



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

**Council Members Present:**

Warden Nicole Albright, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier, Councillor Malcolm Madden, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Greg Foster, Councillor Darryl LeBlanc, Councillor Kathy Bourque, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, and Councillor Racheal Surette

**Absent with Regrets:**

**Staff Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, and Executive Assistant Julie Atkinson

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**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**2. Invitation to Stand and Move**

Warden Nicole Albright reminded Council that they are permitted to stand and move as they need to during the meeting. This is an initiative by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

**4. Presentation – None.**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**a. November 21, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

By consensus, the November 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved as amended.

**6. Recognizing Argyle – Council Announcements**

Councillor Glenn Diggdon acknowledged the sadness the upcoming holiday season can bring upon people and wanted to let everyone know residents are always welcome to reach out to their Councillors for help.

**7. Warden's Report**

The Warden's Report for November and December 2024, was attached to the agenda, there were no questions on this report.

**8. Committee Reports**

**a. Presentation of Priorities of Councillors**

**District 1 – Councillor Malcolm Madden**

- Improving the medical system in the Tusketa area.



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**District 2 – Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier**

- Sidewalk development: area surveyed; public open house held.
- Supporting administration initiatives.

**District 3 – Councillor Gordon Boudreau**

- Addressing concerns on Jacquard Road.
- Windfarm committees and establishing a community fund to benefit everyone.
- Tackling issues with abandoned houses.
- Promoting economic growth.

**District 4 – Councillor Greg Foster**

Improving the condition of secondary roads.

- Mitigating mosquito issues affecting quality of life.
- Addressing erosion concerns on a new road in Morris Island.
- Managing flooding risks from rising tides and partial flooding.
- Infrastructure projects, including repairs to Hubbard's Point Wharf.
- Upgrades to Twin Village Social Club.
- Sidewalk and streetlight installations.
- Addressing dry wells in the area.

**District 5 – Warden Nicole Albright**

- Enhancing fire services.
- Addressing poor cell service in certain areas.
- Tackling housing challenges.
- Supporting growth beyond just economic development.
- Recreation focus: Mariners Centre expansion and Glenwood Park improvements.



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**District 6 – Councillor Darryl LeBlanc**

- Sidewalk construction to improve pedestrian safety on busy roads.
- Repairing damaged trails with potholes, water issues, and mud.
- Enhancing Glenwood Park, making a kids playground area.
- Exploring the development of a designated dog park.
- Encouraging population growth in Argyle.

**District 7 – Councillor Kathy Bourque**

- Working closely with Council and staff.
- Supporting renewable energy initiatives and housing development.
- Repairing the Hipson Bridge and maintaining the water tank.
- Enhancing and expanding local trails.
- Providing support to the fisheries.

**District 8 – Councillor Glenn Diggdon**

- Securing provincial or federal funding for the airport.
- Highlighting the airport's role in emergency services.
- Promoting the municipality to attract visitors and new residents.
- Encouraging continued growth.
- Supporting the spring bear hunt initiative.

**District 9 – Councillor Racheal Surette**

- Actively listening to residents to understand and meet their needs.
- Welcoming newcomers while preserving local culture and language.
- Addressing safety concerns, including speeding commercial trucks and wildlife.
- Supporting growth across housing, infrastructure, and job creation.



**b. Additional Committee Appointments**

• **Mariners Centre Nominating Committee (2 Members)**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to appoint Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and Councillor Gordon Boudreau to the Mariners Centre Nominating Committee.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

• **WREN Liaison & Oversight Committee (1 Alternate)**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Malcolm Madden and SECONDED by Councillor Greg Foster to appoint Councillor Darryl LeBlanc as the alternate for the WREN Liaison & Oversight Committee.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

• **REMO (1 Reduction)**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to remove Councillor Racheal Surette from REMO as too many councillors were appointed.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. 7-day Notice – None.**

**10. For Decision and Discussion**

**a. Yarmouth Mariners Hockey Club - Joint Sponsorship Request**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to have the CAO Alain Muise and Warden Nicole Albright to meet with our partners, the Town of Yarmouth and Municipality of Yarmouth to discuss the possibility of a sponsorship for the Yarmouth Mariners Hockey Club.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Request for Crosswalk Signage - Wedgeport School - Councillor Gordon Boudreau**

Councillor Gordon Boudreau announced that the new École Wedgeport will be officially opening on January 3.

There are safety concerns regarding the crosswalk that is in front of the new school.

*It is MOVED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and SECONDED by Councillor Racheal Surette to request the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to conduct a study to assess appropriate safety measures for the crosswalk in Wedgeport.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**c. Capital Investment Plan**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to approve the 5-year Capital Investment Plan as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**d. Request for By-Law 28 Exemption - East Kemptville Meeting House Society**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Malcom Madden to add East Kemptville Meeting House Society to the list of exempted non-profit organizations.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Racheal Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon that the 2024 taxes of 578.02 plus applicable interest be written off by council and repaid to the East Kemptville Meeting House Society.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**e. Relief of Taxes Request**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Greg Foster, to relieve the taxes on the following AAN #s 04317092, 04317084, 04317033, 04317025 amounting to \$62.24*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**f. Coastal Protection Act - Councillor Darryl LeBlanc**

Councillor Darryl LeBlanc spoke regarding the Coastal Protection Act, discussion was held amongst Councillors regarding the Coastal Protection Act.

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to have NSFMS send a letter to the province regarding the Coastal Protection Act.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**g. Offshore Wind Farm Report - Municipal Comments**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the response letter as presented and send to the regional assessment email for public input.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**h. Pension Plan Review – Recommendation**

*It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to authorize the CAO in engaging a third-party actuarial comparison of our current pension plan with the Public Sector Superannuation Plan.*



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**i. Council approval – funding applications – GRIP**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Digdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to endorse the Grip application for required wastewater improvements in the Business Park, at a maximum project cost of \$1,500,000, and that the remaining project be funded equally by the Gas Tax and the Capital Reserve Fund.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**j. Notice of Approval of Policy**

**• NEW Article C54 - Trail Pack It In, Pack It Out – Council**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Racheal Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque Councillor to approved Article C54 – Trail Pack It In, Pack It Out.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. For Correspondence and Information**

**a. AMANS to Department of Justice re: FOIPOP Act Review**

Council received correspondence from AMANS regarding the FOIPOP Act Review

**b. Original FOIPOP Presentation - Province of NS**

Council received the original FOIPOP Presentation from the Province of Nova Scotia.

**12. Financial Requests – None.**

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

**14. Question Period – None.**

**15. In-Camera**

**a. Section 22:2 (c) – Personnel Matters**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to move in-camera at 8:52 p.m.*

Council came out of the in-camera session to make the following motion:

*It is MOVED by Councillor Greg Foster and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to allow the extension of CAO's outstanding vacation time to March 31, 2025.*

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



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*January 30, 2025*  
Date Approved

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Chair

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Clerk/Recorder