

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday October 3, 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

Six additions to the Agenda under New Business J.3 Trails, J.4 Trash cans, J.5 Memorial Bench, J.6 Speed Bumps, J.7 Committee Structure and J.8 Digby Area Food Bank.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Agenda for October 3, 2022 be as approved as amended with six additions.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 September 6, 2022

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1 Second and final reading for the Digby Marketing and Promotions Levy

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council give second and final reading to the Digby Marketing and Promotions Levy by Law #2022-03.

Motion Carried.

F.2 Draft ATV/UTV Access Survey

The survey has been drafted and is being presented tonight for review by Council once reviewed By Council we can post on the Town's face book and the website. This survey can also be added To the newsletter. Council would also like to invite DNR and RCMP to speak to Council on the usage of First Avenue for the missing link. Public consultation and gathering information will be a Key part in this missing link to the trail access.

G. REPORTS

G.1 Chief Administrative Officer Report

The CAO reviewed his report with Council. The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing along with the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage are hold consultation session around the province regarding the proposed amendments relating to marketing levies in the province. The Town of Digby currently has legislation enabling a marketing levy we are one of the four area in the province to have a levy. The consultation will be via online session and the CAO can forward the invite to Council for those who might wish to attend. The CAO along with the Director of Public Works have been handling files on by laws and dangerous or unsightly complaints. The Boundary review survey is posted and available until October 31, 2022 to date there has been 21 online surveys completed of those there are 17 who are residents of the Town of Digby.

G.2 Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee is making a recommendation to Council for the appointment of Allan Dugas to the TVT Board.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council appoint Allan Dugas to the Tide view Terrace Board for a term of three years.

Motion Carried.

G.3 Waste Check Report

The Waste Check report was presented. Councillor Saulnier is reporting that at the meeting discussion around green carts and the current age of the carts is beginning to show. Waste check just made a large purchase of green carts the new carts a bit smaller and have a rounded bottom.

G.4 Former VIC Committee Report

The VIC Committee report was presented to Council. The Committee is seeking input from Council on moving the location of the current VIC to the Shore Road site and to explore ways to improve the site to make it a unique, interactive and memorable experience. Council discussed the concept for the site and various ways to make improvements to the site. Council also discussed the future for the current VIC on Montague Row this site could be developed into washrooms and a small office space it could have many possibilities.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Town of Digby Visitor Information Centre be relocated to Shore Road and that the Committee continue their work to provide visitors with a more memorable experience.

Motion Carried.

The CAO discussed the work that will be required if Council wishes to move forward in having the survey done and determine the potential future for land at the former VIC on Shore Road. The surveyor can provide various options available for that parcel of land.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council direct the CAO to being the work to subdivide the property at 237 Shore Road Digby PID 30372387.

Motion Carried.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Western Counties Regional Library

The Town received correspondence regarding the Adopt-A-Book campaign this is an annual campaign. Councillor Saulnier can add this campaign information to the upcoming newsletter the goal for this year's campaign is to raise a minimum of \$20,000 within two months in order to add at least 750 new books to the shelves.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Truth and Reconciliation Crosswalk

The CAO conducted an email poll for the Truth and Reconciliation Day crosswalks at the Digby Elementary School and the Digby Regional High School on September 20, 2022 Council was in favor of this project.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council approve the Truth and Reconciliation Day crosswalk for the Digby Elementary School and Digby Regional High School.

Motion Carried.

J.2 Digby and Area Theatre Society

Mayor and Council received correspondence from the Digby Area Theatre Society regarding 53 Mount Street property once the Salvation Army is no longer renting the space they are asking Council to consider allowing them to use the space at a reasonable rent.

The Food bank has also expressed interest in expanding the current food bank to continue to administer good to those in need. The annual cost for electricity at that location was about \$11,000. Council decided to invite both the Food bank and the Theatre Society to a future meeting either Council or Committee of the Whole one at each to further discuss.

J.3 Rail trail

Councillor Turnbull received a complaint about the rail bed trail and the need for something to be

Done about the material that the Town placed there it is rough and requires maybe some compaction.

J.4 Garbage Can

Councillor Turnbull would like to have a garbage can bin at the Frank Mackintosh Memorial Park can we look into purchasing one for that location.

J.5 Memorial Bench

Councillor Turnbull spoke about the passing of the Queen and the connection that the Town would have with the Royal Family and perhaps we can add to the budget a classic riverside bench and maybe install at McBride's park.

J.6 Speed Bumps

Deputy Mayor Bartlett asked about portable speed bumps for the high speed traffic areas at various locations in Town perhaps we can investigate the cost of purchasing these. This is something that we should be speaking to the RCMP about to see if they are able to increase monitoring in these areas.

J.7 Committee Structure

Mayor Cleveland was going to distribute to Council a full list of Committees along with the times of these meetings. If there is a Committee that you have interest in sitting on forward that and then we can determine what changes we will be making.

J.8 Digby & Area Food Bank

The correspondence from the Food bank was discussed previously we will be drafting a letter inviting the Food bank to the Committee of the whole meeting.

K. IN CAMERA

K.1 None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

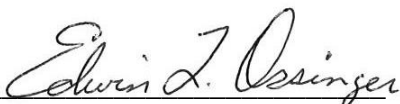
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett at 7:44 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk