

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 5, 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 5:55 P.M.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B.1 None.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

None.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Agenda for July 5, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Terry Gilbert-Art Work

Terry Gilbert is here tonight to talk about Shoreline Restaurant in Digby Centre there is currently Art work on that wall there that is in need of replacing. Terry distributed the design concept to Council. Terry is asking for assistance from the Town of Digby Public Works crew for the painting or installation of the new art work on that building. Shoreline is willing to do some of the work but because the building is located in Digby Center and the high traffic that can flow into that area they are hoping that the Town might be willing to also assist either in kind or financially to the project. Terry has done a lot of art work around Digby for little to no cost and is willing to do this project for no cost. Terry asked about any grant opportunities that might be available that could assist with the project. Mayor Cleveland suggest that firm numbers for the project be

gathered before Council could search out grant opportunities or even begin to consider financial contribution to the project. The in kind contribution would have to be further discussed with the CAO as that will involve staff time and ability to do that work. Terry thanked Council for the opportunity to come and discuss this art work project.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 June 7, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Minutes of June 7, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

E.2 Special Council Meeting June 21, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on June 21, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 Digby General Hospital Parking Fees

Mayor Cleveland recently meet with the folks from the Nova Scotia Health Authority and asked about the parking fees at the Digby General Hospital according to those at the meeting it would be a decision that would apply to all NSHA hospitals however Councillor Saulnier noted that at a recent visit to the Kentville hospital they are not charging the parking fee. Mayor Cleveland spoke about drafting a letter to NSHA concerning the parking fee.

G. REPORTS

G.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

The CAO report was distributed to Council. The CAO spoke about the preliminary budget is prepared and has been reviewed by the CAO and there are some amendments from that to be reformatted and a more detailed review with the Director of Public Works and the Director of Finance along with the CAO will take place tomorrow. The draft budget presentation date could be the week of July 12th perhaps a date could be discussed for a Budget Committee Meeting. If Council recommends that budget a Special Meeting of Council could be held after the Budget Committee Meeting to approve the budget. Monday July 12, 2021 at 6 PM will work for the Council. The Town Hall and the VIC are open to the public as of June 21, 2021 all Covid 19 regulations are being followed. Festivals and events can happen at the current time however still have limited venue capacity. The Wharf Rat Rally has officially announced the cancellation of the rally and Lobster Bash has moved their event to the Labour Day Weekend. Digby Scallop Days is planning to hold a 2 day event on August 6 and 7th. The Canadian Flags on Admirals Walk are flying for commemoration of Canada Day. The Town received pressure from the public to lower the flags to half-mast due to the discovery of hundreds of children found in graves at several residential school across the country. At the request of Mayor Cleveland the flags were lowered on June 27th. The Canadian flags will remain at half-mast until the week of July 5th when the Canadian flag will be replaced with the Provincial Flags. The flags at the Promenade and the VIC will remain at half-mast until further notice as determined by the Federal Government the protocol set by the Department of Canadian Heritage. The Town Property at PID# 30378558 the CAO met with our Legal Counsel and Derik DeWolfe of DeWolfe and Morse Surveying Ltd to talk

about the migration of property PID# 30378558 in the preliminary research the deed description for property PID # 30225668 indicated that it included part of PID #30225668 and they believe this may be an error. It was determined that more extensive research on PID # 30225668 would be the best approach to determine whether there was an error in the property description. The town solicitor has advised that they found good root of title to that property into the Town and therefore the town owns it and can convey it, once a description has been established. Staff have drafted the Cross Connection Control Program which was a requirement of the Digby Water Commission approval to operate has been submitted to NSE for review and approval.

G.2 Digby Area Recreation Commission

The reports was distributed to the Council in the package. The pool is in operation and the community garden is coming along well. There seems to be some complaints coming that the water is too cold at the pool. The honor system play equipment box is going well folks are using the equipment and returning it so that is good to see.

G.3 Committee of the Whole

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

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council approve the Flag Flying Policy as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council give first reading to The Dog By-Law #2021-01 as presented.

Motion Carried.

G.4 Digby Area Tourism Association

The Digby Area Tourism Association report was included in the package. Mayor Cleveland attend a meet and greet with the new DATA employee who will be coming to work here.

G.5 Waste Check

Councillor Saulnier and Councillor McCormick were both in attendance at the last meeting the main topic of discussion is road side garbage it's a common and frustrating issue.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 None.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Affordable Housing

Councillor Saulnier has sent a copy of the Housing report to all of Council and he feels that this is the time that Town of Digby should be drafting and sending correspondence concerning the housing and apply some pressure. Councillor Saulnier was willing to draft a letter and send it to the CAO for review prior to sending.

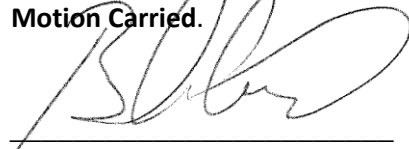
K. IN CAMERA
K.1 None.

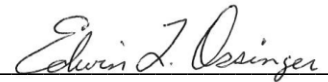
L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick at 7:00 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor

Clerk