

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Council Chambers, Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise, Councillors: Calvin d'Entremont, Gordon Boudreau, Glenn Diggdon, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson, 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 6:31 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise. The Warden called a moment of silence for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

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

Motion Carried. (9 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.

3. Presentation – Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant – Proposed Changes to Council Meetings

Ms. Newell presented changes to the way council meetings are run. The Executive Assistant explained the difference between a regular council meeting and a committee of the whole meeting. She presented changes for Council to consider for running a Council meeting and a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Her presentation is attached.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2022

It is moved by Deputy Warden and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the April 26, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2022

It is moved by Kathy Bourque seconded by Councillor Diggdon to approve the August 10, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Councillor Reports

Councillor Surette attended an Area Industrial Commission Meeting about Medical clinics, he attended an airport meeting and a Waste Check meeting, the NSFM conference, a Mariners Centre special meeting, and the Sluice Point Betterment Committee Meeting.

Councillor Diggdon attended the special Council meetings over the summer, a Mariners Centre meeting, REMO meeting, Canada Day Festivities, Garden Party for the Queen's Jubilee, Acadian Day festivities, organizing meetings for the concert in Pubnico. Councillor Diggdon mentioned that the concert was a huge success. He thanked all the volunteers involved. He worked with Senior Safety on cases, worked with Fire Inspector and By-Law Enforcement Officer, attended the NSFM conference, he also met with MLA LeBlanc regarding the intersection where highway 335 meets highway 3 and also about the lack of EHS services in our area.

Councillor Saulnier attended a WSP Meeting, he went to VJ Day at Wedgeport Legion and a wreath laying ceremony. He attended the concert in West Pubnico. Councillor Saulnier mentioned he had a good time bbqing at the Tuna Festival. He attended a Waste Check meeting, NSFM meeting, and met with Don Houston for Department of Public Works.

Deputy Warden Albright attended the ESPB Graduation, the in camera special Council Meetings, and the NSFM Conference. Deputy Warden mentioned the Belleville signs have been put up. She attended the opening ceremony for the 2022 World Axe Throwing Competition, she mentioned there will be a MCEC Meeting coming up soon.

Councillor Bourque attended a YAIC meeting, an Audit meeting for YAIC, WCRL Meeting, and Special Council meetings. She indicated that there is a sign and a half up for East Pubnico. She mentioned the trail is looking great in East Pubnico. She also helped a group of people clean the shorelines. She also mentioned the solar panels on the Willett Road and how they are up and running.

Councillor Boudreau attended special Council meetings, Canada day festivities, tintamarre in Wedgeport, in communications with MLA LeBlanc on widening the Jacquard Road. Thanked the Tuna Tournament Committee in this year's tournament, great turn outs, lots of fish, thank you to all volunteers and businesses.

Councillor Donaldson attended the Council Meetings, and set policies for the waste park. He also reported on the Argyle Abuptic Festival

Councillor d'Entremont reported on the Harve au tchai, the Acadian Day Festival in Pubnico. HE mentioned it showcased acadian music and it was a great time by all. He gave a shout out to Floyd d'Entremont from the Harbour Authority and Councillor Diggdon and many other

volunteers. He also attended the tuna tournament activities. He mentioned the shore lines will be cleaned down in Pubnico Point as well.

7. Warden's Report

Warden Muise reviewed his report attached to the agenda.

Attachment

8. Staff Report

Deputy CAO Surette reviewed the staff report as attached to the agenda.

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to accept the staff report as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

9. Notice to Council

a. Article C49 – Investment Policy

This is a 7-day notice to council for the Investment Policy to be passed.

10. For Decision/Discussion

a. Boundary Review – Options for Approval for Public Engagement

CAO Muise outlined the different maps to bring forward to the public for the Boundary Review. After lengthy discussions from council, council agreed to go to the public with 2 different maps – a modified 9 district map and a 7 district map.

Councillor Richard Donaldson left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to approve the options for approval for public engagement for 7 councillors and 9 councillors as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Mariners Centre Management Board Nominations

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve the Mariners Centre Board nomination as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

c. First Reading of Amended By-Law #30 – Tusket Wastewater

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to pass the first reading of the amended By-Law #30 – Tusket Wastewater. Staff will advertise the first reading in the paper.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

d. Yarmouth CAT Ferry

Councillor Calvin d'Entremont explained the negative media surrounding the CAT Ferry. He explained that the CAT has been out of service for 3 years, and this was the first year back. It takes time for the port to build momentum. After some discussion about the negative comments, council decided to write a letter to the Premier, MLA Colton LeBlanc and Minister Masland regarding Argyle Council's concerns for the CAT Ferry.

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont, seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to the premier, cc MLA Colton LeBlanc and Minister Masland regarding Argyle Council's concerns regarding the negative comments that were said in the media.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

e. Holiday on September 19

CAO Muise outlined that there is no decision to be made on this topic anymore, as the Premier of Nova Scotia announced that this is a provincial holiday, therefore, the Municipal Office will be closed on Monday, September 19, 2022.

11. Correspondence and for Information

a. Construction and Demolition Debris Letter

No action. For information.

b. CAPEB Letter to MLA Colton LeBlanc

No action. For information.

c. Updates on Grants for Seniors from the Province

No action. For information.

d. Letter received from the Wedgeport Tuna Tournament and Festival

No action. For information.

e. Letter received from WCB NS

No action. For information.

f. PCAP Ministers Approval Letter

No action. For information.

g. CMA 2024 – Deferred

This is a standing item on the agenda. There were no updates to provide at this time, therefore, this item has been deferred.

h. City Wide Communications

No action. For information.

i. NSFM's Monday Memo

This is a standing item on the agenda.

j. NSFM Conference

No action. For information.

k. Promotional Video

Marc Periard is coming on September 26-October 2. Deputy CAO is working on the final details of his visit. This is just for information, no decision to be made

12. Financial Requests – District Community Grant Requests

a. Association des Clairmont, DeViller, Fitzgerald, Harris & Jacquard - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to the Association des Clairmont, DeViller, Fitzgerald, Harris and Jacquard.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Comeau's Hill Cemetery - \$500

It is moved by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Kathy Bourque to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to the Comeau's Hill Cemetery

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

c. Comeau's Hill and Little River Beach Committee - \$500

It is moved by Ted Saulnier and seconded by Guy Surette to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to the Comeau's Hill and Little River Beach Committee.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

d. Immaculate Conception Cemetery Committee - \$500

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to the Immaculate Conception Cemetery Committee.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

e. Le Club Acadien Seniors de Wedgeport - \$500

It is moved by Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Ted Saulnier to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to Le Club Acadien Seniors de Wedgeport.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

13. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motions by Councillors

14. Question Period

15. In Camera

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Gordon Boudreau to go in-camera at 8:57 p.m.

After lengthy discussions, no decision is to be made, therefore, Council reached a consensus to go back to the regular meeting to adjourn.

16. Adjournment

It is duly moved to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 10:38 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

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