



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

Council Members Present: Warden Danny Muise, Councillor Richard Donaldson, Councillor Glenn Diggon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Guy Surette, Councillor Calvin d'Entremont, and Councillor Kathy Bourque.

Absent with Regrets: Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, and Councillor Gordon Boudreau

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 6:31 p.m. and indicated that there are regrets from Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and Councillor Gordon Boudreau.

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 an initiative by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

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

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 12, 2023 are approved as presented.

5. **Department Head Report – Director of Finance, Marsha d'Eon**

Director of Finance, Marsha d'Eon was present prior to the meeting to provide council with an update on the financials until September 30, 2023. At the end of September 2023, there is a surplus of \$147,289 excluding sewers and utilities.

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to accept the Financial Report until September 30, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Capital Investment Plan**

a. **Tusket Treatment Plant Expansion**

CAO Muise explained this request. The Tusket Sewer Treatment Plant is currently operating above its peak flow capacity during rain events which is causing some issues. The Department of Operational



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Services is requesting that the Tuskent Sewer Treatment Plan expansion be put as a priority for Capital Investment Planning.

It is MOVED by Councillor Richard Donaldson and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to approve the addition of the Expansion of the Tuskent Sewer Treatment Plant to the Capital Investment Plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. For Decision and Discussion

a. Article P8 - Holidays

It is MOVED by Councillor Richard Donaldson and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the amendments to Article P8 – Holidays Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Article P12 – Leave for Blood Donation

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to approve the amendments to Article P12 – Leave for Blood Donation Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Joint Police Advisory Commission Community Representative

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to appoint Janine Muise as the Municipality of Argyle's community representative on the Joint Police Advisory Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Short Term Accommodation By-Law Request

Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association is requesting the Municipalities of Yarmouth and Argyle, and the Town of Yarmouth to implement a levy rate for short term accommodations at a rate of 3%.

It is MOVED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to direct staff to prepare a Short-Term Accommodation By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Correspondence and For Information

a. Correspondence to NSFM from Shelburne re: Cellphone Coverage

The Municipality of Shelburne wrote a letter to the NSFM regarding their concerns for Cellphone Coverage.

b. NSFM Policing

Council received correspondence from NSFM regarding what they heard for Policing.

Council received correspondence from the NSFM President, a letter to the CAOs, a response back from CAO Muise, and a letter to NSFM from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Municipal Reform Act.

d. Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund for YIAC Letter of Support

Council was asked to provide a letter of support to the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation for their application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund.

9. Financial Requests

a. District Community Grant Request – West Side Improvement Society - \$500

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to the West Side Improvement Society.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

11. Question Period – None.

12. In-Camera – None.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



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Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder

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