



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023

Council Members Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Richard Donaldson, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Calvin d'Entremont, Councillor Guy Surette, and Councillor Kathy Bourque.

Absent with Regrets: Deputy Warden Nicole Albright

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, and Executive Assistant Chantalle Newell.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Danny Muise called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **Invitation to Stand and Move**

Warden Danny Muise reminded Council that they are permitted to stand and move as they need to during the meeting. This is a new initiative introduced by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved with the addition of:

- District Community Grant Request for le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Ecosse
- Discussion on assessments going up under Financial Reports

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2023**

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2023 are approved as presented.

b. **Special Council Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2023**

By consensus, the Special Council Meeting Minutes are approved with the correction of Councillor Diggdon's attendance.

5. **Department Head Reports – Finance Department**

a. **Quarterly Financial Reports – Operating and Capital Funds**

Director of Finance d'Eon was present at a special meeting of council held before the Executive Meeting to review the Operating and Capital Reserve funds.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to accept the operating and capital financial report as presented.



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6. For Decision

a. Article C51 – Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to approve the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. First Reading – Amendment – By-Law 41 – The Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the first reading of By-Law 41 – The Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Repeal – Article P13 – Group Insurance

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to repeal Article P13 – Group Insurance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Argyle Emergency Fund

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to transfer \$4000 from the Community Litter Clean Up Program to the Argyle Emergency Fund for the period ending March 31, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to have staff present a policy for the Argyle Emergency Fund by April 30, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Correspondence and For Information

a. Building Official Recommendations

The Building Official recommendations are attached to the agenda for information purposes only.

b. Online Request System

Deputy CAO Surette explained the Online Request System to Council.

8. Financial Requests

a. Club Social des Iles Funding Request



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It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to provide the Club Social des Iles with \$2,000 in funding in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **District Community Grant Request – Club Social des Iles**

This item is deferred until the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

c. **District Community Grant Request – Twin Village Social Club**

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide the Twin Village Social Club with a \$500 District Community Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. **District Community Grant Request – Sluice Point Betterment Committee**

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to provide the Sluice Point Betterment Committee with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **District Community Grant Request – Abram’s River School House Society**

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Calvin d’Entremont to provide the Abram’s River School House Society with a \$500 District Community Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. **Radiothon Sponsorship**

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to provide the hospital Radiothon Sponsorship in the amount of \$1000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

g. **District Community Grant Request – Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Ecosse**

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to provide Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Ecosse with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Agenda Topics for the next meeting/Notice of Motion by Councillors**

Recreation Volunteer Banquet to be brought to the next meeting.



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10. **Question Period**

11. **In-Camera – Personnel Matter Section 22:2 (C) MGA**

Council recessed to an in-camera session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. No motion was required from the discussion.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder

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