

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE

Special Council Meeting Thursday, December 2, 2021 Zoom 3:00 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright; Councillors Glenn Diggdon, Guy Surette, Gordon Boudreau, Ted Saulnier, Kathy Bourque, and Richard Donaldson, Municipal Clerk Eilidh Canning, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon, and Administrative Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell

Regrets: Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Councillor Calvin d'Entremont

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson the agenda is approved as circulated.

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.

Adoption of Minutes

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Letter of Concern to MLA Colton LeBlanc regarding the Pubnico Head Carpool Parking lot

A letter of concern has been sent to MLA Colton LeBlanc regarding the lack of lighting in the Pubnico Head Carpool Parking Lot.

Letter of support to Western Regional Enterprise Network regarding the Residential Retrofit Funding Application

A letter of support was sent to the Western Regional Enterprise Network regarding their Residential Retrofit Funding Application.

Letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal/Nova Scotia Department of Public Works regarding plowing of the Chemin de L'Est

A letter has been sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal/Nova Scotia Department of Public Works asking them to look into plowing the Chemin de L'Est at the same time that the main roads are plowed.

Thank you letter sent to MLA Colton LeBlanc regarding Wedgeport school and property

A thank you letter has been sent to MLA Colton LeBlanc regarding the Wedgeport school and property.

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For Decision

Temporary Borrowing Resolution – FCM Loan

Director of Finance, Marsha d'Eon explained that the existing Temporary Borrowing Resolution expired on October 13, 2021. This is for a capital loan for the new administration building.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque for Council to approve the renewal of the temporary borrowing resolution for the Municipality of the District of Argyle.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Operating Reserve

Director of Finance, Marsha d'Eon explained that in January of 2021, Council approved and authorized the CAO to lend \$800,000 from the operating reserve to the capital reserve. There have been some delays with the FCM loan coming through. The funds are currently expected on January 5, 2022. The Director of Finance is recommending that Council allow and authorize the Director of Finance to lend an additional \$500,000 from the operating reserve to the capital reserve with interest at 2.45% and to be repaid to the operating reserve upon receipt of the FCM loan.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to authorize the Director of Finance to lend \$500,000 from the operating reserve to the capital reserve.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Letter of Support Request – Tuskett Ford

Councillor Surette declared a conflict of interest

Warden Muise explained that an employee at Tuskett Ford reached out to him stating they will be writing a letter to the RCMP concerning tow truck calls. Tuskett Ford expressed that when the RCMP arrive on the scene of an accident, they call Tuskett Ford's competitors more times than they call Tuskett Ford. Tuskett Ford's request to the RCMP is for them to call Tuskett Ford when they need a tow truck in the Municipality of Argyle, if the people in the accident don't have a tow truck preference. The employee at Tuskett Ford asked if Council could write a letter of support for them. Council discussed this in detail. They came to an agreement to not write a letter of support, as Tuskett Ford is a private business, and they feel this is a matter to be settled between Tuskett Ford and the RCMP.

Second Reading - By-law 41 - The Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the second reading of By-Law 41 – The Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Letter of Support Request – Musée des Acadiens des Pubnico

Warden Muise explained that the Musée des Acadiens des Pubnico is applying for a grant from the Province and they have requested a letter of support from Council.

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It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Ted Saulnier for Council to write a letter of support to the Musée des Acadiens des Pubnico.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Abrams River School House Society – Letter of Support Request

Warden Muise explained that the Abrams River School House Society is applying for a grant from the province and would like a letter of support from Council to go along with their application.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright for Council to write a letter of support to the Abrams River School House Society.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and For Information

Work Commencing on Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

None.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Nicole Albright to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 3:29 pm.

Recorder
Chantalle Newell

Date Approved:

December 23, 2021

Chairman/Warden

Original Signed.

Eilidh Canning, Municipal Clerk
