

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
139th ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 09, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon, Calvin d'Entremont.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Municipal Clerk/Recorder Eilidh Canning, and solicitor Real Boudreau.

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr, and Lucien LeBlanc

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:

On a motion by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the agenda was approved.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Richard Donaldson asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions – Neil Mackenzie – Nova Scotia Music Week

Neil MacKenzie asked for financial support for the licensing fees to support the NS Music week for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 bid. The total request is \$10,000 from Municipality of Argyle for the 2020 NS Music Week Conference and festival, which will be required in the next fiscal year and each of our core partners to fund the NS Music Week licensing fee requirement. \$1.5 million in direct spend while in Truro, Nova Scotia. The average concert goer booked accommodations for 3.5 days, when NS Music Week was hosted in Yarmouth in 2010. The event is owned by Music Nova Scotia.

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2019

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise that the March 26, 2019 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

By-Law #38 Well Supply Upgrade Lending Program By-Law Amendment - Second Reading

CAO Muise presented the Well Supply Upgrade Lending Program By-Law amendment for second reading.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council adopt the amendments to By-Law #38 Well Supply Upgrade Lending Program.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor's Reports

Calvin d'Entremont attended the priority setting workshop, the volunteer banquet Friday, April 5th as well as the waste check meeting this past week.

Nicole Albright the priority setting workshop and the soccer AGM meeting.

Guy Surette attended the priority setting workshop, a meeting with the new CEO of NSFM, the volunteer banquet Friday, April 5th, and the waste check meeting.

Danny Muise attended the airport board meeting, Church Point for a CEDNA Meeting, a meeting with the new CEO of NSFM, and a group of 9 Mariner Center meeting, NSFM regional meeting, and the volunteer banquet.

Kathy Bourque assisted with the recreation department's fun run, the volunteer banquet, a Nakile meeting, and the priority setting workshop.

Glenn Diggon attended a number of meetings already mentioned tonight, along with a retirement party for Roger d'Entremont, and he wishes him a happy retirement.

Warden's Report

Warden Donaldson reported that he attended the following meetings:

March 13 th	WREN meeting at the Cineplex
March 14 th	Yarmouth Ferry Terminal Meeting
March 15 th	Mariners Centre expansion Meeting
March 18 th	YAIC Meeting
March 21 st	Doctor Recruitment
March 25 th	Mariners Centre Steering Committee Meeting
March 26 th	Committee of the Whole
March 28 th	Municipality of Argyle Priority Workshop
April 4 th	Meeting with NSFM new CEO
April 5 th	Mariners Centre Steering Committee Meeting
April 5 th	NSFM Regional Meeting
April 5 th	Volunteer Banquet

Staff Report

Report attached for information.

CAO Muise advised council that the steering committee for the Mariner Centre met on April 5th and the agenda is moving forward. The official media release will be available tomorrow, providing an update to the public. CAO Muise then reviewed the remainder of the staff report, highlighted the meeting with Wild Salt Architecture last week to discuss a design change and way forward for the new Municipal Administration Building. The remainder of the items discussed are available in the detailed Staff Report available as an attachment to the agenda.

Report Attached (19040901)

Appointment of Auditors

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approve the firm Grant Thornton LLP as auditors of the Municipality for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Appointment of Solicitor

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the firm of d'Entremont Boudreau as Solicitors of the Municipality for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Appointment of Officers

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the enclosed list of appointments as Officers of the Municipality of Argyle for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Membership to UNSM and FCM

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council approve its membership to NSFAM and FCM for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

RFD – Terms of Reference for Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the terms of reference, as presented, for Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Abrams River Schoolhouse Society – Community Hall Grant Application Review and Approval

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the Community Hall Grant Application for \$15,000 dated March 29th, 2019 for the Abrams River Schoolhouse be approved as part of the 2019-2020 budget deliberations.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

MPAL - Memorandum of Understanding

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that council accept the 5 year renewal of the MPAL MOU, as presented.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Negotiation for Land Sale

CAO Muise advised council that the airport Board has received an interest from a third party who has a considerable plan of action regarding potential surplus land at the airport. The party has sent along concepts that highlights their preliminary plan. This potential buyer is a legitimate organization, with the means to execute their plan, but require guidance from the ownership group. The concept was shared with board members in an in-camera meeting, and therefore not included in this public session. The potential buyer would like to understand whether there is an interest at the ownership level to enter negotiations, hopeful that the result would be a sale of property.

Councils are being asked to authorize the Airport Corporation to enter negotiations with this party, and that these negotiations would be supported by appropriate legal and other expertise to support staff in their representation. Time may be of the essence in this potential agreement.

Without disclosing the specifics of the plan, both residential property and commercial property development are being contemplated. Commercial development would result in property tax revenues and depending on the development, these revenues could be considerable.

In order to be successful in the actual sale of land, many elements have to be ironed out, including but not limited to the closure of a runway to enable the alternate land use, discussion internally about how the new property tax revenue gets applied, changes required in land zoning, understanding the buyers plan for land use, determination of land value etc. CAO Muise advised that he would certainly support the motion the airport crafted (below) as we will require support to be successful.

It is moved by Glenn Diggon and seconded by Danny Muise to direct the Airport Corporation to enter into negotiations for all or part of the airport lands to arrive at terms and conditions satisfying to the owners, and further, that the Airport Board engage the expertise to support and carry out the negotiations.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Municipality of Argyle – 2019/2020 Operating Budget

CAO Muise advised council that the budget is well underway. He reviewed specific one-time requests that have come through to council. He also advised of the Fleet policy, and the East Kemptville request. Currently, there is a potential of \$40k that will be required over the next 5 years. There are also major capital requests for this year, including the Eel Brook Fire Department request, and the Municipal Building, just to name a few. CAO Muise then advised that the full budget information will be reviewed with them via budget deliberations within the next 30 days.

Municipality of Argyle Outstanding Accounts Receivable as of March 31, 2019

No action, for information.

YASTA's projected funding requirements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year

No action, for information.

Mariner Center Expansion Documents

No action, for information.

Eel Brook Fire Department – Rate Payers Meeting Minutes March 28, 2019

No action, for information.

Senior Safety Coordinator Report – January to March 2019

No action, for information.

Chemin a Cornu – No access to the shore due to water over the road

Councillor d'Entremont advised council of the issue in Chemin a Cornu regarding the lack of access to the shore due to flooding over the road.

Motion to write a letter to the department of highways with regards to Chemin a Cornu by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggon.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Requests

None.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss personnel matter and contract negotiations at 7:48 PM.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:04PM.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the CAO salary be adjusted for CPI at 2.9% for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, effective April 1, 2019.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:05PM.

Recorder

Eilidh Canning

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
