

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, November 22, 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, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright.

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved with the following additions:

- Correspondence (8 E)
- In-Camera – Contract Negotiations with Mariners Centre.

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 – Rob Stephenson, Western Regional Enterprise Network

Rob Stephenson presented to Council on behalf of the Western REN's Business Now program. He was in to give council an overview of business succession planning and the importance of it for business owners. His ask to Council is to bring awareness to this program to the local business owners in the Municipality. His presentation is attached.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting – November 8, 2022

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022 as presented.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. 7-day Notice to Council

a. Article C49 – Council Procedural Policy

Executive Assistant Newell presented the Council Procedural Policy for 7-day notice to council. Council had some suggestions on what to add to this policy. Executive Assistant Newell and the

Office of the CAO will work on an Appendix B for this policy and bring it back to council to consider for 7-day notice again at the December regular meeting.

7. For Decision

a. Request for Tax Interest Write Off

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to write off the interest on AAN # 01054619 for a total of \$245.67.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. By-Law 42 – Outdoor Light Pollution – First Draft

CAO Muise presented a draft of an outdoor light pollution by-law. He advised Council that he has been seeking legal advice on this by-law. CAO is requesting some guidance from Council on where to go next with this by-law.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to advise staff to seek feedback from business owners regarding the Outdoor Light Pollution By-Law #42.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

c. Boundary Review

Deputy CAO Surette reminded council of the boundary review process and how Council has to make a recommendation to the Utility and review Board by December 31st, 2022.

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to have staff prepare a recommendation to the Utility and Review Board that the Municipality of the District of Argyle continues to have 9 Councillors representing the Municipality with the amendments of the following districts:

District 1 – Communities of East Kempt and Hubbard's Point would no longer be in this District, replaced with SAR, Rocco Point and Eel Brook.

District 4 – Community of Hubbard's Point would be added to the existing communities of Amirault's Hill, Sluice Point, and the Islands.

District 5 – Communities of SAR, Eel Brook and Rocco point eliminated, and replaced with East Kempt

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

d. Draft Strategic Plan

CAO Muise presented a draft strategic plan to council and asked for their approval to keep going working on the first draft of the strategic plan if it aligns with Council's goals.

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to proceed with the first draft of the strategic plan as presented by Staff.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

8. Correspondence and for information

a. NSFM Monday Memo – November 14, 2022

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

b. Response from Minister Masland re: CAT Ferry

Council received correspondence from Minister MasLand responding to their letter regarding the CAT Ferry.

c. Heartland Tours Most Active Award Received.

Yarmouth County received an award from the Heartland Tour for most active.

d. 2023 Capped Assessment and Key Dates Reminder

This item is for information purposes only.

e. Correspondence from Chamber of Commerce

Warden Muise and Council received a thank you from the Chamber of Commerce for their contribution towards Doctor Recruitment.

9. Financial Requests - None.

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

a. Volunteer Banquet in the new year – Councillor Bourque

11. Question Period – None.

12. In Camera – Contract Negotiations

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to recess the regular meeting and go to an in-camera session under Section 22:2 of the MGA, section E.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

Kathy, Calvin, 8:55

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

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