



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
143RD ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 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. **Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Danny Muise called the meeting to order at 6:36 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/Conflict of Interest Declaration**

By consensus, the agenda was approved with the addition of Mariners Centre Ownership, with no conflict declared.

4. **Presentation – Yarmouth County Hospice Society**

Brian Noble was present from the Yarmouth County Hospice Society to make a presentation to council. They are asking for \$5000 to invest in a Cuddle Bed.

5. **Recognizing Argyle**

Councillor d'Entremont gave a shout out to Strong Tides Cross Fit and Boatskeg for raising money towards the Jevon Link Foundation at a walk at the Pubnico Trail. They raised a total of \$6000.

Councillor Boudreau reported on the Tuna Museum hockey tournament. He gave a shout out to the sponsors and the helpers. There was over \$1700 raised.

Councillor Surette reported on the Islands and District Rappie Pie Sale happening on April 15th. They will be going door to door selling rappie pie to support the fire department.

Councillor Donaldson congratulated Darryl LeBlanc on accepting the provincial volunteer representative. He also reported on the Argyle Abuptic Festival Committee Meeting.

6. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2023**



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By consensus, the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2023 are approved as presented.

b. **Executive Council Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2023**

By consensus, the Executive Council Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2023 are approved as presented.

7. **Appointment of Auditors**

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the firm of Grant Thornton LLP as auditors for the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Appointment of Officers**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the enclosed list of appointments of officers for the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Appointment of Solicitors**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the Firm d'Entremont Boudreau as Solicitors for the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to approve the firm Cox & Palmer as subcontracted solicitors for specialized services for the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Membership to NSF and FCM**

It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve Council's membership to NSF and FCM for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

11. **Wardens Report**

Warden Muise's report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on his report.

12. **Committees Report**

a. **Substance Use Awareness Project**



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Councillor Surette explained that this committee used to be the MAP (Municipal Alcohol Project), but has been changed to the Substance Use Awareness Project to include other substances. They will be meeting again on May 16th.

b. **Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission**

Councillor Surette explained that the committee is meeting on Monday and they are signing the lease for Harbour South. After that lease is signed, they will be working on the A.M. Clarke Centre, which NS Health is also interested in taking over.

c. **REMO Executive Meeting**

The draft budget was released for REMO.

d. **Mariners Management Authority**

Councillor Diggdon indicated there isn't much to report. They are currently looking towards the expansion.

e. **Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright explained that this committee has met it's mandate and will no longer be meeting. It has now been divided in to the MCEB and EPC. They are currently looking at creating a communications plan.

f. **Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association**

Councillor d'Entremont indicated they are preparing for the upcoming tourism season and they are looking at getting a consultant to work on the Room Levy rate.

g. **Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park**

Nothing to report.

h. **Yarmouth International Airport Corporation**

Councillor Surette reported they are interviewing a citizen representative next week, and they are in the process of budget preparing.

i. **Nakile Board**

Councillor Bourque reported on how there was no meeting last month, as they took the administrator out for lunch for her retirement.

j. **Western County Regional Libraries**

Councillor Kathy Bourque reported on how they met with the audit and finance committee and they are working on the budget.

k. **WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee**



There will be a meeting in June.

l. Argyle Recreation Committee

Meeting coming up.

m. Police Advisory Board

Nothing to report.

n. Doctor Recruitment

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright reported on the Community Navigator resigning from her position. They are currently trying to fill it.

o. Waste check

Nothing to report.

p. Sewer Committees

Sewer meetings have all been scheduled.

13. Reports

a. Clerks Report

The clerk's report is attached to the agenda.

b. Department Head Report

The Department Head Report is attached to the agenda.

c. Building Permit Report

The building permit report will be submitted to council after the meeting, as it was not ready prior to the meeting.

14. 7-Day Notice to Council

a. Article C22 – Fees and Penalties

This is 7-day notice for the fees and penalties policy amendment.

b. Article P28 - Substance Abuse

This is 7-day notice for the Substance Abuse policy.

15. For Decision and Discussion

a. Second Reading – Land Use By-Law Amendments

It is MOVED by Councillor Richard Donaldson and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to give second reading and approve the proposed Land Use By-Law amendments to facilitate wind development as outlined in the provisions associated with Option 2.



MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **REPEAL – Article C28 – COVID 19 Property Tax Financing Policy**

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve the repeal of Article C28 – COVID 19 Property Tax Financing Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to approve the repeal of Article C10 – Tent Rental Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to approve the repeal of Article C20 – C&D Landfill.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **Article P40 - Nepotism**

Deputy CAO Surette left the Council Chambers for this topic of discussion.

Council wished to seek further clarification on this policy as it relates to the CAO hiring family members. Therefore, this item will be deferred until further notice.

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to defer the Nepotism Policy to allow staff time to do research and clarify sections regarding the CAO hiring family members.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy CAO Surette returned to the Council Chambers after this topic of discussion.

f. **Mariners Centre Ownership**

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Mariners Centre, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Mariners Centre, as presented.

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It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the Project Charter for the Mariners Centre Expansion, as presented.

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It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve the Development Agreement for the Mariners Centre, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. **Correspondence and For Information**

a. **NSFM Monday Memos**

The NSFM Monday Memos are a standing item on the agenda.

b. **Yarmouth County Trail Development Association Report**

For information.

c. **Yarmouth Seaport Nominations**

For information.

d. **Municipality of Barrington Land Use By-Law Changes re: Agricultural Uses**

For information.

17. **Financial Requests – Deferred until after budget deliberations.**

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

Councillor Glenn Diggdon indicated that a financial request for a loan will be coming to council in the near future. This would be for replacing the roof at the fire department.

19. **Question Period**

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

The Council moved to an in-camera session at 7:57 to discuss a personnel matter.

It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to accept the amendments to the CAO contract as presented.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder

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