

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday December 5, 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 5:34 P.M.

B. PUBLIC HEARING

B.1 None.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

Two additions to the Agenda one under In Camera K.1 Legal and the other under New Business J.1 Foodbank and Staff Policy.

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that the Agenda for December 5, 2022 be as approved with two additions K.1 In Camera- Legal and J.1 Foodbank and Staff Policy.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 November 7, 2022

Council asked if there was any further information on the Theatre Group and the Foodbank that will be further discussed In Camera.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that the Minutes of November 7, 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 Chief Administrative Officer Report reviewed his report with Council. The CAO has been working on the salary scale review for all positions and is planning to have a report and any Recommendations prepared for the December Committee of the Whole. The CAO participated in The Tri-County Planning Initiative meeting via Zoom to discuss the consultants draft report and recommendations. The consultants provided two funding models one based on uniform assessment which is favourable to us as it is based on the town's ability to pay. The second funding model is based on each municipality paying an equal base rate with the remainder being funded by uniform assessment which will not be favorable to towns. More discussion will be coming in the weeks ahead. The CAO expressed some disappointment with the consultants who seem not as innovative as they are attempting to model our regional planning initiative after one that is currently in effect. The consultants are trying to bring building services into this model as well. The consultants will be holding discussions with Mayors and Wardens in the near future. Currently the CAO is the Development Officer for the Town of Digby and when permit requests are handled in house it can be a quick turnaround time and that is the direction that Council has always seemed to want a quick turnaround time. The CAO has started the process of arranging the subdivisions on Shore Road and Harris Road and Third Avenue as per the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole.

G.2 Digby Area Recreation Commission Report

The DARC report was distributed to Council for review.

G.3 Committee of the Whole Report

There are five recommendations coming forward from the Committee of the Whole.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council initiate a MPS/LUB review process to update the documents to meet the Regulations Respecting Minimum Planning Requirements made under Section 214(4) of the Municipal Government Act and that the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing be contacted requesting an extension of the deadline of December 31, 2022 by one year.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Boundary review application be made for Council size to remain the same and that there be no polling districts and continue to elect at large.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that McBride's park be The chosen location for the Living Park.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council approve to subdivide one lot off PID # 30226765 on Third Avenue and subdivide off one lot from the land at the former VIC on Shore Road.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council sell Lot # 100 to Grant Creighton for the legal and subdivision costs.

Motion Carried.

G.4 Digby Fire Committee Report

The Terms of Reference for the Digby Fire Committee Report all minutes will be coming forward To Council for review and approval.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Digby Fire Committee report be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried.

G.5 Waste Check Report

The report was distributed in the package. There was lots of discussion on the new regulations that will come into effect in July of 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Waste Check Report be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Fidelis House Society

The Fidelis House is a great asset if you need to access services at the Valley Regional Hospital. This request has been deferred to budget considerations.

I. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

I.1 None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Town Staff and Foodbank Policy

The current Town Staff and Foodbank policy from 2013 provides a \$25.00 gift card and the same amount of dollars given to staff in a gift card is also donated to the local foodbank. The intent of this policy when established was to provide a gift card in lieu of a turkey. The CAO indicated that This amount will no longer cover a turkey what are Council thoughts in amending the policy to adjust for the current cost of a turkey.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that we increase the Foodbank and Staff Policy amount to \$75.00 from \$25.00 for this current year only.

Discussion ensued about the motion Councillor Saulnier would be in favor of \$40.00 per staff member rather than \$75.00

Ayes

***Councillor Turnbull
Deputy Mayor Bartlett
Councillor McCormick
Mayor Cleveland
Motion Carried.***

Nayes

Councillor Saulnier

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that we increase the foodbank donation to \$600.00 for this current year.

Discussion ensued on the donation to the foodbank.

Ayes

Motion Defeated.

Nayes

***Deputy Mayor Bartlett
Councillor Saulnier
Councillor McCormick
Mayor Cleveland
Councillor Turnbull***

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that we increase the foodbank donation to \$1,000.00 for this current year.

Ayes

***Councillor Saulnier
Councillor Turnbull
Councillor McCormick
Mayor Cleveland
Motion Carried.***

Nayes

Deputy Mayor Bartlett

- K. IN CAMERA
K.1 Legal

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council move to In Camera for Legal.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

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

Motion Carried.

L. ADJOURNMENT

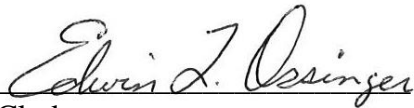
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 6:53 P.M.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk