

**TOWN OF DIGBY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett
Councillor Jean Brittain
Councillor Brian Manzer
Councillor Peter Turnbull
Councillor Danny Harvieux

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, CAO
Susan Rice, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS: Mayor Ben Cleveland
Councillor Ron Matsusaki
Matthew Raymond, Director of Finance

A. Mayor Cleveland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. AGENDA

B.1 Approval of the agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Brittain that the agenda of December 7, 2009, be approved with the following addition under Business Arising from the Minutes E.1 Digby Area Health Services Charitable Foundation Letter and under New Business H.5 Citizen Representative for the Police Advisory Board.

Motion carried

C. DELEGATION

C.1 Andrew Pace – Immigration Information Navigator

Mr. Pace presented a power point presentation and informed them on why we need immigrants in Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia needs immigrants because we are facing demographic challenges, economic changes, and immigrants enrich the social, cultural, and economic life of Nova Scotia. There are things that we can do in our community and they are as follows: attend a Multicultural Festival that will be held on July 3 & 4, 2010, diversify your news sources, volunteer to be a new friend host, support a local, small business run by an immigrant, and invite a newcomer family over for supper. A question was

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asked if he is working with ADEDA and Mr. Pace stated that he will be working with them in the future. Council thanked Mr. Pace for his presentation.

D. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a) November 4, 2009

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the minutes of November 4, 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) Special Meeting October 19, 2009

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that the minutes of the special meeting October 19, 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 Digby Area Charitable Foundation Letter

The letter that was received in each Councillor's mailbox should be given a response to very shortly. The Council decided to have a meeting on December 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Medical Centre and that we can give them an answer after our January's Council meeting.

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E.2 Bethany Bargain Bin Society

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that we add the Bethany Bargain Bin Society to Schedule A of the 2004-05 Tax Reduction for Charitable Properties Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

The tax exemption will start this fiscal year 2009/10.

F. REPORTS

F.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE/ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that the accounts payable in the amount of \$252,626.28 be approved for payment for the month of November.

Motion Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that we approve the annual borrowing resolution.

Motion Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that we approve the credit line borrowing resolution.

Motion Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that Council approve the visa account credit line borrowing resolution.

Motion Carried

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F.2 FIRE, POLICE, AND LICENSE COMMITTEE

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.3 STREETS, SEWER, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A) Salt tender

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve the tender from G.K. Morse Trucking Ltd. To haul salt for the Town of Digby at the price of \$24.94 plus HST per ton be accepted.

Motion Carried

F.4 TOURISM COMMITTEE

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. The Visitor Information Centre stats report was presented and the numbers were down.

F.5 TIDEVIEW TERRACE

No report.

F.6 DIGBY AND AREA RECREATION COMMISSION

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.7 LIBRARY BOARD

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.8 WASTE CHECK

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.9 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

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**F.10 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION**

The new REMO Coordinator, Don Leblanc started December 1, 2009, and will be meeting with the Council in the New Year. CAO informed Council that he presented the former EMO Coordinator a plaque from the Town for his years of service.

F.11 WATER COMMISSION

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

F.12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

No meeting. No report.

F.13 DIGBY AREA LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. DALA is looking at doing a pilot project for the Construction Trades Program. They will do ½ day in class and ½ day on the job training.

F.14 SENIOR SAFETY BOARD

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. A congratulatory letter be sent to Dawn Thomas, Senior Safety Coordinator in regards to the presentation she did at the UNSM Conference in November.

a) Citizen Representative

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Manzer that John Roswell be the citizen representative on the Senior Safety Board.

Motion Carried

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b) Issuance of credit card

MOTION:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Brittain that Council accept the issuance to obtain a credit card account with a limit not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion Carried

F.15 PESTICIDE COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report.

F.16 ANNAPOLIS/DIGBY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Report for October 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

A question was asked if ADEDA helps out with the Port Authority project. There has been no discussion at ADEDA but if the Authority needs assistance they will help out. The members of the Port Authority are being asked to meet with Ministers in Ottawa in the near future and they would like the Mayor to attend as well.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve the associated cost for the Mayor and/or designate to go to Ottawa to meet with Ministers in regards to the Port Authority Project.

Motion Carried

F.17 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented. The CAO informed Council that the Water Commission is currently undergoing a rate study and the consultants will be presenting on Friday at 12 p.m. There will be a water rate increase at approximately 18%. The CAO stated that the Town of Digby has the second lowest water rate in the province. CAO will email Council and the Water Commission a copy of the water rates from different municipalities in the province.

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The water bills this month was changed as much as we can. The staff added information beside the sewer rate "\$5.05 per 1,000 gallons". The CAO stated that he thinks that the sewer rate is at a plateau. Councillor Harvieux stated that he would like to see a newsletter go out every two months. Council stated that they are glad that we are giving out recognition of years of service to the staff.

F.18 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

No meeting. No report.

F.19 AIRPORT COMMITTEE

No meeting. No report. The Digby Municipal Airport was not successful in getting the tender for the Flight School. There were three bidders and no one got it but will be tendered out next year. The Flight School will be stationed at Debert for another year.

F.20 MAYOR'S REPORT

Report for November 2009 was reviewed and accepted as presented.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

G.1 Wharf Rat Rally

Discussion was had regarding the letter from the Wharf Rat Rally Committee requesting street closures for next year. Council decided to have a Special Meeting in January with them to discuss the letter.

G.2 Alzheimer's Awareness

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Harvieux that the Mayor proclaim Alzheimer's Awareness month in January.

Motion Carried

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G.3 Municipality of Barrington

Council asked where the money goes when people buy the lobster signs. CAO could not answer it but will email the Municipality of Barrington in regards to the question and will email the Council back with their answer.

G.4 TIANS

Information item.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 Dana Perry Letter of Support

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Brittain and seconded by Councillor Manzer that a letter of support be written and state that we support the project and facility but we have financial support to our local library.

Motion Carried.

H.2 Acadia Bus Lines

Seska's letter was presented to Council as well as an email from Acadia Bus Lines telling us why they are removing the bus service from Digby to Kentville. The email will be forwarded to Seska.

H.3 Medic Committee

Discussion on the email from Shirley Watson Poole in regards to a student in medical school that will be finished in 2015 that would like to come to a small town. The fee would be \$10,000 per year for 4 years and she would give the Town 4 years of service when she gets out of school.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Manzer that we accept Shirley Watson Poole's offer for the doctor to come to Digby in 2015 at a cost of \$10,000 per year for 4 years and return of service for 4 years.

Motion Carried

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H.4 Recommendation for Project Manager – WWTF

The Steering Committee recommends to Council that they enter into a contract with CBCL for the Digby Regional Wastewater Project as project manager.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Manzer and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council enter into a contract with CBCL for the Digby Regional Wastewater Project as project manager.

Motion Carried

H.5 Police Advisory

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Councillor Brittain that Darlene Manzer be appointed as the citizen representative on the Police Advisory Board.

Motion Carried

H.6 Housing Authority

The CAO will find out if a Councillor can sit on as a citizen representative on the Housing Authority if so Deputy Mayor Bartlett will sit on it.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Manzer and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Deputy Mayor Bartlett be the citizen representative on the Tri County Housing Authority Board.

Motion Carried

An advertisement has to go out for a citizen representative to sit on the Source Water Protection Plan Committee.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

None.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Manzer and Councillor Harvieux.

TIME: 8:40 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK