

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Council Chambers, Tusket, 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: none.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright.

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor. None declared.

3. Presentation – Eel Brook Fire Department

Mr. Jonathan LeBlanc, the Eel Brook Fire Department Fire Chief was present to make a presentation to Council regarding the building of the new fire hall. He indicated that the tender package should be out in the middle of May. The mortgage should also be secured in the coming weeks. They are receiving their new pumper soon as well. Mr. LeBlanc is asking for funding for safety related things, such as new lockers that are required for their gear according to NFPA guidelines and an extractor washer that is meant to wash their gear rather than just a regular front load washer. CAO Muise mentioned that once the fire department received 71.66% of their HST back, the total cost would be around \$175,000.

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright thanked Jonathan for his service and mentioned they would discuss it at a later time.

His presentation is attached. (042601)

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. 142nd Annual Council Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Warden Danny Muise to approve the 142nd Annual Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

5. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Proclamation Policy (Lyme Disease Awareness Month)

Deputy CAO Surette outlined this request. At the last Council meeting, Council advised staff to check to see if there was a proclamation policy. After staff's assessment, it was determined that there was talk of drafting a proclamation policy but there was nothing that came from that. Council passed a proclamation last year for Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Warden Danny Muise to have staff draft a proclamation policy indicating that Council will not pass anymore proclamation requests.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

Attachment 042602

6. For Decision

a. Article C39 – Community Litter Cleanup Policy

Councillor Kathy Bourque asked a question around the number of kilometers to be cleaned in the municipality. She asked if there are kilometers leftover to be cleaned, if groups can clean them even if they didn't put an application in by the deadline. CAO Muise and Executive Assistant Newell explained that they could not see a problem with that, however, groups that put applications in by the deadline will have priority

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Community Litter Cleanup Policy as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. Article C40 – Flag Protocol Policy Amendments

Council has been presented with two options to amend the flag protocol policy. The first option is to amend the policy to have five flags flying at the Municipal Administration Building. The second option is to have Special Flag Request flags replace the Acadian Flag from January 1- June 30 and from July 1-December 31 have the special flag replace the Mi'kmaq flag. Council debated this in great detail and eventually came to a decision.

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to pass the first option presented to have 5 flags flying at the Municipal Administration Building. This is considered a 7-day notice.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 1 against)

7. Notice to Council

a. Article C34 – Fire Services Capital Grant Program

CAO Muise explained this policy and advised council that this is considered their 7-day notice to consider this policy.

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to pass the 7-day notice of this policy.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. Article C47 – Fire Services Registration Policy

CAO Muise explained this policy and advised council that this is considered their 7-day notice to consider this policy.

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to pass the 7-day notice to consider this policy.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

8. Correspondence and for information

a. Municipality of Barrington proposed amendments regarding Agricultural uses.

CAO Muise received correspondence from CAO Frotten at the Municipality of Barrington regarding their proposed amendments regarding Agricultural uses. No action is requested from Council.

b. Annual Accountability Report – Yarmouth County Trail Development Association.

This item is for information. No action is required from Council.

c. Draft Capital Budget 2022-2023

CAO Muise explained there was no action required upon council. This is just for information and will be revisited at the budget deliberation meetings.

d. Marc Periard

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to have Marc Periard come down and interview some of Argyle's residents.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

9. Financial Requests – None.

10. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motions by Councillors – None.

11. Question Period – None.

12. In Camera – MGA 22:2 (e) Contract Negotiations

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to recess the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go to the In-Camera portion of the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

Council recessed the In-Camera portion of the meeting to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

13. Adjournment

It is unanimously moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:49 p.m.
Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant/Recorder

Date Approved: _____

Chairwoman/ Deputy Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____

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