

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Danny Muise, Ted Saulnier, Guy Surette, Richard Donaldson, Kathy Bourque, Nicole Albright, Gordon Boudreau, Glenn Diggdon and Calvin d'Entremont; Chief Administrative Officer, Alain Muise; Solicitor Réal Boudreau, Municipal Clerk Lori Murphy

Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm. CAO Muise welcomes everyone. Requests a moment of silence in Remembrance for our Veterans.

Approval of Agenda:

It is then moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (*9 in favour, 0 against*)

Why are we here? Priorities

The CAO invites all Councillors to express why they are here and what is most important to them and their residents:

Councillor Danny Muise

- Councillor Muise thanked the residents of district 1 for giving him the opportunity to represent them for another 4 years. Would like to see more economic growth with more small businesses in the area.
- Affordable/alternative housing is important. It's been on the priorities list and hopefully
- The YMCA or replacement is needed. It serves more than just recreation purposes.
- Looking forward to getting back to regular business

Councillor Ted Saulnier

- Thanked residents of district 2 for their support.
- Internet issues are important, and sidewalks are needed in Plymouth and will push for that.
- Wants to make things better at the end of four years. Infrastructure frustrations. Anything that makes Argyle grow is important. Infrastructure will attract people.

Councillor Gordon Boudreau

- Thank constituents in District 3 for their support.
- Safety issues on Jacquard Rd. Road. It is not wide enough for all the traffic.
- Civic signage is an issue. Some signs are missing
- Some intersections are blocked by overgrowing brush.
- Community well is also required

Councillor Guy Surette

- Thank residents of District 4 to have the confidence to put him back there for another 4 years.
- Lobster fisheries is forefront. Federal & Provincial government, Ingenious and commercial fishers need to come together to come to a reasonable conclusion.
- Wells an issue for residents. Committed to infrastructure so that a well is placed so residents won't have to go a long distance for water.
- Currently installing new signs in each area of the 4 villages that he represents
- Tittle road flooding issues need to be addressed.
- Aquatic center is a big item.
- Looking forward to opening of admin building.

Councillor Nicole Albright

- Expressed thanks to residents in District 5 for choosing her to represent them for another 4 years.
- Eel brook fire hall is important in district 5.
- She will continue to support Aquaculture in the area, specifically the oyster farm
- Signage around the district will start to go up.
- Recreation is a big focus for Councillor Albright. Trails are important as well as community wells.
- Regionally, The Mariners center is most important. Argyle felt the loss of the YMCA and Argyle has to think about how they are going to be able to affordable do this while keeping in mind it involves other partners.
- Doctor recruitment is also important.

Councillor Richard Donaldson

- Thank residents of District 6 for re-electing him.
- Glenwood park is an issue for residents. Would like added facilities.
- No Fire Department in District 6 so there is no way to have public water in Argyle. Public well would be important.
- Streetlights are an issue in Lower Argyle.
- Most important Reginal issue right now is the 'reason for season' and the negative press.
- Working with regional partners has improved over the years. Garbage pickup should be done regionally.

Councillor Kathy Bourque

- Thank you to residents of District 7 for electing her for another 4 years.
- Improve water tank on willet road.
- More funding for rails to trails.
- Light house in Lower East Pubnico needs to be improved. The path needs to be cleared so people can walk there
- Library needs a new home.
- Drought is a regional issue. Hope to see water loan program continue. Gave thanks to the fire departments
- Housing for lower income or seniors is important

- Would like to push Federal and Provincial governments for funding to improve the wharfs in the community

Councillor Glenn Diggdon

- Thank you to the people of District 8 for having faith in him to represent them and be their voice for the next 4 years
- Aquatic center/expansion of Mariners Center and high-speed internet are both important to councillor Diggdon
- Fisheries is very important. Would like to thank RCMP for their presence in the area in West Pubnico. It brings peace and calmness to the residents
- Civic signs are on his list of priorities.
- Trails connecting to Yarmouth for off road vehicles
- Lack of streetlights are an issue
- Wants to be a people person and residents can call him anytime.

Councillor Calvin d'Entremont

- Thank you to residents of District 9.
- West Pubnico sewer plant installed a few years back and the smell is bad. In process of getting a dewatering unit to improve the smell
- Trails can be improved on and currently have a great volunteer committee.
- Pubnico point trail has been used a lot.
- Housing is now on his radar, specifically housing for seniors.
- Has a community well in his area but needs to secure community wells in other areas

It is noted that, in the vote for Warden and/or Deputy Warden, a majority vote of Council is needed in order to declare a winner.

Election of Warden:

CAO Muise calls for nominations from the floor. Councillor Nicole Albright nominates Councillor Danny Muise for Warden. Councillor Ted Saulnier seconds the nomination. Councillor Danny Muise then accepts the nomination for Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

CAO Muise then calls three times for further nominations. There being none.

Danny Muise is declared Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

Election of Deputy Warden:

CAO Muise then asks for nominations for the office of Deputy Warden. Councillor Calvin d'Entremont nominates Councillor Albright for Deputy Warden. Warden Danny Muise seconds the nomination. Councillor Albright then accepts the nomination.

CAO Muise then calls three times for further nominations. There being none.

Nicole Albright is declared Deputy Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

Oath of Office, Warden:

Warden Danny Muise takes the oath of office and allegiance and assumes the position of Chairman

Oath of Office, Deputy Warden:

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright immediately takes her oath of office and allegiance and assumes her seat as Deputy Warden.

CAO Muise acknowledged that Councillor Albright is the first woman to take the oath as Deputy Warden in the Municipality of Argyle.

Destruction of Ballots

No ballots to be destroyed

Committees of Council

The list of committees for the Municipality of Argyle is circulated to Council. There are empty positions which have to be filled by Council members. Warden Muise requests that Council review the list to see which positions might interest them. The positions are then filled.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette that the Committees of Council be approved as stated.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Notice period-Municipal Policy

CAO Muise explained this is an updated, more detailed code of conduct policy. Staff will provide a copy of the highlighted changes

For Decision/Discussion

Letter of support for NS Tourism Industry

Warden Muise briefly highlighted the request

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve a letter of support be sent to the NS Tourism Industry
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Accessibility Committee members

Warden Muise explained the memo from staff

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to approve the applicants provided by staff to sit on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

CAO Muise explained that the original did not include language that included Credit Union so it needed to be revised.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve the revised borrowing resolution as attached
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Dewatering Unit tender

Councillor d'Entremont highlighted the request. CAO Muisse explained that the technical details have been requested but not received yet. CAO Muisse explained the history of the project.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve the award of the contract pending staff getting additional technical details from the vendor for clarification on how they meet our performance specification.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Christmas trees

Warden Muisse explained that some communities want to put up a tree. There could be money allotted for each district. There is an application that needs to be completed. If two districts want to get together then the money will be combined for one tree. Non-profit organization will receive the money. Due to COVID we cannot all be together in large groups for tree lighting, so this is a solution to that. The challenge is some districts have many communities that are widely spread out and one tree may not be enough. CAO Muisse explained that anything under \$250 doesn't require receipts. Anything above \$250, receipts are required.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette to approve an amount of \$500 per district with receipts.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 3 against)

Thank you, letter-Board Member Mariners Center

CAO Muisse explained that board member has decided to step down for personal reasons

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve a letter of thanks for service be sent to Audrey Pottier

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for information

Moving to Community For Persons with Disabilities

No action, for information

Projet Bibliothèque

No action, for information

Letter to Minister Bernadette Jordan

No action, for information

Ladies Hospital Auxiliary

No action, for information

Yarmouth Town & County Crime Prevention Association

No action, for information

There being no further business, it is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Ted Saulnier that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Recorder
Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Deputy Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____