

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Council Chambers, Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillors: Gordon Boudreau, Glenn Diggdon, Kathy Bourque, Ted Saulnier, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, Director of Protection Services René Jeddry, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell.

Regrets: Councillor Calvin d'Entremont

Councillor Guy Surette arrived at 7:24 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

Warden Danny Muise presented Councillor Richard Donaldson a plaque for his long-standing service as a councillor.

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

On a motion by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried. (7 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 – WSP, Erin Ferguson – LUB and MPS Changes

WSP Planner Erin Ferguson was in attendance on Zoom to present changes to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-Law. These changes being proposed are surrounding various housekeeping amendments, changes to group dwellings, fur farms, multi-unit dwellings in the CC Zone, home occupations, updates to fees and Wind Energy Development. The Planning Advisory Committee met prior to the council meeting to bring forward recommendations to accept the first reading of the proposed changes. Following the acceptance, the next steps are to go to public hearing.

Erin's staff reports are attached.

4. For Decision – Recommendations from PAC

The Planning Advisory Committee is recommending that council accept the first reading of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-Law.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier that council:

- Approve first reading of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy as contained in the planner's report attached;
- Approve first reading of the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law as contained in the planner's report attached;
- Proceed to public hearing without a second meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee unless substantial comments are received from the public;
- Authorize staff to schedule a public hearing; and
- Approve the proposed additions to the Municipality of Argyle's Policy Article C22 – Fees and Penalties by a resolution of council.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

5. Presentation – Kerry Muise, Chamber of Commerce, Doctor Recruitment

Kerry was in attendance on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Doctor Recruitment to provide statistics to council around doctor recruitment. She quoted many doctors that had positive things to say about the Community Navigator Position for doctor recruitment. Kerry spoke about the relationships that have been built over the last couple of years and how strong they are. Some relationships she mentioned were the committees' relationships with other doctors, the hospital staff, Nova Scotia Health, elected officials, and students. She also provided an update on how successful the Credit Union House has been for recruitment and retention of doctors.

The Chamber of Commerce is asking for funding for the next three years, beginning next fiscal year, for the Community Navigator. For the last three years, four municipalities have contributed \$20,000. For the next three years, they are asking for the municipalities to consider giving \$25,000 for the next three years.

The Council decided that \$25,000 was not enough money and decided to make the following motion:

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to provide the Chamber of Commerce with \$30,000 over 3 years beginning next fiscal year for the Community Navigator Position.

Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)

6. Adoption of Minutes

- a. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2022

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve the October 25, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

7. Business Arising from Minutes

8. Councillor Reports

Councillor Bourque reported on her attendance at her regular meetings for the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission and the Nakile Board. She reported on the presentation that was held for a new gaming system for residents and how it's a great new tool for families and residents to share. She also reported on her attendance at the NSFAM Conference.

Deputy Warden Albright reported on her attendance at the Belleville Committee Group, she mentioned there was a boundary review presentation there which was well received. She also attended the Aquaculture open house which she reported was a resounding success. She also reported on her attendance at the announcement for the Mariners Centre Expansion, where 15.9 Million dollars was announced from the federal government, and 4 million dollars from the Provincial Government. She also attended a few other Mariners Centre meetings regarding governance structure and herself and the CEO of the Mariners Centre sat with the White Caps coaches to hear their concerns surrounding the aquatics centre. Lastly, Deputy Warden reported on her attendance at the NSFAM conference.

Councillor Saulnier reported on his attendance at the Aquaculture open house, the NSFAM conference and a Waste Check meeting.

Councillor Surette reported on his attendance at the NSFAM Conference, Mariners Centre Expansion meetings, the Mariners Centre funding announcement, the Aquaculture openhouse and Halloween on the Trail with Recreation.

Councillor Diggdon reported on his attendance at the unveiling of the veteran's monument in West Pubnico, the Aquaculture open house, he mentioned it was nice to see younger residents taking an interest in the open house. He also reported on his attendance at the PAC Information Session and how he co-sponsored a Halloween party which was a success.

Councillor Boudreau attended the Aquaculture open house and the Nakile Board meeting.

Councillor Donaldson attended his regular committee meetings.

9. Warden's Report

Warden Muise reviewed his report attached to the agenda.

10. Staff Report

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

CAO Muise provided an update on the NSFAM service exchange survey.

11. For Decision/Discussion

a. Second Reading, By-Law 35 Repeal

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to approve the second reading of By-Law 35, Repeal.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Request from Municipality of Shelburne

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Municipality of Shelburne's request to have the CAO sit on an advisory committee regarding future marine research projects.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

12. Correspondence and for Information

a. Eel Brook Fire Hall Tender

CAO Muise briefly gave an update on the Eel Brook Fire Hall. They are going ahead to tender for new building construction in December.

13. Financial Requests

a. SAR Social Fund

CAO Muise excused himself from this agenda item as he is in conflict.

Warden Danny Muise explained the request. Deputy CAO Surette and Warden Muise were approached by our Senior Safety Coordinator to do a food drive for the SAR social fund, as they are expecting a lot of requests this winter due to the rising cost of everything.

MB Sluice Properties (the owners of Carl's Store and La Shoppe a Carl) is requesting \$3,000 as a one time funding for the SAR Social Club. They have approached other corporations for donations as well. They have currently received \$7,000 in corporate donations thus far.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve a one-time funding request for the SAR Social Club.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Plymouth School - \$500 – Ted Saulnier

Warden Muise stepped out at 8:16 p.m. and Deputy Warden Nicole Albright stepped in as Chair.

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to the Plymouth School.

Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)

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

15. Question Period

16. In Camera

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to go in-camera at 8:18 p.m.

Motion Carried. (7 in favour, 0 against)

After discussion regarding a solar project subject to in-camera, council returned to the regular meeting to make a motion.

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to authorize the CAO to negotiate and sign an MOU with interested municipal partners to apply for a large scale solar project. The CAO will be allowed to negotiate up to 50% participating interest of the

initial total cost of the project with municipal partners.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

17. Adjournment

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:03 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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