

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearing

Jared Dalziel, Project Planner of WSP Canada, reviewed the application details of the West Pubnico distillery, via the PowerPoint Presentation attached to these minutes (*Attachment 2409001*). Jared recommended that Council give second reading and approve amendments to Land Use By-law to rezone 23 Chemin du Pont du Marais (PID 90078452) from Mixed Use (MU) Zone to Light Industrial (LI) Zone to enable a craft distillery and that Council give second reading and approve the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law as contained in Attachment A of the Staff report attached to these minutes (*Attachment 2409002*) to permit Craft Alcohol Production Facilities as a light industrial use.

There was 1 member of the public present

It is moved by Guy Surette that the public hearing be adjourned at 6:43p.m.

(*Attachment 2409001*)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Present: Warden; Danny Muise; Deputy Warden Guy Surette, Councillors Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon, Richard Donaldson, Roderick Murphy Jr. and Calvin d'Entremont.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise joined via Zoom, and Municipal Clerk/Recorder Lori Murphy

Regrets: Lucien LeBlanc

The meeting was called to order at 6:45p.m. by Deputy Warden Guy Surette.

Agenda:

On a motion by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy that the agenda was approved with the addition of 9 (f) Wedgeport Legion and 9 (g) Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium update.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Guy Surette asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

None

Adoption of Minutes

EMO Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright that the June 5, 2019 minutes of the EMO Planning Committee Meeting, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2019

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glen Diggdon that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes- September 19, 2019

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the Argyle Municipal Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Dangerous or Unsightly Policy

CAO Muise shared with Council the amendments to the policy. He highlighted some of the changes that were made since the last meeting. The TLC relief, which is the grant, is not available for any cleanup done prior to September 30, 2019. The loan is available to any cleanup regardless of date. CAO Muise added a transitional period to the policy which outlines any outstanding balances for property cleanup performed prior to September 30, 2019. These properties will only be entitled to a TLC Relief grant if they are a qualified property and the work was completed based on a dangerous property clean up paid for by the Municipality. It was reinforced by CAO Muise that the loan is a one time offer for those properties deemed unsightly. It was recommended by Council that dates and deadlines be added for staff and property owners to see a change in the property in a timely manner.

Council would like to defer approval of the policy to a future meeting. CAO to bring policy to legal council and Provincial partners.

Unsightly Vessel in Wedgeport – Councillor LeBlanc

Deferred. Councillor LeBlanc absent. Table this until next meeting

Bilingual road signs-Meeting status

Danny contacted board representatives from CAPEB and notified Council that they will reach out to him after their board meets to set up a meeting.

Department of Transportation & Infrastructure-Special meeting

Staff still working on a date for a representative to attend a special meeting with Council to discuss a number of road and maintenance issues affecting our Municipality.

Financial Statements

Financial director Marsha d'Eon absent. CAO Muise reviewed the financial statements attached to the agenda and reviewed the budget along with operating surplus. Notified Council that staff will be changing the way the financial statements are presented. Financial Statements will still be reported monthly but will only be presented to Council on a quarterly basis for approval. The new reporting system will capture capitol reserve activity, operating reserve activity, balance sheets and a discussion of analysis. Variances will be explained in writing for those not comfortable with the numbers.

Comparison report

CAO Muise reviewed the report with Council. Staff will be including this report in new reporting system mentioned previously.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to accept the unaudited Financial Report dated August 31, 2019.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

(Attachment 2409003)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Grants to Organizations Allocation and Approval

Council reviewed the list of organizations which applied to the Grants to Organizations program. Council discussed a number of requests and amended the allocations accordingly.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glen Diggdon to approve grants to organizations, as amended totaling \$ 7500.00 to various organizations.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

List Attached (2409004)

Other Business and for Decision

MPS/LUB review - Recommendation to award

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve the recommendation to award WSP the MPS/LUB review.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Second Reading - Land Use By-Law Amendment

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that council give second reading and approve the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law as contained in Attachment A of the September 20th staff report to permit Craft Alcohol Production Facilities as a light industrial use and that council approve to rezone 23

Chemin du Pont du Marais (PID 90078452) from Mixed Use (MU) Zone to Light Industrial (LI) Zone to enable a craft distillery.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Nakile Board Member Appointment

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr to approve the appointment of new board member to Nakile.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Award of Tusket New Road Construction and Sewer Extension

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Glen Diggdon to approve the recommendation to award the Tusket new road construction and sewer extension to Aberdeen.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Application for letters of Support-Clare/Argyle Employment Services

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr to approve the letter of support for Clare/Argyle Employment Services.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Request from Legion-Plant tulips

75th Anniversary for WWII. Legion wants to plant 75 tulips at Tusket monument and to have maintenance staff prepare plots for flower beds. Staff will follow up with this request.
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded Glen Diggdon that CAO check with staff on how to move forward with the request.
Motion Carried (8 in Favour, 0 against)

Bay of Fundy-Sea Kayak Symposium

Symposium took place September 2019. Was a great success and will be hosting event again in 2021.

Correspondence and for Information

Nakile Housing Corporation – Financial Statements

No action, for information.

Municipality of Barrington - proposed amendments to the MPS and LUB for Cannabis Production and Processing Uses

No action, for information.

Western Counties Regional Library Board Minutes

No action, for information

Monthly Newsletter – Le Courant

No action, for information

Financial Requests

None

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to recess the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go In-Camera at 7:33PM.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

In Camera - Compass Award

Council discussed nominations for the Compass Award to be presented at Experience Argyle. CAO will bring Council nominations to Experience Argyle Committee for approval.

Airport Negotiation

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that council instruct CAO Muise to negotiate tax sharing and funding percentages for the airport prior to signing an agreement and that the Warden of the MOA reach out to the Mayor of Yarmouth and the Warden of MOY to discuss Council position.

Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr and seconded by Nicole Albright to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting at 8:36 PM.

Recorder

Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____