

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday September 7, 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

Three additions to the Agenda under New Business J.3 Lobster Bash J.4 Indigenous Crosswalk J.5 Parking and one item In Camera L.1 Lease Agreement.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Agenda for September 7, 2021 be approved with three additions under New Business J.3 Lobster bash J.4 Indigenous Crosswalk J.5 Parking and one item In Camera L.1 Lease Agreement.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 August 3, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Minutes of August 3, 2021 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 Halliday Development, Land Inventory, needle containers, art work, Water Street signage

Deputy Mayor Bartlett asked for an update on the Halliday Development the CAO had nothing further to update on the Halliday Development except they are still planning to move forward they are likely still waiting for material costs to come down before proceeding.

The CAO is will working on the land inventory request however it is close to being completed.

Deputy Mayor Bartlett inquired about the cleanup of the property owned by the Town on Queen Street across from the pumping station it requires clean up there is debris in the past it seems to Be a gathering space for old slip ways we can do a cleanup of this.

Deputy Mayor Bartlett inquired about the needle containers they have arrived and are being used by the Public Works staff if they find them laying around rather than put them in the garage.

The art work for the Promenade is still being worked on by Peter Janson it's a work in progress.

Deputy Mayor Bartlett inquired about the signage for the Nothing Fancy building on Water Street The CAO has meet with the Director of Finance and the wording for that signage is still being worked on. The Strategic Planning Session priorities that came from the session at NSCC we should be compiling them on a quick reference document.

G. REPORTS

G.1 Digby Area Recreation Commission

The reports was distributed to the Council in the package. The Volunteer Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday September 19th at Fishermen's Park. The Town is issuing receipts for the Digby Splash Pad once the Splash pad is completed it will likely become an asset of the Town that is how we are able to issue receipts for it.

G.2 Digby Area Tourism Association

The report was distributed to the Council in the package. Councillor Turnbull mentioned that the New employee of DATA is quite busy and that the lighthouse tour is going well.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Cigarette Waste Receptacles

Correspondence was received from a lady who was visiting and would like to purchase waste receptacles. It is most unfortunate but cigarette waste will always be an issue. Council discussed Potential location for a receptacle and the cost. The CAO will investigate the cost and report back.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Digby & Area Housing Coalition

Mayor Cleveland received correspondence from the Digby & Area Housing Coalition asking for a letter of support for the Affordable Housing Demonstration Project Initiative that they will include with their proposal. Mayor Cleveland will draft a letter of support,

J.2 Digby Area Learning Association

DALA sent email correspondence looking for short term rental space for September and October

For 12 participants with serious interest in submitting a proposal to occupy the entire building as Part of a long term lease for the former VIC on Shore Road. There is currently no WIFI in that facility. The CAO is currently drafting a RFP for this facility with the hopes for a long term tenant.

J.3 Lobster Bash

Mayor Cleveland received correspondence from the Lobster Bash organization requesting the street closure on Sunday September 12, 2021 due to the cancellation of the events that were scheduled on September 6th due to rain.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council approve the Water Street closure on Sunday September 12, 2021 from Church Street to Carleton Street for the Lobster Bash Show and Shine.

Motion Carried.

J.4 Indigenous Crosswalk

The Town received email correspondence from Lisanne Arbeau asking for consideration for a crosswalk in support of the Indigenous community and the thousands of children found in unmarked graves in Canada. Mayor Cleveland would like to consult Chief Potter from Bear River First Nations on this inquiry they are the folks that we seek guidance from when requests such as these are made.

J.5 Parking

Councillor Saulnier spoke about the parking at the Canada Post office during the festivals folks were finding it difficult to park during the Lobster Bash Festival. The parking on Church Street near the post office seems to be an issue perhaps limited time parking signage might be the answer.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Legal

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council move to In Camera for Legal.

Motion Carried.

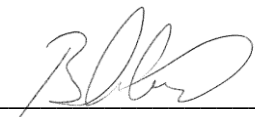
Council moved out of In Camera.

L. ADJOURNMENT

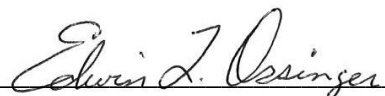
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 7:25 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk