

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Zoom 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Kathy Bourque

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise

2. Moment of Silence for the Passing of Former Councillor, Roderick Murphy Jr.

Warden Danny Muise started the Council Meeting by having a moment of silence for the passing of former Councillor, Roderick Murphy Jr.

3. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon the agenda is approved with the addition of 11 I – Request for Letter of Support.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor. None declared.

4. Presentation – Scott Surette, 4 Day Work Week

Deputy CAO Scott Surette provided a presentation to Council regarding a 4-day work week or staff. Some key things to note from his presentation are:

- Neighboring municipalities are currently doing 4-day work weeks, with excellent feedback.
- The office will be open from 8-5 as opposed to 8:30-4:30, which means the office will be open an hour longer per day.
- Mondays and Friday's will be limited staff, however, staff is working to ensure that there is someone trained on everything and service will not be delayed.
- This is starting out as a 8-month pilot project.

His presentation is attached. (061401)

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. May 10, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting/Budget Deliberation Minutes

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to approve the May 10, 2022 minutes as circulated.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. June 2, 2022 – Special Council Meeting Minutes

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve the June 2, 2022 minutes as circulated.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

c. February 17, 2022 – ARC Meeting Minutes

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the ARC Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

6. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Litter Clean up – Ditches

This item is deferred.

b. Eel Brook Fire Department Equipment Funding Request

This item is deferred.

7. Councillor Reports

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright reported on her attendance of the Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee meetings. She advised Council that the Mariners Centre Expansion is still in the planning stages with the fundraising partners. They will need to hire a campaign manager next to take on a role of leading the fundraising. Deputy Warden also reported on her attendance for the Service Exchange Agreement Survey Meeting. She also attended an Audit Committee Meeting, a special council meeting and a splash park meeting. She reported on the Doctor Recruitment meeting as well. There are changes coming up including moving to electronic filing and exploring models of how to set up clinics.

Councillor Glenn Diggdon reported on his attendance at his regular meetings, a Regional Emergency Management Organization Meeting, a banquet for the Volunteer Fire Fighters. He wanted to take a second to thank the volunteer fire fighters for all they do. Councillor Diggdon also reported on the Veterans Banner project, which is going well. He advised the public that he has received quite a few names for the Pubnico area and he is still taking names for District 6 – The Argyles. He also attended a meeting with the organizers of the Acadian Day Festival on Dennis Point Wharf.

Councillor Ted Saulnier reported on his attendance at the boundary review open houses, a Waste Check Meeting and fire department meetings. He also attended a D-Day Service in Wedgeport. He also reported on his attendance at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Municipal Administration Building.

Councillor Richard Donaldson attended his regular meetings. He wanted to report to his residents that high speed internet is finally available in most of his area.

Councillor Guy Surette attended his regular meetings. He reported on a great conversation that was had at the Waste Check Meeting on litter. He is also working on organizing an Acadian Day Event in Surette's Island.

Councillor Gordon Boudreau reported on his attendance at his regular meetings. He also attended a D-Day Service, and fire department meetings. He is currently working on a project to get his community together.

Councillor Calvin d'Entremont reported on his attendance at the Yarmouth Argyle Home Care Meeting and the Solid Waste Park Meeting. He gave a shout out to the West Pubnico Improvement Society who were out planting flowers and putting mulch down.

8. Warden's Report

Warden Muise reviewed his report attached to the agenda.

Attachment 061402

9. Staff Report

CAO Muise outlined the staff report as attached to the agenda. CAO Muise explained the boundary review process. They are in the stages of public participation. Public participation was light for the open houses, however, there has been a survey put out for public engagement.

Attachment 0614803

10. Notice to Council

a. Article P39 – Four Day Work Week Policy

This is a 7-day notice to Council for this policy.

11. For Decision

a. Article C41 – Flag Protocol Policy

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to approve the Flag Protocol Policy as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. FGCAC Wire Trap Collection and Recycling Study

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to write a letter of support for the FGCAC Wire Trap Collection and Recycling study.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

c. Track and Field

CAO Muise explained that this request was brought up at the MCESC. Track and Field is no longer an option for the Mariners Centre Expansion, so CAO Muise wanted to put it back on the table.

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette for council to express their interest in a Regional Track and Field.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

d. Approval of Accounts Receivable Write Off

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to write off the outstanding debt in the amount of that is uncollectable.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

e. Firemen Recruitment

Councillor Saulnier started by thanking the volunteer fire fighters. He attended 2 fire department meetings. They requested that Councillor Saulnier report back to Council asking for help with recruitment. They want assistance from Council to assist in recruitment of younger people.

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to have staff look into firefighter recruitment initiatives.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

f. CAO Contract Approval

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve the Chief Administrative Officer Contract as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

g. Peace for Ukraine – Saltwreck

Executive Assistant Newell explained this request. Saltwreck is looking for each councillor to purchase a shirt per councillor. After some discussion, Council agreed to support the Ukraine initiative on their own if they wish.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to reject the request from Saltwreck for purchasing shirts.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

h. Request for “no dumping” sign at Chemin a Cornu

Councillor d'Entremont explained this request. He is requesting a “no dumping” sign for the Chemin a Cornu.

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to have staff write a letter to the Department of Public Works requesting a “no dumping” sign on the Chemin a Cornu.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

i. Société Historique Acadien de Pubnico

Warden Muise received this request. The Société is looking for a letter of support for their application.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to write a letter of support to the Société Historique Acadien de Pubnico.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

12. Correspondence and for information

a. Response from Education Minister re: CSAP Education Act

No action. For information.

b. Response from the Office of the Prime Minister re: National School Food Program

No action. For information.

c. Correspondence from Municipality of Barrington re: Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendments

No action. For information.

13. Financial Requests

a. District Community Grant Request – Argyle Baptist Historical Church Building - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Argyle Baptist Historical Church Building

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. District Community Grant Request - Argyle Mount Pleasant Cemetery - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Argyle Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

c. District Community Grant Request – Glenwood Hall - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to Glenwood Hall

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

d. District Community Grant Request – Green Grove Cemetery Association - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Green Grove Cemetery Association.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- e. District Community Grant Request – Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- f. District Community Grant Request – New Horizons Seaside Park Association - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the New Horizons Seaside Park Association.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- g. District Community Grant Request – Belleville and Friends Community Group- \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Belleville and Friends Community Group.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- h. District Community Grant Request – Eve Joe Bourque Wharf Society - \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Eve Joe Bourque Wharf Society.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- i. District Community Grant Request – Patchwork Pals - \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to Patchwork Pals.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- j. District Community Grant Request – Ste. Anne du Ruisseau New Horizons Seniors Club - \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Ste. Anne du Ruisseau New Horizons Seniors Club.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

- k. District Community Grant Request – Village Friends Seniors Club - \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Village Friends Seniors Club.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

l. District Community Grant Request – Le Club Acadien- \$500

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Le Club Acadien.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

m. District Community Grant Request –Finance Committee, St. Michaels Church - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Finance Committee at St. Michaels Church.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

n. District Community Grant Request – Festival Acadien de Wedgeport- \$500

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Festival Acadien de Wedgeport.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

o. District Community Grant Request – Royal Canadian Legion Branch 55 - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 55.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

p. District Community Grant Request – Plymouth Cemetery Co. - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Plymouth Cemetery Co.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

q. District Community Grant Request – Ladies Division, WP Golf Association - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Digdon and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Ladies Division, WP Golf Association.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

r. District Community Grant Request – Festival de la Barge - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Festival de la Barge.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

s. District Community Grant Request –Club Social des Iles - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Club Social des Iles.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

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

15. Question Period

A question was asked on Facebook Live. The question was “is the municipality trying to access funds from Provincial Active Transportation and if so, for which projects?” CAO Muise stated that the municipality is currently working on an Active Transportation plan. Once that is in place, they will apply for funding through the provincial and federal government.

16. In Camera – None.

17. Adjournment

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant/Recorder

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer