

**Town of Digby
Committee of the Whole
June 16th, 2025
Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Paul Saulnier (Chair)
Councillor Rick Foote
Councillor Shane Weir
Mayor Mike Bartlett

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Brinton, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

REGRETS: Tom Ossinger, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor William McCormick

A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Saulnier called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land Acknowledgment stated by the Chair “We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi’kma’ki (MEEG-MA-GEE), the traditional (or ancestral) territory of the Mi’kmaq people”.

“We also acknowledge that people of African descent have been in Nova Scotia for over 400 years and we honour and offer gratitude to those ancestors of African descent who came before us to this land”.

C. AGENDA

C.1 Additions/Deletions

None.

C.2 Approval

By consensus, the Committee of the Whole approved the agenda as presented.

D. DECLARATIONS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

D.1 None.

E. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

E.1 None.

F. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

F.1 May 20, 2025

By consensus the minutes of May 20, 2025, are approved as presented.

G. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G.1 Nicole and Peter Lockerbie Land

Back in December Council received correspondence from Nicole and Peter Lockerbie who were expressing interest in purchasing the unopened street right of way at Third Avenue. Council asked the CAO to provide more information in the form of a more detailed map however no clear answer was given to the CAO on the correspondence. This piece of correspondence is coming back for clear direction to the Office of the CAO, discussion ensued Council is not interested in selling the unopened Third Avenue Street and direction was given to the office of the CAO to draft a reply.

H. STAFF REPORTS

H.1 Director of Finance

a) Report

The Director of Finance Report was discussed one question arose from the holdback for the ICIP grant when we expect that holdback to come in. The Deputy CAO was unsure however will ask when we can expect that to arrive.

b) Monthly Financial Statement – Operations

c) Monthly Financial Statement – Capital

H.2 Director of Public Works

a) Public Works Report - The Report was submitted with the package. Council suggested the relocations of two signs. Widen the steps at the lighthouse and add a handrail to the site.

H.3 Special Constable/Bylaw Officer

a) Protective Services Report

Dog tags were discussed in relation to the size of the tags some dogs are much smaller than others and tag size should be considered when purchasing new tags.

H.4 Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator

a) Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Report

The Report was presented.

H.5 Grant Coordinator Report

a) Report

This is the last report of the Grant Coordinator
Councillor Weir asked about the pop-up tent the new one needs to have the sides cut Councillor Foote might know what to do with it we can look at the backdrop and having it cut into three pieces and add the decal to the back of it. The tent is cumbersome and large and it sturdy and durable it's a nice to have in the weather it is overkill to have it for a one-day event unless it's installed a day or so before. Find a better place to store it. It takes up a lot of room and it's large. It was supposed to be going to public works for storage.

H.6 Chief Administrative Officer

a) Report- No report

Motion:

Moved by Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Foote that the staff reports be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

I. CORRESPONDENCE

I.1 Grace United Church

The Committee discussed the correspondence direction was given to send a letter thanking the Grace United Church for the letter and that the correspondence is now in the hands of the Development Officer.

I.2 Yarmouth Hospital Foundation

Thank you letter from the hospital foundation was received for the Community Grant given.

I.3 Nella Pidutti

Councillor Foote has received correspondence from a resident. This might be a good time to tighten up garbage control garbage that is left outside will attract pests. And tightening up the storage and education might be a better way to push. Some people don't do proper sorting. Better education and warnings might be the better way to do it. Garbage should not be out until the night before or the morning of. An enclosed secure bin is needed. Refer to the solid waste by law. Downtown business some will have pest control contracts for their businesses. Also ask Waste Check for education materials. And Council is frustrated warn people and fine people that don't comply with proper waste collections. Have the office of the CAO draft correspondence back to the resident that we will be doing education and fines.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Digby Scallop Shell location

Another look at the location for the Scallop shell with the Shore Road VIC that may or may not be their long term the Committee discussed alternative location on the Maiden Lane Extension. The mock up shows it at ground level coming past the post office you would be able to view it.

Motion:

Moved by Mayor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Foote that the Committee recommend to Council the Maiden Lane Extension location for the Scallop Shell Artwork.

Motion Carried.

K. IN CAMERA

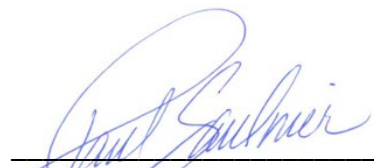
K.1 None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

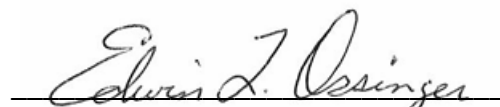
Motion

Moved by Councillor Weir and seconded by Mayor Bartlett that the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned as there is no further business at 6:51 pm

Motion Carried.



Deputy Mayor



Clerk