

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Zoom 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillors Calvin d'Entremont and Richard Donaldson

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright

**2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration**

a. Agenda

On a motion by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier the agenda is approved with the addition of 7 G – Highway 3 meets Highway 335.

*Motion Carried. (7 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. Honouring Bob Stevens**

Councillor Bourque read the story of what happened to Martin Belliveau back in the 80s and how he almost drowned. Bob Stevens heroically saved him.

Warden Muise and Councillor Bourque presented Bob with a certificate.

**4. Presentation – Sara Nickerson, Day Camp Services**

Sara Nickerson, Charlotte Stevens-LeBlanc, and Monica Pothier are attending the meeting this evening to raise awareness for the gap in service for children who are 4 or 5 and have attended Grandir not meeting the requirements to attend Argyle Recreations Day Camp and not being able to return to Daycare.

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright thanked the ladies for their presentation and provided some insight on why Argyle Recreation runs their day camp model the way they do. CAO Muise assured them that Argyle recognizes a gap in services, however, it is not necessarily Argyle Recreation to solve it alone.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

a. June 14, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to approve the June 24, 2022 minutes as circulated.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

## **6. Business Arising from Minutes**

### **a. Firefighter Recruitment**

This item is deferred.

## **7. For Decision**

### **a. Article C48 – Proclamation Policy**

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Proclamation Policy as presented.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### **b. Article P39 – Four-Day Work Week Policy**

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the Four Day Work Week Policy as a trial period to be reviewed in 8-months.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### **c. Community Litter Cleanup**

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque that the Municipality request, via letter that Waste Check develop an educational plan on the promotion of clean communities and the cons of community littering in our communities.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### **d. Request for Tax Reduction**

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon that the request for the reduction of taxes on property account number 03517063 be denied by Council, and that the applicant be given the reasons for the denial.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### **e. Summer Meetings**

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to recess regular meetings and committee of the whole meetings for the Summer months being July and August with the understanding that Special Meeting's may occur.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### **f. New position for Protection Services Department**

CAO Muise explained that there is a gap in the protection services department. There is a need for a Building Official.

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to allow the Chief Administrative Officers office to begin the process to hire a Development Officer in the

Protection Services Department.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- g. Request for letter to Department of Public Works requesting action for Highway 3 where it meets Pubnico

Councillor Glenn Diggdon explained that he received a call for a Motor Vehicle Accident on Highway 3 in Pubnico. He expressed his concern for this intersection. He would like to see a letter written to the Department of Public Works at the Highway 3 and Highway 335 intersection to look at traffic patterns and recommend a solution for that intersection.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to have staff write a letter to the Department of Public Works requesting them to look at the Highway 3-Highway 335 intersection.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

## **8. Correspondence and for information**

- a. Letter from Minister John Lohr

No action. For information.

- b. Western County Regional Library Minutes

No action. For information.

- c. Courthouse Window Tender

No action. For information.

- d. Congres Mondial Acadien

Deputy CAO Scott Surette gave council an update on Congres Mondial Acadien.

- New CMA building in Tusket and website.
- Putting out promotional information
- Scott has attended meetings and indicated who was there.
- Scott asked Vaughne, the Director of Congres Mondial what we could do for the Congres Mondial Acadien
  - o She indicated they could partner with Clare even after Congres Mondial
  - o She indicated they could do a twinning
- A legacy project would be a good idea
- CAO Muise asked how to get constituents excited for Congres Mondial
- Deputy CAO Surette indicated he will ask Vaughne to meet with Council in the early or late fall to explain the budget and everything about CMA
- e. Service Exchange Negotiation

This item is for information only.

## **9. Financial Requests**

- a. District Community Grant Request – Ladies Auxiliary of the East Pubnico Fire Department - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Warden Danny Muise to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Ladies Auxiliary of East Pubnico Fire Department  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- b. District Community Grant Request - Pubnico-Light Monument Society - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Boudreau to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Pubnico Light Monument Society.  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- c. District Community Grant Request – East Side Community Centre - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the East Side Community Centre.  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- d. District Community Grant Request – Argyle Farmers Market - \$500

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Argyle Farmers Market.  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- e. District Community Grant Request – Par en Bas Seniors Club des Aines - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Warden Danny Muise to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to Par en Bas Seniors Club des Aines.  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- f. District Community Grant Request – Pubnico and Area Garden Club - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to the Pubnico and Area Garden Club.  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- g. District Community Grant Request – La Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to La société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest.  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

- h. District Community Grant Request – Amies du Musée - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a Community Grant of \$500 to Amies du Musée.  
*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

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

**11. Question Period**

**12. In Camera – None.**

**13. Adjournment**

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

*Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant/Recorder

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman/Warden \_\_\_\_\_

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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