

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2024
Council Chambers**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer
Leslie Brinton, Executive Assistant
Rob Hartmier, Grant Coordinator

REGRETS: Mayor Ben Cleveland

A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Bartlett called the meeting to order at 8:10pm

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

None

C.2 Approval

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the agenda for October 7, 2024, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

D. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 September 3, 2024

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Minutes of September 3, 2024, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

E.2 September 16, 2024, Special Council Meeting

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of September 16, 2024, Special Council Meeting, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 Second and Final reading for Development Agreement – Thomas Road

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council tables the vote to a future meeting for the Development Agreement for the Thomas Road.

Motion Carried

F.2 Second and Final reading for Development Agreement – Digby and Area Housing Coalition

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council gives second and final reading for Development Agreement – Digby and Area Housing Coalition

Motion Carried

F.3 NSFM Correspondence

Correspondence was sent to NSFM regarding the Registry of Stocks a copy of that letter that was placed in the package.

G. STAFF REPORTS

G.1 Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO report was included in the package. Mount Street Upgrade Project information was explained. Student have been using the construction area as a short cut and the town will email the school to make sure students stay out of construction areas. Number of updates are available in the report package. Guard rail installation on Shore Road is the last piece to wrap up the project. It will be installed to the provincial road standards. CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund 2 has been submitted and the town awaits if they will be awarded the grant request. New council orientation session will be in Halifax November 4 – 5th. The swearing in will take place on November 6 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

G.2 Committee of the Whole

There is one recommendation coming forward from the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approves a \$20,000 addition to the Capital Budget for a new file server and laptop upgrades.

Motion Carried

G.3 Digby Area Recreation Commission Reports

The Recreation Director Report, Active Living Coordinator Report and the Facility Manager Report were included in the package. Councillor Saulnier inquired as to town logo on center ice. Deputy Mayor Bartlett indicated we were too late for this year but will get it next year. Signage for the town will be on the sideboards. There is a new Zamboni. Structural engineer for looking at walls and roof. There is an effort moving forward to get an application for Kraft Hockeyville. Pickleball is the most popular game so looking at ways to support that.

Question from Jennifer Gillis – what the water was use for this year. Deputy Mayor Bartlett indicated he felt it was near \$9,800 for the year.

G.4 Waste Check Report

The Waste Check Authority meeting notes were included in the package. Deputy Mayor Barlett indicated that green carts are a very costly.

G.5 Western Counties Regional Library

The Western Counties Regional Library overview document was included in the package.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Temporary Borrowing Resolution

MOTION:

Temporary Borrowing Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Insurance Subject to Interest Rate Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council approves the Temporary Borrowing resolution

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Digby borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$2,600,000 for a period not to exceed 20 years subject to the approval of the Minister;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Digby in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rat of 6.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Province of Nova Scotia with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months form the passing of this resolution.

Motion Carried

I.2 Mobile Home Victoria Street

Councillor Saulnier wishes to know the status of the mobile home on Victoria Street. CAO communicated that the Mobile Home is complete but has been very busy and hopes to connect this week with the Realtor. Councillor McCormick asked about landscaping and the CAO communicated that the landscaping is almost completed.

J. IN-CAMERA

J.1 Legal


None

K. Adjournment

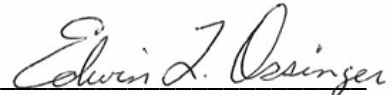
Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier at 8:45pm

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk