

**DIGBY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday September 5, 2023
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 6:10 P.M.

B. PUBLIC HEARING

B.1 None

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

Two additions to the Agenda under New Business I.3 Accessibility and I.4 Wharf Rat Rally

C.2 Approval

Motion

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that the Agenda for September 5, 2023, be as approved with two additions under New Business I.3 Accessibility and I.4 Wharf Rat Rally.

Motion Carried.

D. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D.1 None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

E.1 August 8, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor McCormick that the Minutes of August 8, 2023, 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 was presented. The Digby Food Bank has not yet been executed. However, the August and September rental payments have been received. The Commissioners have supplied a billing rate of \$24.85 per hour plus HST the current system we have in plan now seems to be working so we may not require their assistance at this time. The CAO reported that all tax accounts that were in a tax sale position have been paid and therefore no tax sale in March of 2024 will be required. The Active Transportation Plan future dates for stakeholders, Council and the Community open house have all been set. The Utility Fire Truck RFP has been posted on the Procurement site, Town of Digby Facebook, and website the closing date of the RFP is September 14, 2023. The CAO asked Council about the report for the former Mount Street School Council suggested that we discuss at the Monday night meeting after the Active Transportation Plan meeting.

G.2 Committee of the Whole Report

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

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Turnbull that Council sponsors the Digby Elementary School flower garden bench in the amount of \$450.00.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council approve Administrative Policy Asset Retirement Obligations as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Saulnier and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council approve the Housing Accelerated Fund Action Plan as presented.

Motion Carried.

G.3 Digby Area Tourism Association

The minutes of the previous meeting of DATA held on July 13th and August 17th were presented the funds distributed to DATA from the Marketing Levy Fund was done after lots of information was gather from a few meetings with DATA to determine how the funds would be used to increase overnight accommodations.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H.1 Municipality of Barrington-Exemption of Volunteer Emergency Services Providers from New fuel charges.

The Municipality of Barrington has sent correspondence to The Minister of Environment and Climate Change in Ottawa advocating on behalf of dedicated volunteers to consider granting an exemption to the volunteer emergency service providers from the new fuel charges. Council gave direction to the CAO to draft and send a letter on behalf of Council.

H.2 Municipality of Barrington-Declassification of Coastal Clam Flats for recreational Clamming

The Municipality of Barrington has sent correspondence to the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program at CIFA concerning what they have observed as a growing problem with food insecurity among their residents and the belief that recreational clamming could serve as a means to supplement their food supply and area asking to declassify coastal clam flats within the Municipality and reopen traditional sites for recreational clamming. Council gave direction to the CAO to draft and send a letter on behalf of Council.

H.3 Turning the Tide-Support for Integrated Youth Sites in Western Health Zone

Mayor and Council received a letter from Turning the Tide and would like to extend invitation to Eriks to come and speak on this letter.

I. NEW BUSINESS

I.1 Second and Final Reading of the MPS and LUB Amendments

a) Shore Road (PID 30382816)

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bartlett that Council give Second and Final reading to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy's Generalized Future Land Use Map to redesignate lands of the Town of Digby at Shore Road (PID 30382816) from Commercial to Residential

And that

Schedule A of the Land Use By-law (Zoning Map) be amended to rezone Lands of Digby at Shore Road (PID 30382816) from Commercial Resort to Residential Comprehensive Development District.

Motion Carried.

b) Third Avenue (PID 30382808)

Motion:

Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Saulnier that Council give Second and Final Reading to amend Schedule A of the Land Use By-law (Zoning Map) be amended to rezone lands of Digby at Third Avenue (PID 30382808) from Institutional (INS) to Residential Low Density (RLD).

Motion Carried.

I.2 NSFAM Conference

The NSFAM Conference registration is now open if you are attending, please let the CAO know so that rooms can be secured for those attending.

I.3 Accessibility

Councillor Saulnier spoke about the Digby Marina Boardwalk and stage it was noted that there is no ramp to come on and off the boardwalk on at limited locations and no ramp to access the Marina stage is we had someone with mobility issues. There is a plan for a wheelchair ramp to access the stage. Maybe consideration for a removable ramp that can come up in the winter months for snow clearing.

I.4 Wharf Rat Rally

The Wharf Rat Rally seemed like a great turn out the new event organizer seems good to deal with and over impressed at how well managed this years event. The CAO spoke an issue that was experienced at the Post Office that was rectified. Friday is an issue with the post office be accessed by the public until after hours. The CAO along with other key organizers will be having a post Wharf Rat Rally meeting to discuss on how to improve a few items for next year.

J. IN CAMERA

J.1 Personnel

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor McCormick that Council move to In Camera for Personnel.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

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


Motion Carried.

K. ADJOURNMENT

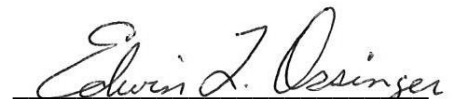
Motion:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Turnbull at 7:12 P.M as there was no further business.

Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk