

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson, Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Calvin d'Entremont, Kathy Bourque and Glenn Diggdon; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon, Director of Public Works Hans Pfeil and Recorder/Municipal Clerk Eilidh Canning.

Regrets: Lucien LeBlanc, and Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33p.m. by Deputy Muise Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council, in accordance with subsection 22(2) clause (a) of the Municipal Government Act, the agenda is approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

WREN – Rural Internet Update

Evan Nemeth of the Western Regional Enterprise Network (WREN) stated Municipally owned internet that can provide a solution to its residents is something he has been looking into for 7 years. Backbone internet and middle mile internet were the initial goals. Backbone internet acts as a road into the community, but the 'driveway' for residents is required, which is known as 'middle mile' internet. The original intent was that WREN would set up the infrastructure and internet providers would then use that infrastructure as an economically attractive means to bring internet to rural communities. Due to funding not being available, the original hope is no longer considered feasible.

WREN has been working closely with the major internet providers and they have a sense of what the solutions may be, and this will be discussed further during the on-camera confidential discussion with the councillors at the end of the meeting.

Presentation Attached

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – January 8, 2019

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Recreation Commission Meeting – January 18, 2018

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Recreation Commission Meeting – February 15, 2018

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Recreation Commission Meeting – April 19, 2018

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Recreation Commission Meeting – May 17, 2018

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Recreation Commission Meeting – September 20, 2018

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillors stipends, Renumeration & Benefits Policy (notice Dec.11, 2018)

CAO Muise presented the Renumeration and Benefits Policy for further discussion. CAO Muise advised Deputy Warden Danny Muise that the policy's second notice has been provided. The changes that have been made are highlighted in yellow on the document attached to the agenda. CAO Muise advised the council that these changes include simplifying the language as well as deleting a paragraph from the policy. The paragraph did not provide any value and does not change the purpose of the policy.

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette so moved that the policy be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Support for CMA 2024 – Application Submitted

No action required

Thermodynamics contract executed – for COMFIT projects

No action required

Digby Fire Dispatch online for Argyle

Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked if the Municipality of Argyle are now a part of the Digby Dispatch for the fire department, and Calvin d'Entremont confirmed that yes, Municipality of Argyle will be part of the dispatch as of tomorrow (Wednesday, January 30, 2019) at 10am.

Bylaw amendment – well lending

No action required

Financial Statements – December 31, 2018

Finance Director Marsha d'Eon gave council a synopsis of the financial statements and explained the budget overages and surpluses for each area of the budget.

Guy Surette questioned why Wedgeport's sewage collection and disposal operating budget was \$0. Marsha clarified that the Municipality did get that revenue, but it was not budgeted for. Warden Richard Donaldson asked if are anticipating any major changes to the projected budget, which CAO Muise advised it will not.

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque so moved that the policy be accepted as presented.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

EMO funding request Department of Municipal Affairs

CAO Muise clarified the EMO funding request. Kathy Bourque then asked about water tables, and CAO Muise advised that he wasn't aware of any water table data being available. Kathy Bourque then stated that residents have advised her that the help of the fire department and municipality during last summer was noticed and appreciated.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright so moved that the policy be accepted as presented.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Notice – Physical Activity Incentive

CAO Muise stated that the amendment to the policy is highlighted in yellow and clarified it is simply a cleanup of the policy. Changes include the timeline outlining when an employee is to submit their request, and the removal of as well as the Yarmouth Argyle Barrington District Planning Commission employees from section 1.1. This is a notice

only. The incentive will be approved next council meeting. No motion required for this meeting.

ICIP – request to amend wording of motion

CAO Muise advised council that during the application review process it was noted by the NS Department of Municipal Affairs that the prior Council resolution is not acceptable for The Municipality of Argyle’s application due to the missing reference to the funding program. The Municipality received allowance to resubmit a revised Council resolution for this project as soon as possible.

CAO advised Council that staff is requesting to approve the revised motion, outlined below.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that council supports the submission of an application under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Environmental Quality Sub-Stream for the amount of \$1,042,860 for the Phase 3 of the Wedgeport Sewer Upgrade project to install 50 new on-site sewer systems.
Motion (7 in favour, 0 against)

Community Litter pick up initiative

CAO Muise advised council that the budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 was set by council at \$14,000. With the slight increase to \$20,700 and at \$175 per kilometer of ditches cleaned, 110 kilometers can be covered over two phases. This will allow for most organizations that applied last year to have between one and six kilometers of roadway to clean and it will be consistent with past funding and offer room for more. The program is budgeted under “Garbage Collection and Disposal” in the 2019-2020 Approved Operating Budget

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to allow for amendments to the litter cleanup program and approve the increase of funding to a total of \$20,700.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Department of Environment – Solid waste regulations amendments

No action required

Enabling Accessibility fund – Administrative Building – notice of rejection

No action, for information.

Waste Check Authority – Meeting notes – January 14, 2019

No action, for information.

Nova Scotia Accessibility Act

No action, for information.

WREN – Energy project briefing

No action, for information.

Waste Check Financial Statements

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

District Community Grant – Kemptville Bicentennial Society

\$500 request to hold various events in celebration of Kemptville's 200-year anniversary.

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright to support request and provide a \$500 grant.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant - St. Joseph's Parish

\$500 request for ongoing maintenance for the Parish cemetery.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to support request and provide a \$500 grant.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Hubbard's Point Community Centre

\$500 request to assist with annual rappie pie and seafood chowder supper fundraising event.

It is moved by Calvin D'entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to support request and provide a \$500 grant.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Guy Surette asked if Municipal staff can look at the cannabis bylaw and bring a report of what the Municipality can add on to the Provincial regulations that includes our own specifications. There has been some concern and questions from residents surrounding the bylaws if an operation is close to a residence, and residents want to know what the bylaws for our municipality are. Guy Surette requested staff add to the existing provincial regulations and add to these to debate what the Municipality of Argyle's bylaw should look like.

CAO Muise confirmed the Municipality currently has a land use and municipal planning strategy amendment prepared but requires public engagement prior to being finalized. Charlene LeBlanc is currently organizing and leading a public engagement event. CAO Muise confirmed that the staff will send the councillors the current strategy for review.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera at 7:27PM.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Legal Advice – Administrative Building Tender

Moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that due to all bids being significantly higher than budget, that the Municipality retender the administrative building construction as soon as possible within the legislative framework of the Procurement Act.

Motion carried (7 for, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Calvin D’entremont and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Recorder
Eilidh Canning

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muisse, Chief Administrative Officer _____