

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday August 2, 2022
Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ben Cleveland, Chair
Deputy Mayor Mike Bartlett, Vice Chair
Councillor Peter Turnbull
Councillor Paul Saulnier
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 HEARING

B.1 None.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

None.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Agenda for August 2, 2022 be as approved as amended.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 July 4, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Minutes of July 4, 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 CAO has completed and submitted the data call spreadsheet for the Tri County Regional Planning Services for the Group ATN. On August 3 there will be a meeting held to discuss the feedback from the Data Call. The CAO will be meeting with the fire inspectors to discuss fire inspections within the Town. The CAO was contacted by Evan Nemeth the Economic Development Officer with the Western REN regarding a potential feasibility study for the Town of Digby at this point in time WestFor & Torchlight Company is interested in doing a pre-feasibility study at their expense although there is no cost to the Town for the pre-feasibility study a full study likely we will be looking at a \$5000 to \$10,000 contribution to help secure the funds from the Province to complete the full study.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council approve the prefeasibility study by Torchlight at no cost to the Town of Digby.

Motion Carried.

The Council would like to have the CAO reach out for more information on the study before committing funds for a full study. The CAO spoke about the recent slip and fall accident on the embankment at the Marshalling Yard at this time it has been referred to the town's lawyer and insurer.

G.2 Committee of the Whole Report

There are four recommendations coming forward from the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the three way stop on Water Street and Sydney Street and add a crosswalk to the south side of Sydney Street.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the Asset Management Committee term of reference be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Council give first reading to By Law # 2022-02 Feeding of Wild Birds and nuisance animals.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council draft a letter to Churchill Ashford notifying him in writing of Council decision to not sell a 10 foot piece of land on Church Street.

Motion Carried.

G.3 Digby Area Recreation Commission Report

The report is in the package Council asked staff to draft a letter to Cara Sunderland who has done great work with DARC she will be leaving for a new position.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Town of Annapolis Royal

The Town of Annapolis Royal has received funding from Tourism Marketing Assistance Program to implement inviting and directional signage that encourage tourists coming off the ferries to travel the Evangeline Trail to increase tourism traffic they are seeking financial partners interested in participating in having sufficient signage to keep travellers engaged as the travel along the route. Deputy Mayor Bartlett heard that they have all the funding required to complete this project.

H.2 Digby Scallop Days

Digby Scallop Days has the opportunity to hold a concert by Sean McCann founder of the group Great Big Sea on Friday September 30th. Digby Scallop Days will be applying for a grant from the Mental Health Foundation of NS to help with the costs of the performance. They are asking Council for a letter of support to include with the grant application as well as financial support in the amount of \$1,000 to make the event possible. Council asked staff to draft a letter of support for the event and invite the organizers in to have a further discussion about the financial contribution to the event.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Temporary Borrowing Resolution

The temporary borrowing resolution is the full ask for the Capital costs we wish to finance this is the full ask if we don't move forward with specific projects the funds will not be borrowed the asset needs to be done before borrowing can happen.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$857,000 as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.2 Tax Sale property list

The preliminary tax sale property list is being presented for Council review. The list will likely change from now until the time of sale. The properties that do have a current payment agreement in place those properties will be not be on this list.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council accepts the Tax Sale Property List as presented.

Motion Carried.

J.3 Digby Scallop Days

The Digby Scallop Days 2022 will include the Pirates with this comes an exemption to the by law for the bluster guns with black powder.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council approve the Firearms By Law #2006-04 exemption be waived for the 2022 Scallop Days Festival, specifically the use of bluster guns with black powder.

Motion Carried.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 Land Interest

K.2 Legal

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

Motion:

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

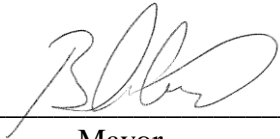
Motion Carried.

L. ADJOURNMENT

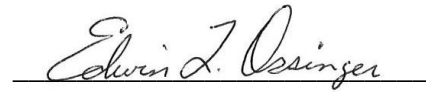
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 6:51 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk