

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
Special Council Meeting
Monday November 23, 2021**

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

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

REGRETS:

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. AGENDA

B.1 Additions/Deletions

One addition to the Agenda C.2 Road Salt Shortage

B.2 Approval

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Agenda for November 23, 2021 Special Council Meeting be approved with one addition under New Business C.2 Road Salt Shortage.

Motion Carried.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1 Racquette Road Project

The tender for the Racquette Road Project has closed and the tenders have come in Higher than budget we are receiving \$99,750 from a grant through the Province and the Remainder coming from an MFC loan. The tender have been reviewed by the Engineer Overall things are fine it appears that cost estimates are inflated from the prices the Engineer received in the spring. The CAO was surprised to see that the tender were so Much higher than budget after submitted to the Engineer for review it seems to be inflated prices and these companies are fully booked so prices are higher if we try and wait and retender there is a risk of the tender coming in higher than these ones. The Grant we received has a completion date of March 31 the fear is if we turn this grant down after fighting to receive it we may not been looked upon favorably in future applications. The CAO discussed with the Direction of Finance and the Director of Public Works Capital Projects that are on the radar but may not be completed and there are two or three

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projects that will not be completed in the fiscal year. The other consideration is the contingency built into the tender it may not be spent. The project would be on track to be completed 4 to 6 weeks after the start. Beach access will come in the spring as it was Not part of the tender. However these can easily be constructed from wood.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council increase the budget for the Racquette Road Project by \$60,000 and award the tender to Dexter's Construction.

Motion Carried.

C.2 Road Salt Shortage

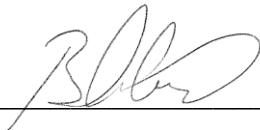
The strike ended this week however we are still not able to purchase salt from Pugwash we will be able to purchase salt from a barge in Halifax however there is an additional cost to purchasing the salt. This is salt that was shipped here on a barge from Quebec that is why the cost is higher. Safety is of the utmost importance we may be able to use more salt than originally thought. Weather will ultimately dictate the usage.

D. ADJOURNMENT

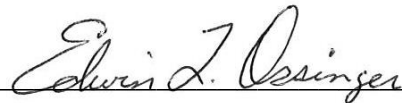
Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the meeting Be adjourned as there is no further business.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk