

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
Council Chambers, Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillors: Gordon Boudreau, Glenn Diggdon, Kathy Bourque, Ted Saulnier; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell.

Also present for the first portion of the meeting was: Solicitor Réal Boudreau and By-Law Enforcement Officer, Mitch Colburn

Regrets: Councillors: Calvin d'Entremont, Guy Surette, and Richard Donaldson

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried. (5 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. For Decision

a. Request for Demolition of Property

By-Law Enforcement Officer, Mitch Colburn explained the lengthy process of this demolition. There is an extensive package that he has prepared for Council regarding this process and Council has had time to look over it.

Councillor Kathy Bourque arrived to the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to accept the By-Law Enforcement Officers recommendation to provide the property owners with 60 days to demolish the building located at 8233 Highway 3 in Tusket, PID # 9008600; should the conditions not be met by 60 days, Council shall then arrange to have the demolition completed and have the cost of the demolition added to the property owners tax bill.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

4. Adjournment

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to adjourn the first portion of the meeting.
Motion Carried. (6 in favour, 0 against)

Solicitor Réal Boudreau and By-Law Enforcement Officer Mitch Colburn left the meeting at this time.

5. Call Meeting to Order

The second portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

6. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Gordon Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque, the agenda for the second portion of the meeting is approved as circulated.
Motion Carried. (6 in favour, 0 against)

7. For Decision

a. Boundary Review Report and Recommendations

CAO Muise outlined this item. He explained that Council has to make 2 decisions by December 31st, the number of councillors to represent the Municipality of Argyle, and where the boundaries will be. He outlined that the WSP report could be confusing. They received some confusing information regarding the number of councillors. They concluded that 5 and 11 number of councillors are not being considered. The numbers of councillors being considered are 7 and 9. CAO Muise mentioned staff was not at the point to recommend a number of councillors. They are needing more public input. CAO Muise also mentioned that the population in district 5 has risen significantly and change in the boundaries is inevitable.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright that staff create two boundary options to Council for approval, namely the option of 9 councilors and 7 councilors, and that the maps, upon council approval, be presented to the public to obtain their input and engagement.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

b. Approval of Amendments to Nakile By Law

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the amendments to the Nakile By-Law.
Motion Carried. (6 in favour, 0 against)

8. For Information

a. PVSC Municipal Consultations

CAO Muise explained that a representative from PVSC is coming to meet with Municipal staff. No action required from Council at this time.

b. Courier Jumelage

Deputy CAO mentioned this could be a good idea for CMA 2024. However, there is no decision required from Council at this time.

c. Involuntary Destruction of Property – Request for Tax Reduction

CAO Muise advised Council of this request. It has already been approved, following the policy.

d. East Pubnico Rails to Trails Upgrades

An update on this project was provided to Council.

e. Organizational Chart Review

Deputy CAO Surette advised council that it has been six months since staff has started following the new organizational structure and he reports things are going well.

f. CAPEB Project

Deputy CAO Surette outlined this request and apologized to Council, as this item should have been under “for decision” rather than “for information”

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright that Council take part in CAPEBs “The Quilted Pattern” project by displaying two pieces of quilt pattern plywood, one at the Tusket Courthouse, and the other at the Municipal Building.
Motion Carried. (6 in favour, 0 against)

g. Nakile Audited Financial Statements

This item was presented for information, no action is required from Council.

9. Question Period

There were no questions from the audience or on Facebook Live.

10. In camera – MGA Section 22:2 (e) Contract Negotiations and MGA Section 22:2 (g) Legal Matter

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to move to the in-camera portion of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Motion Carried. (6 in favour, 0 against)

After some time, Council returned to the Special Council Meeting to adjourn at 8:28 p.m

11. Adjournment

It is duly moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 8:29 p.m.
Motion Carried. (6 in favour, 0 against)

Respectfully Submitted,

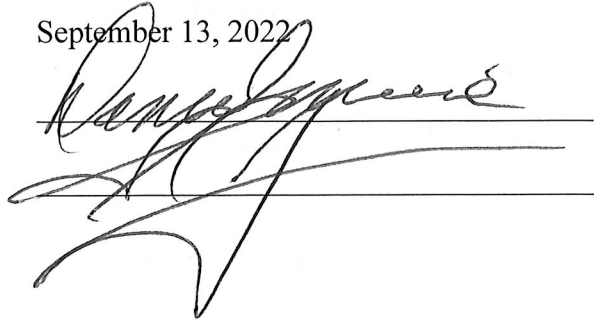
Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant/Recorder

Date Approved:

September 13, 2022

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer

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