



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

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

**Absent:** Councillor Richard Donaldson

**Staff Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette.

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Danny Muise called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. with Councillor Richard Donaldson being marked as absent.

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.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved with the addition of Item 6G – Mosquitoes.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2023**

By consensus, the Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2023 were approved as presented.

5. **For Decision and Discussion**

a. **First Reading – By-Law 40 – Regional Emergency Management**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve first reading of by-law 40 – Regional Emergency Management amendments as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. **Letters of Support for Various Organizations for a New Horizons Grant**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to provide a letter of support to the Twin Village Social Club to support their application for a New Horizons Grant.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a letter of support to the Tourism Committee for the Historic Chapel Site to support their application for a New Horizons Grant.*



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*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a letter of support to the Ladies Auxiliary of the West Pubnico Fire Department to support their application for a New Horizons Grant.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to provide a letter of support to the Comité des aînés et aînées de la région d'Argyle to support their application for a New Horizons Grant.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**c. New Members for Mariners Centre Boards**

Executive Assistant Newell advised council that since the new Mariners Centre Intermunicipal Agreement was signed, there is a requirement for councils to appoint one more member to the Mariners Centre Management Board, and two new members that do not currently serve on the Mariners Centre Management Board to serve on the Nominating Committee which reviews the citizen representatives for the Management Board.

*It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to appoint Councillor Guy Surette to the Mariners Centre Management Board as the Municipality of Argyle's additional representative.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to appoint Councillor Gordon Boudreau to the Mariners Centre Nominating Committee as one of the Municipality of Argyle's representatives.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to appoint Councillor Ted Saulnier to the Mariners Centre Nominating Committee as an additional representative of the Municipality of Argyle.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**d. Letter of Support – Play On!**

Deputy Warden outlined this request. Play On! is putting an application in to host an event in Yarmouth. They require letters of support from various organizations. The Municipality of Yarmouth and the Town of Yarmouth have provided letters of support.

*It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a letter of support to Play On! supporting their application to host an event in Yarmouth.*



**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**e. Wedgeport and District Fire Protection Association Rate Confirmation**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the rate of seven-cents per \$100 of assessment for the Wedgeport and District Fire Protection Association. This shall be collected over 6 years beginning in June 2023.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**f. Service Exchange**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright asked questions regarding the road portion of this service exchange agreement. CAO Muise explained it in detail.

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to endorse all recommendations but one proposed by the Province of NS and NSFM as proposed in the shared services proposed agreement and encourage provincial approval at the fall sitting of legislature. Further, we will request additional clarity of purpose and application of the local road recommendations prior to endorsement.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**g. Mosquitoes**

Councillor Guy Surette brought up the topic of mosquitoes for discussion. He has received multiple complaints from residents about mosquitoes. Understanding, there is no direct solution from the municipality, the council had a discussion about mosquitoes.

**6. Correspondence and For Information**

**a. Strategic Plan**

Executive Assistant Newell advised council that they passed the strategic plan at a previous meeting. It was then put into a format that can be viewed by the public. This is what is being presented to council. No decision is required, as it has already been passed.

**7. Financial Requests**

**8. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion by Councillors**

**9. Question Period**

**10. In-Camera – Section 22:2 (E) – Contract Negotiations, Joint Recreational Asset**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to go in-camera to discuss a joint recreational asset, under Section 22:2 (E) of the MGA at 5:16 p.m.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

By consensus, the special meeting of Council reconvened at 5:45 p.m. to make the following motion:



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*It is MOVED by councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright that council contributes 1/3 share with the Municipality and the Town of Yarmouth to a \$550,000 recreation facility, as negotiated.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the special meeting of Council was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair

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Clerk/Recorder

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