

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday August 3, 2021  
Council Chambers**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett  
Councillor Peter Turnbull  
Councillor William McCormick (6:34 PM)  
Councillor Paul Saulnier

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

**REGRETS:** Mayor Ben Cleveland

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B.1** None.

**C. AGENDA**

**C.1 Additions/Deletions**

Two additions under New Business J.4 Tax Sale list and J.5 Lobster Bash and one item for In Camera K.1 Personnel.

**C.2 Approval**

**Motion**

*Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Agenda for August 3, 2021 be approved with three additions New Business J.4 Tax Sale List and J.5 Lobster Bash and In Camera K.1 Personnel.*

**Motion Carried.**

**D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**D.1** None.

**E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**E.1 July 5, 2021**

**Motion:**

*Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Minutes of July 5, 2021 be approved as presented.*

**Motion Carried.**

**E.2 Special Council Meeting July 19, 2021**

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on July 19, 2021 be approved as presented.***

**Motion Carried.**

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

**F.1 Digby General Hospital Parking Fees**

Mayor Cleveland was unable to attend this meeting however we are still awaiting a draft letter from him concerning the parking fees at the Digby General Hospital.

**F.2 Second and Final Reading of the Dog By-Law #2021-01**

This is the second and final reading of the Dog By-Law after the Council gives it the second reading We will publish it and at that time it becomes a law.

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council give the second and final reading to the Dog By-Law #2021-01.***

**Motion Carried.**

**F.3 Affordable Housing**

This was brought forward from the last meeting Councillor Saulnier was going to draft a letter to the Premier however today we received correspondence from NSFM concerning affordable housing that may be addressed through a joint committee with NSFM and AMANS. Councillor Saulnier now has the letter drafted and yes we can still send it however we may wish to wait until the election is over that way the letter will get to the new premier once one it appointed. Councillor Saulnier did speak about the small group of folks who are working on the affordable housing and the work that they are doing to create emergency shelter for this in need this will likely be a container home. The Chair asked about the current land use by law and if it would permit able to have a container home under the current land use. The CAO spoke about the current land use by law being silent on container homes and that he may be able to allow it similar to a mini home in certain areas of the town. The CAO did mention that a review of the MPS and LUB will be coming in the future that is something that we will have to consider its becoming more popular.

**G. REPORTS**

**G.1 Digby Area Recreation Commission**

The reports was distributed to the Council in the package. DARC held its first public meeting concerning the splash pad last week only 7 people attended. Since that time there has been lots Of interest in the face book group that was created and there is another meeting this week and they are hoping to have enough interest to form a committee. DARC is also currently working on their 5 year plan and there has been discussion on the use of the curling club in the off season to also generate some revenue. The volleyball court is still moving forward up beside the DARC facility.

**G.2 Tri County Housing Coalition**

Councillor Saulnier spoke about the formation of the smaller group of local folks who are in the final stage of paper work for the charitable status and creating a plan for fundraising. Nina from NSCC is also working with the Committee on the needs of the community. Nina from NSCC has

also offered to assist the Town along with the students from NSCC on various ways to use the former VIC on Shore Road that can be part of a NSCC program if we would like to go that direction.

**H. CORRESPONDENCE**

**H.1 None.**

**I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**I.1 None.**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**J.1 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The CAO drafted a report on Bill C-5 that was introduced by the Minister of Canada Heritage in the House of Commons on September 29, 2020. The bill makes September 30 a statutory holiday for employees in the federal government and federally regulated workplaces therefore following the current HR Policy for Paid Holidays this will now become part of the Town of Digby paid holidays. The CAO also noted that in a recent email poll 100 % of Municipalities in in the Province of NS are planning to also observe September 30 as a paid holiday as per union contract or policies in place.

**J.2 Waterfront Development Corporation**

Mayor Cleveland was unable to attend tonight's meeting however he did send email correspondence this morning regarding the recent visit from the Waterfront Development folks. This item would be better tabled to the next meeting to allow Mayor Cleveland to speak regarding this recent visit.

**J.3 Façade Program**

Mayor Cleveland was unable to attend tonight's meeting this item can be moved to the Committee of the Whole for discussion.

**J.4 Tax Sale List**

The CAO discussed with the Council the list of those properties who in tax sale position there are 7 accounts in total. There is also one more which is a unique case that is the Digby Regional High School and the fire rate. This remains unpaid at this time with the recent call for an election likely we will have to address this after the cabinet is appointed. The 7 accounts discussed have a process the first step will be a notice by the time the actual date of tax sale comes typically most of those listed will be paid. The CAO did talk about all that the Town does to work with each of these folks to avoid the tax sale process.

**J.5 Lobster Bash Festival**

Councillor Saulnier asked about the Lobster Bash Festival holding an event on the weekend that normally is the Wharf Rat Rally and are we prepared to deal with an influx of people who will come into town. The CAO spoke about the process that Lobster Bash will have do in order for the Town to issue a permit to Lobster Bash for the festival. We just went through the same process with Digby Scallop Days the Province required a plan to be created and approved before the Scallop Days could proceed with this year's festival and the Lobster Bash Association will be required to do the same to ensure a safe event.

**K. IN CAMERA**

**K.1 Personnel**

**Motion:**

***Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council move to In Camera for Personnel.***

**Motion Carried.**

Council moved out of In Camera.


**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

***Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 7:51 P.M.***

**Motion Carried.**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk