



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Richard Donaldson

Absent: Councillor Calvin d'Entremont

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and indicated there were regrets from Councillor Richard Donaldson.

2. **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 an initiative by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

There was a conflict of interest declared by Deputy CAO Surette for item 7 b, and Councillor Guy Surette for item 7 i.

4. **Presentation – Western REN**

Brenda LaGrandeur and Julian Boyle were present to speak to Council about the Regional PACE Project.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2024**

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 11, 2024, are approved as presented.

6. **Staff Reports**

a. **Department Head Report**

The department head report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on the report.

b. **Clerks Report**

The Clerk's Report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on the report.



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c. **Building Permit Report**

The building permit report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on the report.

7. **For Decision and Discussion**

a. **Second Reading – Wind Farm Development Agreement**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Warden Danny Muise to approve the Wind Farm Development Agreement with Wedgeport Wind LP.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **Article P40 – Nepotism**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve Article P40 – Nepotism.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. **Request for Lighting Consideration – Argyle School**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to write a letter to the MLA asking to lead a request for provincial institutions to consider their lighting strategy, and an adjustment to dark sky compliant lighting, and not impeding the safety of those around the schools. As we are still without a bylaw, our letter would be to invite a conversation and ask for them for leadership on their existing facilities in the county.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. **Letter of Support Request – CDENE**

It is MOVED by Warden Danny Muise and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to provide a letter of support to the CDENE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **Letter to the Department of Public Works re: Painting the Wedgeport Crosswalk**

It is MOVED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to write a letter to the Department of Public Works requesting them to paint the crosswalk in Wedgeport this spring.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. **Department of Public Works to Revisit Creamy Treat Intersection**

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to write a letter to the Department of Public Works requesting them to revisit the intersection at the Creamy Treat in Pubnico for safety purposes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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g. **Fire Services Review Consultant**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to authorize staff to engage Seahawk Consulting to lead a fire services review for our 7 fire department and 2 shared fire departments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h. **Seasonal Dwelling Garbage Collection**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Warden Danny Muise to deny further investigation into seasonal dwelling taxation and inform the concerned resident of the decision.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. **First Reading – Short Term Accommodation Levy By-Law**

Councillor Guy Surette left the room at 7:44 p.m.

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Warden Danny Muise to approve first reading of the Short-Term Accommodation Levy By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Guy Surette returned at 8:03 p.m.

j. **Joint Police Advisory Committee Recommendations**

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to correspond with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, cc'ing the NSFM and Yarmouth Joint Police Advisory Commission, requesting the draft Terms of Reference for the Provincial Policing Services Review be submitted to Police Advisory Committees in NS for review and feedback.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to correspond with the NS Department of Justice affirming a desire for the Yarmouth County Joint Police Advisory Commission to actively engage in the Provincial Policing Priorities Process.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

k. **Research and Knowledge Initiative Application**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to authorize the CAO to hire a part time Housing Coordinator Position for a 3-year term, to be reviewed annually and to apply for the Research Knowledge Initiative Funding.

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l. **Recommendation for Returning Officer**



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It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to have Deputy CAO, Scott Surette act as Returning Officer for the 2024 Election.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m. Amendments to the MCE Development Agreement

It is MOVED by Warden Danny Muise and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve the amendments to the MCE Development Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. For Correspondence and Information

a. Tax Clarification

There is a memo attached to the agenda explaining taxation a little more for the residents.

b. IRIS Communications – MCE

IRIS Communications has put out a “What we heard” report for the Mariners Centre Expansion.

9. Financial Requests

a. We CARE Radiothon Sponsorship

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide a \$1,000 sponsorship to the We CARE Radiothon Sponsorship.

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 8:48 p.m.



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Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder

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