

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Zoom 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillors: Calvin d'Entremont, Glenn Diggdon, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson, Ted Saulnier, Guy Surette; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell.

Regrets: Councillor Gordon Boudreau

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Conflict of Interest Declaration

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

3. Presentation – Fédération Culterelle acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse

Luc d'Eon is the director of the Fédération Culterelle acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse. They work to promote Acadian Culture in the area. They are planning a show in Pubnico on August 15th for National Acadian Day. Every year for the past few years, Radio Canada, and CBC broadcast in one region on this day. The Federation put in an application and were accepted to have it in this region. They want to have this show at the Dennis Point Wharf. This will be broadcasted live and will be a free show for everyone.

The Federation is asking for \$25,000 from the Municipality of Argyle in funding, as well as any volunteers and community involvement Argyle would be able to provide.

Council advised Luc he should present to other Municipalities, such as the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Yarmouth for funding for the Acadian Day event, as this will bring attraction to their areas as well. Luc has submitted a Grants to Organization application.

4. Presentation – WSP, Reid Shepherd – Development Agreement by Felix and Kimberly d'Eon

WSP Planner Reid Shepherd explained the application for this Development Agreement. The subject property is located along Highway 335 in Pubnico – PID # 90062399. This property is

zoned CC (Coastal Community). Reid indicated that the property is largely vacant but has been recently developed before the owners knew the proper process they needed to go through.

The applicants are Felix and Kimberly d'Eon. They are applying for a development agreement application to enable a sawmill operation on this property as the CC zone only permits sawmills through this process. Signage has been posted on the property informing residents of the proposed development agreement.

Two existing buildings are to be used for a sawmill which will produce milled lumber. Firewood will be processed as a by-product of the milling operation.

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon for Council to approve the first reading of the Development Agreement Application of the subject site along Highway 335 (PID 9062399) to allow for a sawmill use in the Coastal Community (CC) zone for the purpose of enabling a public hearing.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Attachment 030801

5. Adoption of Minutes

- a. February 22, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the February 22, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as circulated.
Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

6. Business Arising from Minutes

- a. Letter sent to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation regarding WE Care Radiothon Sponsorship

No action. For information.

7. Councillor Reports

Councillor Bourque: Walked for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser, which was a huge success, raising \$39,000. She also attended a Nakile meeting and a Recreation meeting. CAPEB has been having breakfasts in the communities to raise money for community halls in the area. She advised they are hosting a boiled dinner coming up soon. She also attended the African Heritage Flag raising.

Councillor Saulnier: Attended Waste Check Meeting, and the Planning Advisory Committee meeting, and an active transportation plan committee meeting as well.

Deputy Warden Albright: Attended a Doctor recruitment meeting, indicated that the Credit Union house going well, however, COVID is challenging for recruitment. She chaired a few MCEC meetings, she reported they are still waiting for funding. All 3 municipalities have passed motions to approve the Fundraising RFP top up request. She also attended a Recreation meeting, with nothing new for Glenwood park. She indicated they are looking at doing a mapping project which would include all the recreation infrastructure in the area, including trails.

She attended the Committee of the Whole Meeting and the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting.

Councillor Surette: Attended MCEC and Waste Check meetings. Hosted a Breakfast at les Club Social des Iles sponsored by CAPEB. He mentioned an issue with getting Fibre Op on the Tittle Road. He mentioned they are on the map to have the whole road done, however it looks like that will not be happening at this time.

Councillor Donaldson: Highlighted that he has 58 lobster licenses, Nakile, 2 boat shops, Drumlin Heights in his district, mentioning that that brings in a lot of money for that small district.

Councillor Diggdon: Attended a Mariners Centre Meeting and Fire Department meeting. He walked in the Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser. Councillor Diggdon mentioned he volunteered at a Covid testing clinic at the West Pubnico Fire Hall. He also indicated that he brought up an issue with flooding on the Chemin du Rocher with Colton LeBlanc and the Department of Public works. He wanted to report that this issue has been resolved and he would like to thank the Department of Public works and out MLA, Colton LeBlanc.

Councillor D'Entremont: Received a question from a resident regarding the snow removal on the solar panels. CAO Muise indicated he did not have a response, however, he did not think staff removed the snow themselves. He ensured he would look into a response for him.

8. Warden's Report

Warden Muise reviewed his report attached to the agenda.

Attachment 030802

9. Staff Report

CAO Muise outlined the staff report as attached to the agenda. He wished to thank all staff and Council for being so accommodating in his absence. He recognized this was trying times for all, but ensured the organization stayed strong throughout.

Attachment 030803

10. For Decision

a. Community Health Board - Universal School Food Program

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright for Council to write a letter to the Federal Government supporting this initiative.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Canadian Seniors Curling Championship

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Deputy Warden Albright for Council to provide YASTA with \$10,000 in support of the Canadian Seniors Curling Championship 2022.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

c. Letter of Support Request - Invenergy's Renewable Energy Development

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to write a letter of support for Invenergy's Renewable Energy Development application.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

d. Bilingual Stop Signs

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright for Council to support this project and have all English stop signs in the Municipality of Argyle replaced by bilingual stop signs.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 1 against – Councillor Richard Donaldson)

e. Veterans Banners

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to:

- implement the Veterans Banner initiative for the 2022 year, working with the Legions.
- have staff to come up with an action plan to include all communities in the Municipality of Argyle.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

f. Flag Policy Amendment

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon for Council to start the process to amend Article C42 – Flag Policy to have five flags flying at the Municipal Administration Building.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

11. Correspondence and for information

a. ARC Meeting Minutes

No action. For information purposes only.

b. Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness' 2021 Annual Report

No action. For information purposes only.

c. List of Grants

Attached to the agenda is a list of Community Hall grants that have been given out over the last 5 years. There is also a list of District Community Grants and Grants to Organization for 2021-2022.

Attachment 030804

d. Recreation Summer Employees wages

No action. For information Purposes only.

e. Civic Signs

The Wedgeport Volunteer Fire Department is currently handing out civic signs to residents in Wedgeport that currently don't have one. Residents are concerned that they didn't know anything about it. Councillor Gordon Boudreau, through Warden Muise would like to know if staff can do more advertising regarding the Civic Sign By Law. CAO Muise advised that staff would advertise on Social Media.

No motion was needed for this topic.

12. Financial Requests

- a. District Community Grant Request - Kemptville Volunteer Fire Department - \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Kemptville Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- b. District Community Grant Request - Argyle Baptist Historical Church Building - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Argyle Baptist Historical Church Building.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- c. District Community Grant Request - Église St. Pierre - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to Église St. Pierre.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- d. District Community Grant Request - Abrams River Schoolhouse Society - \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Abrams River Schoolhouse Society.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- e. District Community Grant Request – East Side Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the East Side Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- f. District Community Grant Request – East Side Community Centre - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the East Side Community Centre.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

13. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motions by Councillors – None.

14. Question Period – None.

15. In Camera

In accordance with subsection 22(2) clause (e) of the Municipal Government Act, it is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson for Council to move to the In-Camera portion of the meeting at 9:01 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Council returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:49 p.m. to make the following motion:

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier for Council to seek legal advice regarding the Chief Administrative Officer contract.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

16. Adjournment

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant/Recorder

Date Approved:	March 29, 2022
Chairman/Warden	Original Signed
Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer	Original Signed