



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Council Members Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Richard Donaldson, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Calvin d'Entremont, Councillor Guy Surette, and Councillor Kathy Bourque,

Absent with Regrets: None

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, and Recorder Sheila Muise.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Danny Muise called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **Invitation to Stand and Move**

Warden Danny Muise reminded Council that they are permitted to stand and move as they need to during the meeting. This is a new initiative introduced by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration**

By consensus, the agenda was approved as circulated with no conflict declared.

4. **Presentation – Malcolm Seaboyer, Y-CON Presentation**

Malcolm Seaboyer, President of Y-CON was attendance to give council an informative presentation on Y-CON. He thanks Council, CAO and staff for past grants that were received.

After his presentation, there was a bit of discussion with how impressive the event looked and it gave Council a better understanding of the conference.

Warden Muise thanked Mr. Seaboyer for his great presentation.

5. **Recognizing Argyle**

Councillor d'Entremont attended the South West Delta Waterfall dinner on Saturday, February 4 at the West Pubnico Fire Hall. It was well attended and a great success.

Councillor Kathy Bourque has the honor of being MC for the Queens Jubilee Medals and sends a Congratulations to all recipients.



6. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Special Council Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2023**

By consensus, the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2023, are approved with the correction of Deputy Warden Albright's attendance.

b. **Executive Council Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2023**

By consensus, the Executive Council Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2023, are approved with the correction of Deputy Warden Albright's attendance.

7. **Wardens Report**

Warden Muise's report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on his report.

8. **Committees Report**

a. **Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission**

Nothing to report.

b. **REMO Executive Meeting**

Warden Muise informs that the last meeting was to update on all activities that have gone on. Some training has taken place and there will be training for Councillors later. Fire departments are having issues getting text messages but there will be a program available for them. There were reports on the extreme cold, issues with a house on Alan's Lake, which has problems with flooding and a new Generator for Hebron.

c. **Mariners Management Authority**

Councillor Diggdon informs that there is nothing to report.

d. **Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee**

Deputy Warden Albright has been sending out weekly project updates. The design RFP has been issued and due at the end of the month. There was a scoping exercise on February 3, that went extremely well. And, Monday February 13, there will be a Governance Conversation.

e. **Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association**

Councillor d'Entremont reported that there was a meeting on Nov 15. They will be having 6 meetings a year.

f. **Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park**

Councillor Donaldson provided a brief update on the status of the Waste Park. They have had a meeting to present the pay raise and pay scale policy. The C&D cell force is about to be started, a front-end loader and a rim crusher have been purchased.



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g. **Yarmouth International Airport Corporation**

Councillor Surette reported and he hopes to have minutes for next meeting. The RFP for the lighting will soon be going out. Also looking at Dillon to dig into the PFA pollution issue that could be causing contamination.

h. **Nakile Board**

Councillor Bourque reported that day to day cash flow had been low but was better now. They applied for a pilot project in the Western Zone, which was successful. This will allow for a social worker and a full time CCA to help with a holistic approach for the safety and well being of the staff.

i. **Western County Regional Libraries**

Nothing to report.

j. **WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee**

Councillor Surette also reported on the WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee. He met with Victoria Brooks and Barb DeViller as secretary and, will be having about 3 meetings a year to approve large costs (over \$100,000). They also amended the quorum to 50% plus one.

k. **Argyle Recreation Committee**

Deputy Warden Albright reported that there was a meeting January 17 to discuss Glenwood Park and the work that is ongoing there. Gym programs are ongoing again, and the participation is low for a Memory Cafe. The speed sign that was at Plymouth and now at PEB is showing many violations, this data is needed to support the need for sidewalks. Summer programs are being evaluated. There was a presentation on 4yr old and day camp, there is ongoing work with Jardin des petit to possibly partner. The Golf course is encouraging usage and Simple texting is being promoted.

l. **Police Advisory Board**

Nothing to report from Councillor Boudreau.

m. **Doctor Recruitment**

Deputy Warden Albright informs that there was a meeting on Jan 17, and Rebecca Rose always shares a report. She works hard to fill vacancies and will be attending a meeting with other Navigators to discuss what is working. Very thankful to Argyle for the contribution.

n. **Waste check**

No report

o. **Sewer Committees**



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Councillor d'Entremont reports that the annual sewer meeting will be soon, to discuss budgets. CAO Muise reports that West Pubnico has paid the final capital payment and shares more detail.

Councillor Boudreau reports that there has been no Wedgeport sewer meeting in a while. Tender is out and closing on February 23.

Tusket Sewer Committee has not met but will meet for Budget time as well.

9. **Reports**

a. **Clerks Report**

Deputy CAO Surette spoke about the report which is available for viewing. It is a live ongoing document showing what is being worked on and also completed. No motion was made, as there was no decision.

b. **Department Head Report**

A new way of reporting the Department Head reports is available for viewing. This makes it easier to update Council and it is a simpler way to see progress.

10. **7-Day Notice to Council**

a. **Article P20 – Performance Evaluation Policy**

The only change was appendix A, which was discussed in camera. This being the evaluation piece for the CAO.

Council is receiving 7-day notice on the Performance Evaluation Policy as this policy is set to be passed at the February Executive Council Meeting.

11. **For Decision and Discussion**

a. **By-Law 11 – Animals**

After much discussion, it is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to approve the second reading of By-Law 11- Animals, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **By-Law 27A- Solid Waste**

After much discussion, it is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to approve second reading of By Law 27A- Solid Waste.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. **By-Law 30- Tusket Wastewater**

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the second reading of By-Law 30- Tusket Wastewater.

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d. **Letter of Support- Extended Producer Responsibility**

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to send a letter of support for Extended Producer responsibility Concept to the Honorable Tim Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **Four-Day Work Week Pilot Project**

Deputy CAO Surette mentions that the 8-month pilot program that started in July is ending February 2023. He is asking Council to continue permanently with the 4-day workweek after February 2023. It is noted that this has helped with staff recruitment as it is very attractive to new employees and beneficial to the public as service is being provided for a longer part of the day. The only challenge is that at times there has been scheduling difficulties, but it is improving.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the continuation of the 4 day work week.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. **Argyle Volunteer Banquet**

After much discussion, it is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve honoring one volunteer by virtual ceremony (Option 2).

MOTION CARRIED (5 in favour and 4 Nay)

12. **Correspondence and For Information**

a. **NSFM Monday Memos**

The NSFM Monday Memos are a standing item on the Council agenda and for informational purposes only.

b. **Municipal Profile and Financial Indicator Results**

Council receives the Municipal Profile every year. This is for Councils information and no action is required.

c. **Tri County Veterinary Services**

Council received a letter from Tri County Veterinary Services indicating that they are closing.

No action required from council at this time.

13. **Financial Requests**

None



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14. **Agenda Topics for the next meeting/Notice of Motion by Councillors**

None

15. **Question Period**

Councillor Surette asks about the sign at the Splash Park and is given the information.

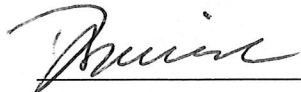
16. **In-Camera – None.**

17. **Adjournment**

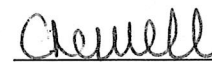
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

February 23, 2023

Date Approved



Chair



Clerk/Recorder