



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 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:

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

1. **Public Hearing**

The purpose of this public hearing is to review the Land Use By-Law amendments in relations to the separation distance regarding windmills.

2. **Call Meeting to Order**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

3. **Invitation to Stand and Move**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright 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.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved with the addition of 8F - Capital Projects.

5. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023**

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023 are approved as presented.

6. **Second Reading of Land-Use By-Law Amendments re: Wind Development**

It is MOVED by Warden Danny Muise and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to defer the second reading of the Land Use By-Law Amendments regarding wind energy development until the next meeting to allow time for public comments, as the public hearing was unable to be livestreamed due to technical difficulties.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **7-Day Notice**

a. **Article C40 – Nepotism**

This is a 7-day notice for the Nepotism Policy.



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b. **REPEAL – Article C48 – COVID 19 Financing Policy**

This is a 7-day notice for the repeal of the COVID 19 Financing Policy.

c. **REPEAL – Article C10 – Tent Rental Policy**

This is a 7-day notice for the repeal of the Tent Rental Policy.

d. **REPEAL – Article C20 – C&D Landfill**

This is a 7-day notice for the repeal of the C&D Landfill Policy.

8. **Department Head Reports – Department of Recreation Services**

Director of Recreation Services, Natalie d’Entremont was present at a special meeting of council prior to the Executive Meeting to speak about ongoing projects in the Recreation Department.

9. **For Decision**

a. **Nakile Home for Special Care Tax Exemption By-Law/Exemption By-Law**

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to add Nakile Home for Special Care to The Municipality of Argyle’s Charitable Organization By-Law Exemption Schedule A list, and taxed at a capped amount of \$25,000 plus the Fire Department Area Rate.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **REPEAL – Article C45 – COVID 19 Policy**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to Repeal Article C45 – COVID 19 Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. **Transfer Request from Operating Reserve**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Warden Danny Muise to authorize the Director of Finance to borrow up to \$800,000 (non interest bearing) from the operating reserve to the operating fund with full repayment by August 15, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. **Veterans Banners**

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to support the Veterans Banners Program and that the cost be budgeted in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget for an additional 5 banners per district.

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e. **Letter of Thanks for Rebecca Rose, Community Navigator**



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It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to have staff write a letter of thanks to Rebecca Rose, the former Community Navigator, as she has resigned from her position.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. **Capital Projects**

CAO Muise explained that there is money left over from a funding project for accessibility and staff is looking at using money to improve the accessibility in the Administration building. This project will be 50% funded by the capital reserve and 50% funded by the Government of Nova Scotia from the surplus of funds from the accessibility project. This project will include installing automatic openers for several doors and installing rails going down the hallways.

The other capital project that staff is seeking approval from Council is for the parking lot. This project would be funded 100% from the capital reserve. Staff has identified issues with flooding and accessibility in the parking lot that staff feels should be addressed as soon as possible.

Staff is seeking approval from Council to commence these projects.

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the capital project requests for the Accessibility Upgrades to the Municipal Administration Building and the work on the municipal administration building parking lot.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Correspondence and For Information**

a. **Wedgeport Wind - Registration of Environmental Assessment**

For information, no action required.

b. **Correspondence from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation**

For information, no action required.

c. **Legislation Supports Off-Highway Vehicle Use**

For information, no action required.

11. **Strategic Plan Progress Report**

CAO Muise explained the strategic plan progress report. Council approved a strategic plan and staff is committed to providing quarterly updates to council on the status of the strategic plan action items.

12. **Financial Requests**

a. **District Community Grant Request – St. Joseph Church**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Warden Danny Muise to provide the St. Joseph Church with a District Community Grant of \$500.



MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **District Community Grant Request – Pubnico Point Trail Association**

It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Richard Donaldson to provide the Pubnico Point Trail Association with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. **District Community Grant Request – Seal Island Old Baptist Meeting Place Society**

It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide the Seal Island Old Baptist Meeting Place Society with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. **District Community Grant Request – Harbour Authority of Dennis Point**

Councillor Glenn Diggdon abstained from the vote, as he has declared a conflict of interest.

It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide the Harbour Authority of Dennis Point with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **District Community Grant Request – Société Bon Temps d'Argyle**

It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to provide the Société Bon Temps d'Argyle with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. **District Community Grant Request – Hubbards Point Community Centre**

It is MOVED by Warden Danny Muise and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide the Hubbards Point Community Centre with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

g. **Fire Services Capital Grant Request – Lake Vaughan Fire Department**

CAO Muise explained the request. Lake Vaughan is asking for \$25,000 over 5 years through our Fire Services Capital Grant Request. Some members of Council expressed their concern with their ask in comparison with Lake Vaughan's ask from the Municipality of Yarmouth, as Lake Vaughan covers both municipalities, with a greater coverage in the Municipality of Yarmouth.



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It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to defer this item until budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h. Nova Scotia Music Week Request

It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d’Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to provide YASTA with \$10,000 for Nova Scotia Music Week for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

14. Question Period

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

Council recessed to an in-camera session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

No motion was required from the discussion.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder