

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 4, 2022
Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Cleveland, Chair
Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett, Vice Chair
Councillor Peter Turnbull (Via Zoom)
Councillor Paul Saulnier (Via Zoom)
Councillor William McCormick

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

One addition to the Agenda under In Camera K.1 Land Interest

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Agenda for July 4, 2022 be as approved as amended.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Churchill Ashford-Land Interest

Churchill Ashford is the owner at 85 Church Street next to him is the Community Gardens. There is a 10 foot strip of land at the Community Garden that would give Churchill the ability to subdivide his lot for a flag lot to allow access to the lots in behind the houses up on Church Street. At the present time Churchill only owns the lot at 85 Church and in order for development to happen he would have to purchase the lots beside him in years to come and also subdivide off these lots. This might take 20 years before these lots come for sale no one knows. Council will have to give consideration into this request as green space is important and also expansion at the Community Garden as well. Currently the only way to do this development if the town is unwilling to sell a 10

foot piece of land would be to tear down one of homes to gain the access in behind. This is something that will have to be given great consideration and there will need to be discussion with the Director of Public Works and the Development Officer before any decision can be made. And Churchill will be notified by mail of any decision to this request.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 June 6, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Minutes of June 6, 2022 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 None.

G. REPORTS

G.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

The CAO reviewed his report with Council. The Digby Library Committee met on June 14th the CAO attended this meeting discussion on the operations of the local library among the members in attendance was had. The Community Development Coordinator has been busy cross training and making contact with funding partners and researching grant opportunities. The CAO attended the AMANS Spring Workshop the attendance was good and there was many relevant sessions.

The traffic signals at Raquette Road and Victoria Street intersection have been replaced by the Province however this was additional repair work required and this is the amount they are asking the Town to cover in the amount of \$1549.13 which includes HST. The CAO did explain that any work that needed to be done would require advance notice to the Town. The CAO agreed to pay the cost for the additional repair work in the amount of \$1549.13. The REMO planning meeting was held most agencies were in attendance and all had prepared their respective plans. The RCMP did report they will have 35 members on duty during the event. The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing has acknowledged that Municipalities are not happy with the current practice for sending bills for deficits and public housing authorities having no accountability to the municipalities for the deficits. The CAO meet virtually with a planner to discuss their proposed for a multi-unit residential development the discussion included their concept to date and the requirements for their application for Development Agreement. The Joe Casey award ceremony was held on June 27 there was a good attendance at the event. The CAO also with the Director of Public Works and the Executive Assistant met with CBCL to discuss the system assessment report they will be requiring a lot of information to be sent in the coming weeks.

G.2 Waste Check Report

The Waste Check report was presented to Council from the June 14, 2022 meeting. Councillor Saulnier welcomed Deputy Mayor Bartlett to the Waste Check Board.

G.3 Digby Area Tourism Association Report

The DATA report was presented to Council from May 18 and June 15th Meetings. Deputy Mayor Bartlett asked for an update on the Marketing Levy and the information that DATA has on the timing of the start of the levy. Mayor Cleveland and Warden Gregory also with the two CAO's met with DATA on the levy and have provided the dates for the levy at this time both sides have agreed

that January 2023 start date for the levy adoption to allow for the implementation of the new by law and to be able to provide the fixed roof accommodation owners enough time to prepare.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Digby & Area Community Gardens

The Community Garden sent correspondence to Mayor, Council and staff to attend the grand Opening event on July 28, 2022 at 6 PM at the gardens.

H.2 Minister Lohr

Minister Lohr has sent correspondence to the Mayor and Council regarding his one year in office of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Public Restrooms

Deputy Mayor Bartlett asked this to be added to the Agenda he is wondering if opening Digby Station for the three festivals would be an option. A lot of vendors used the Digby Station washrooms without that this year it might become a real issue. The WRR is aware that the use of Digby Station would not be possible this year. Perhaps a wash station could be brought in for use during the festival for vendors. Mayor Cleveland will be speaking to Lobster Bash tomorrow and see what they are planning for a solution during their festival.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Land Interest

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council move to In Camera session for Land Interest.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the Council move out of In Camera Session.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council submit an offer to purchase PID 30224950 for \$65,000 and authorize the CAO to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the property.

Motion Carried.

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

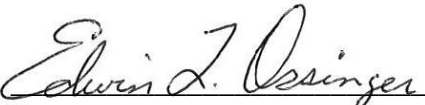
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett at 7:32 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk