

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, September 27, 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, Director of Finance, Marsha d'Eon, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell.

Also present were Gloria Banks, Chris Ellis, and Oscar Urbina.

Regrets: none.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Glenn Diggdon the agenda is approved with the following changes:

- Switching item 3 and 4 on the agenda
 - Adding a new 4 – Approving Consolidated Financial Statements
- Motion Carried. (8 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 – Consolidated Financial Statements – Grant Thornton

Gloria Banks and Chris Ellis were in attendance to present the Consolidated Financial Statements to Council. Gloria Banks outlined the high-level details of the financial statements. There was already a presentation made to the Audit Committee, where they recommended passing the Consolidated Financial Statements.

4. Approval of Consolidated Financial Statements

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Warden Danny Muise to approve the Consolidated Financial Statements as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

5. Presentation – Oscar Urbina, RES Canada

Oscar Urbina is at the meeting this evening to talk to Council about a potential wind energy project in the Municipality. Mr. Urbina's presentation is attached.

6. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting – September 13, 2022

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022 as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

7. Business Arising from Minutes

8. For Decision

a. Capital Investment Plan

CAO Muise presented the 5-year Capital Investment Plan. He reminded Council that this report is subject to change.

The Capital Investment Plan is attached.

Councillor Surette arrived at the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Capital Investment Plan as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. Article C49 – Investment Policy

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the Investment Policy to send it to the Office of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

9. Correspondence and for information

a. Boundary Review – Next Steps

CAO Muise explained the next steps of the boundary review process. Council previously approved a modified 9 district map and a 7-district map to go to the public for their consultation. CAO Muise indicated that staff is working on reaching out to different volunteer groups for their input as well as setting up a survey and another open house.

No motion was required from Council on this topic.

b. Fall Grants to Organization Update

Executive Assistant Newell explained that the fall grants to organization session has closed. There were 13 grant applications received. She reminded council that they only had \$7,000 to give this fall.

No motion was required from Council on this topic.

c. NSFM Monday Memos

This is a standing agenda item for information.

d. Western County Regional Library Minutes

No action required.

e. CMA 2024 Update

Deputy CAO Surette provided council an update on the CMA 2024. He explained that Vaughne Madden will be attending the November council meeting regarding CMA 2024.

f. Hurricane Fiona Impacts on Municipality

CAO Muise advised that we were fortunate here in our area. But for infrastructure, the generator got moved to the treatment plant from the old municipal building and that worked well. CAO Muise thanked the Operations staff.

10. Financial Requests

a. District Community Grant Request – Argyle Horizon Seniors Group - \$500

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to provide a District Community Grant to the Argyle Horizon Seniors Group in the amount of \$500. *Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)*

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

12. Question Period

CAO Muise addressed some questions from the public regarding the Financial Statements and the Wind Turbines.

13. In Camera – None.

14. Adjournment

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Warden Danny Muise to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:32 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 _____