

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 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; Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell.

Regrets: Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, and Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright.

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved with the following addition:

- Seal Island Light House (8 E)
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 – None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting – October 11, 2022

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022 as presented.
Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

5. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Boundary Review – Update on Public Engagement

Deputy CAO Surette explained that staff has attended various community group meetings and they are receiving feedback for the Public Engagement.

b. Fall Grants to Organization – Update

Executive Assistant Newell advised council that the letters and cheques have been issued for the Fall Grants to Organizations.

6. Financial Statements

a. Statement of Operations – Operating Fund

Deputy CAO Surette gave Council a high-level update on the operating budget up to September 2022. He advised Council that currently, they are projecting a surplus of \$236,612. The majority of the surplus is from the Deed transfer tax and the HST rebate.

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to accept the operating fund financial statements as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

The statement of operations for the operating fund and the qualitative report are attached.

b. Statement of Operations – Capital Reserve and Gas Tax Reserve

Deputy CAO provided an update on the Capital Reserve and the Gas Tax Reserve. He outlined the projects under budget, including the Wedgeport Wastewater project, and the Eel Brook Fire Hall.

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to accept the capital reserve and gas tax reserve statements as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

The statement of operations for the capital reserve and gas tax reserve are attached.

7. For Decision

a. Letter of Support - Alcohol Warning Labels

Deputy Warden Albright gave Councillor Surette the floor to provide council with some background on this request.

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to write a letter of support for Alcohol Warning Labels.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. Letter of Support for Funding

- New Horizons Grant – Hubbards Point Community Centre

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Glenn Digdon to provide a letter of support to the Hubbards Point Community Centre.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

- Patchwork Pals

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a letter of support to Patchwork Pals.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

- CAPEB

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Warden Danny Muise to provide a letter of support to CAPEB.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

- Le Village

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to provide a letter of support to Le Village.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

c. Kings Lake

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright provided an explanation on this line item. After some discussion, council decided to make the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Kings Lake Estates Lot Owners Association is a non-profit Association created specifically to manage road improvements on behalf of the owners:

WHEREAS: The development is a considerable success, bringing thousands of dollars in taxation revenue to the Municipality of Argyle per year, of which we are grateful for the choice to build in Argyle:

WHEREAS: The development is in need to improve the safety of its current garbage collection location, as well as find a solution on lands they own.

WHEREAS: The improvement will allow for more protection of the garbage from litter, or from wildlife intrusion.

WHEREAS: The Municipality of Argyle, while grateful for the development, cannot fully subsidize every solution of this nature, and must protect taxpayer dollars.

WHEREAS: The successful funding of such a request may motivate other requests to come to the Municipality as a response.

AND WHEREAS: The Municipality is a willing partner in this investment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT: The Municipality supports the request from the Kings Lake Estates Lot Owners Association as a 35% contributor to the project, amounting to \$3,500.

THAT: The Municipality states that the funding is dependent on an approved plan from the Garbage Collector, and that is a onetime funding approval.

THAT: The Municipality, in anticipation of possible other requests of this nature, amend the Bylaw 41 – The Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads, to add instructions on how Associations may apply for funding, including a list of reasons why a project may qualify for funding.

THAT: The Municipality shall approve funding to a maximum of 35% of the total project cost (net of HST rebates) or \$3,500, whichever is lower, and that the Municipality still reserves the right to deny or defer decisions to future budgets under certain conditions to be outlined in the Bylaw.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

d. Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission

Councillor Surette explained this request to council. The Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission is looking to create a management board to run the Port. They are asking that the Municipality of Argyle become a nominator of one person in the Municipality to represent on this new board.

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to accept the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commissions ask to become a nominator for the Port Management Board.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

e. November Committee of the Whole Meeting

Executive Assistant Newell advised council that they typically cancel the November committee of the whole meeting due to the lobster fishing season. However, she is suggesting Council move their Committee of the Whole meeting from November 29 to November 22.

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to move the Committee of the Whole Meeting in November from the 29th to the 22nd.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

8. Correspondence and for information

a. NSFM Monday Memos – October 11 and 17, 2022

This is a standing line item on the agenda for information purposes only.

b. Thank you letter from CAPEB

Council and staff received a thank you letter from CAPEB for their help with their AGM. No motion is required on this topic.

c. NSFM Service Exchange Renegotiation Survey Results

The Office of the CAO provided Council with the survey results from the NSFM Service Exchange Renegotiation Survey. No motion is required on this topic.

d. Firemen Training Request

Deputy CAO Surette explained that a request came forward from the Fire Fighters Association for training. However, the fire association had money in their budget already, therefore, council does not need to make a decision about their request.

Council began discussing the fire coordinator position in Barrington and how it may be beneficial for the Municipality. They decided to pass a motion to have the Fire Coordinator in Barrington come speak to Council.

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to have staff invite the Fire Coordinator from Barrington to an Argyle Council Meeting to discuss

the Fire Coordinator Position.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

e. Seal Island Lighthouse

Councillor d'Entremont brought forward this request as a late addition to the agenda. Councillor explained that the Seal Island Lighthouse is a monumental item in Argyle's history and culture. He indicated there has been some talk that the Coast Guard may not keep up with it. He wanted to bring this forward to council's attention. He indicated he may have more on this topic at a later meeting.

9. Financial Requests - None.

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

11. Question Period – None.

12. In Camera – None.

13. Adjournment

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:32 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 _____