

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday November 12, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise; Deputy Warden Guy Surette; Councillors Nicole Albright, Glenn Diggdon, Lucien LeBlanc, Richard Donaldson, Roderick Murphy Jr and Calvin d'Entremont.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, and Municipal Clerk/Recorder Lori Murphy.

Regrets: Councillor Kathy Bourque

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Nicole Albright that the agenda was approved.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor. None declared at the time.

Presentations

None

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – October 29, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy that the October 29, 2019 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Update for Road Construction

Memo updating Council on where we are with construction and explanation of cost of filling of the hole. Aberdeen has completed the work. Public road will provide access the back side of the lot for future development.

Grants to Organizations – Survey results

CAO Muise explained the details of the survey results. Staff received good feedback on how to move forward.

Yarmouth Splash Park Committee

Municipal Clerk gave date and time of the next Yarmouth Splash Park committee meeting.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that Councillor Albright sit on the Yarmouth Splash Park Committee.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Public Road Concept Plan

CAO Muise explained the two drawings attached to this agenda. Previous approval for construction of the road but that did not specify how many lots are in the plan. Future development can change but the road design is unlikely to change. There are proposed community lots for affordable housing and that lot will be accessible after phase 1 is completed. CAO Muise explained that there is opportunity for Council to have a say in what types of construction goes on the lots with the land use by-law updated currently happening. Land is currently zoned as mixed use under the land use by-law. First step in making lots available is putting out an RFP for affordable housing. One of Council's long-term priorities is to increase alternative and affordable housing so that development will have priority.

CAO Muise estimates that the RFP (or expression of interest) timeline as follows: December to begin the work and as early as late January to present to Council for approval. The January timeline would not be for development to start but rather for Council to make decisions about applications for sale of land. The status of our revisions of the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy may impact the timing of the document, as the revisions will clarify what is or is not allowable. Council agrees to discuss the lot plan and road plan at a future meeting. CAO wants clarity from Council on road construction and how the land is set up.

(Maps Attached 1211001)

Councillors' Report

Councillor Diggon: Working with residents on a couple of different projects, attended the volunteer appreciation banquet at Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse and attended the Remembrance ceremonies.

Councillor Surette: Attended Remembrance Day Service in Surette's Island.

Councillor LeBlanc: Working on TIR issues in local riding.

Councillor Donaldson: Attended the Industrial Commission and Yarmouth Solid Waste Management meetings. The Abuptic festival had a potluck for all the volunteers. It was well attended. Announced the dates for the 33rd festival which will be July 26-30, 2020.

Attended the NSFAM conference. Councillor Donaldson gave praise for the workshop that CAO Muise and deputy Mayor of Kings County put on at the NSFAM Conference. The workshop defined what administration and council roles are.

Councillor Albright: Attended the Nakile meeting, recreation meeting where Public Health presented on child poverty rates in local area. Attended TIR meeting, and EMO meeting. Did FB live interview with Charlene. Attended the Newcomers supper, and the Remembrance Day service in Tusket

Councillor d'Entremont: Attended the Remembrance Day service in West Pubnico and the NSFAM Conference in Halifax. Took in an interesting presentation on Solar power and Net Zero buildings.

Councillor Murphy Jr. Nothing to report

Warden's Report

October 7 I attended Group of 9 Meeting re. Mariner centre expansion. Discussions on our future approach regarding other levels of government

October 10 I attended Dr Appreciation night at Yarmouth golf and country. This event was organized by Yarmouth chamber of commerce, very well attended. An update by our new Doctor recruitment navigator, Rebecca Rose.

October 16 Attended Nakile board meeting

October 18 to 20. FANE Conférence and Annual meeting in Dartmouth. The discussions were all about how to feel secure and comfortable in our own language. This doesn't mean French only, English speaking individuals can have a discomfort in a French speaking environment. There were group sessions with a lot of good ideas about how to overcome these insecurities

October 22 Attended airport meeting

October 24 Attended the Chamber of Commerce small business awards.

October 28 LUB and MPS session with WSP October 29. Committee of the Whole

Nov 1 Attended the last session of AIM, asset management workshop. Took place at fire hall in Annapolis.

Nov 2 Attended Dining Among the Stacks at the Yarmouth library. This is an event organized by the library as a fundraiser for the literacy program. They have it every two years and it's a very good fundraiser

Nov 4 Met with Department of Municipal Affairs

Nov 5-8 NSFAM Fall conference

Nov 11 Remembrance Day service in Tusket and Wedgeport

Warden Muise explained the details of the Simply Cast workshop he attended at the NSFAM conference. Suggested that Council investigate services provided by Simply Cast. Also had an inquiry from Acadian Affairs about the translation of our website including minutes and by-laws/policies. Possibility to have funding for this translation. Clarity needed about what needs to be translated. CAO Muise to get basic information about translation and will report back to Council.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to have staff ask Simply Cast to give a presentation to Council so they can ask their questions.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Staff Report

CAO Muise briefly highlighted some topics of the staff report. Getting a lot of positive attention on the Net Zero building. Might be other funding model opportunities coming available. Briefly addressed rural internet issues. LUB/MPS planners from WSP will be visiting local communities this week. Awaiting final sign off on sale of property for Sea cucumber. Attending meetings to push forward the aquaculture agreement which would allow Argyle a pre-approval of certain locations, so developers won't have to wait years for approval. When a developer wishes to do business, the location will already be approved which will mean that public engagement piece will happen before the development. CAO Muise will bring Council questions forward to the aquaculture meeting next week. Mention of future initiatives that will come to Council at a later date for consideration.

Report Attached (1211002)

Strategic Priority topics

None

For Decision

Fireworks By-Law #15 Repeal – Second reading

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy to approve the second reading of the repeal of the Fireworks By-Law #15.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Guidance for naming of new road

Councillor d'Entremont suggested that the naming be a combination of School or community contest for name, and it be based on previous land ownership or historical reference for the area.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette to approve the naming of the road by a School or community contest, and it be based on previous land ownership or historical reference for the area.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Vacation Policy

CAO Muise explained the addition of 6 weeks after 25 years and the change of starting at 3 weeks vacation instead of 2 weeks. Questions were raised about other elements of the policy. Based on those questions, staff will re-examine and clarify additional sections and return the policy for approval.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to approve the Vacation Policy as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Council approval for item exceeding budget

It is moved by Lucien Leblanc and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to approve that a budget overage of \$10,000 in legal fees be approved, and if additional services are required by the CAO or by Council, that the amount be brought to Council for pre-approval.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

ARC Meeting Minutes

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the ARC meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Cancellation of Committee of the Whole Meeting on Nov 26, 2019

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy to approve the cancellation of the Committee of the Whole meeting on Nov 26, 2019.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Bill 204-Passed by Legislature

No action, for information.

Kim Rowley is gathering information from fire departments on training and where the gap is. Some volunteers want to take a look at the training and who should be trained. CAO Muise will be reaching out to chairs to ask for another 3 volunteers to come together to discuss changes that are required.

Financial Requests

None

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None

Question Period

On-line comment about ensuring that the mixed-use zones be well defined. CAO Muise sent link to website regarding the Land Use By-Law.

On-line question regarding the use of our current building once we move to the new municipal building. CAO Muise responded that we have had some interest but no firm decisions yet.

In Camera

None

There being no further business, it is moved by Calvin d'Entremont to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:54 PM.

Recorder
Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____