



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2023

Council Members Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Richard Donaldson, Councillor Gordon Boudrau, Councillor Guy Surette, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Calvin d'Entremont, 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 6:30 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. **Honouring Former Councillor, Donald Doucette**

Council had a moment of silence for the passing of former Councillor, Donald Doucette.

4. **Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration**

By consensus, the agenda was approved as circulated with no conflict declared at this time.

5. **For Decision**

a. **First Reading – Development Agreement for Wedgeport Wind Farm**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to give first reading of the proposed Development Agreement to permit development of a wind farm located on PID #s90222274, 90092578, 90092644, 90092701, 90298829, 90093055, 90295379, 90321506, 90321472, 90270018, 90321480, 90222266, 90093105, 90093287, 90093345, 90093360, 90024373, 90024498, 90093642, 90024480, 90024647, 90024613, 90024621, 90024639, 90024696, 90024795, 90024894, 90024985, 90007071, 90007089, and 90007105 within the communities of Wedgeport, Little River Harbour, and Comeaus Hill; and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO Muise advised council that the draft Development Agreement has been provided to Elemental Energy and Legal for review. He also advised them that the minimum requirement for a mailout is 152m from the subject property, however, the municipality will be exceeding that minimum by doing an unaddressed mailout to all communities impacted.



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6. **Presentation – Gus Green – Extended Producer Responsibility**

Gus Green was present to give a presentation on EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) for PPP (Packaging, paper products, and packaging-like products). This initiative regulated industry responsibility for the operational and financial management of certain recyclable material. This includes materials mostly found in the blue-bag recycling system. The idea is for industry to create easily recyclable packaging, as they will be responsible for the costs of recycling. Municipalities have to either opt in or opt out to this initiative by January 1, 2024.

Gus' presentation is attached to the agenda.

7. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 23, 2023**

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 23, 2023, are approved as presented.

8. **Recognizing Argyle**

Councillor Boudreau thanked the volunteers for setting up the tree at the Breakwater wharf.

Councillor d'Entremont thanked the volunteers at the West Side Improvement Society for setting up the buoy tree and the Gingerbread house.

Councillor Diggdon reported on a great evening put on by volunteers and staff at Nakile Home for Special Care for a Christmas evening.

Councillor Saulnier gave a shout out to the Recreation Department for providing seniors meals and stockings.

Deputy Warden Albright reported on the Quinan Christmas Tree lighting. She indicated there was a large attendance and it was a beautiful evening.

Warden Muise reported on the old school house Christmas Tree lighting in Abrams River.

9. **Wardens Report**

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

10. **Committees Report**

- a. **Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission**
- b. **REMO Executive Meeting**
- c. **Mariners Management Authority**
- d. **Mariners Centre Expansion Board (MCEB)**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright reported on the Mariners Centre Expansion public engagement sessions. She indicated that they were well attended and they are gathering feedback for the next steps.

- e. **Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association**
- f. **Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park**



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- g. Yarmouth International Airport Corporation
- h. Nakile Board
- i. Western County Regional Libraries
- j. WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee
- k. Argyle Recreation Committee
- l. Police Advisory Board

Councillor Boudreau reported on the JPAC. He advised council that the RCMP are aware of the speeders in common areas, and they are working on it. He also reported on how recruiting RCMP will be easier than ever before as they are looking into incentives.

m. Doctor Recruitment

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright reported on Doctor Recruitment and how they are doing well. There has been 5x more site visits in the last 5 months than there has been before.

- n. Waste check
- o. Sewer Committees

11. Reports

a. Building Permit Report

The building permit report for November is attached to the agenda.

Councillor Guy Surette joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

12. For Decision and Discussion

a. Article C50 – Council Procedural Policy

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve Article C50 – Council Procedural Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Article C39 – Community Litter Clean Up Policy

It is MOVED by Councillor Richard Donaldson and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve Article C39 - Community Litter Cleanup Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Extended Producer Responsibility – Request for Participation

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to opt in as a member municipality to the Extender Producer Responsibility Program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Relief of Taxes – AAN# 01052446 and 01065815



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It is *MOVED* by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and *SECONDED* by Councillor Ted Saulnier to relieve the taxes on AAN# 01052446 in the amount of \$1991.52 and AAN# 01065815 in the amount of \$24.00, for a total amount of \$2015.52.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **Food Cyler Science Corporation**

It is *MOVED* by Councillor Richard Donaldson and *SECONDED* by Councillor Kathy Bourque to deny the request to partner with the Food Cyler Science Corporation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. **ACOA Funding Request (East Pubnico)**

It is *MOVED* by Councillor Kathy Bourque and *SECONDED* by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to use an additional \$25,000 from the East Pubnico Water Utility Surplus for the Purpose of the East Pubnico Emergency Water Tank Repair.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

g. **EPC Member Replacement Nominee**

It is *MOVED* by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and *SECONDED* by Councillor Kathy Bourque to put Kyle Boudreau's name forward as a nominee for the Mariners Centre Expansion Project Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **Correspondence and For Information**

a. **Correspondence from Town of Oxford**

It is *MOVED* by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and *SECONDED* by Councillor Ted Saulnier to write a similar letter to Honourable Steven Guilbeault regarding the exemption of volunteer emergency service providers from the new fuel charges.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **Thank you note from Hear Here Society**

Council received a thank you note from the Hear Here Society.

14. **Financial Requests**

a. **District Community Grant Request – La Société Touristique Bon Temps**

It is *MOVED* by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and *SECONDED* by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to provide a \$500 District Community Grant to La Société Touristique Bon Temps.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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

None

16. **Question Period**

17. **In-Camera – Section 22:2 (E) Mariners Centre Expansion**

The Council went to the in-camera session at 7:25 p.m.

Councillor Richard Donaldson left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Councillor Calvin d'Entremont left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Council came out of the in-camera session at 8:25 p.m. There was no motion required from the in-camera session.

18. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder