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**I.1 None.**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**J.1 Relay for Life**

The Relay for Life Chair Cindy O'Neil came and spoke to the CAO regarding the use of the promenade and the boardwalk waterfront on Saturday May 15, 2021 for a Luminary Ceremony. The luminaries would be displayed for 2 to 3 hours. This would allow time for folks to walk the boardwalk following all Provincial Covid-19 protocols.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council approve the Special Event License at no cost for the Relay for Life.***

**Motion Carried.**

**J.2 Digby and Area Seniors' Safety Society**

The Digby and Area Seniors' Safety has submitted their core funding request. Last year's request was for \$17,500 this year's request is for the same amount.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the 2021/22 Town of Digby funding Grant to Digby and Area Seniors' Safety Society be \$17,500.00.***

**Motion Carried.**

**J.3 Bear Island Ted Leighton Guardianship**

Bear Island is current in the trust of the Mayor along with Board of Trade. Mayor Cleveland has been speaking with the Nature Trust and from that conversation it was discussed about appointing a guardian for the property. Ted Leighton who is a biologist and has an interest in the island might be a candidate to be the guardian for the island. The Digby Area Board of Trade will be discussing this at the next meeting.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council appoint Ted Leighton as the Bear Island Guardian.***

**Motion Carried.**

**J.4 Town Archives**

Councillor Turnbull received a large amount of old Town of Digby documents for the archives for Town Hall. These came from Barry Jennings is there duplicate copies to any of the documents the museum would be pleased to have them. A letter of thank you will be sent to Mr. Jennings.

**K. IN CAMERA**

**K.1 None.**

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

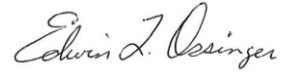
***Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett at 7:37 P.M.***

**Motion Carried.**



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Mayor Ben Cleveland



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Clerk E. Tom Ossinger