



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

Council Members Present:

Warden Nicole Albright, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier, Councillor Malcolm Madden, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Greg Foster, Councillor Darryl LeBlanc, Councillor Kathy Bourque, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, and Councillor Racheal Surette

Absent with Regrets:

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Executive Assistant Chantalle Newell

1. Call Meeting to Order

Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invitation to Stand and Move

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 and Conflict of Interest Declaration

Councillor Foster requested to add item 13 a – Council Community Grant Request for Twin Village Social Club.

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Presentation – None.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. September 25, 2025 – Executive Council Meeting Minutes

By consensus, the minutes of the Executive Meeting on September 25, 2025, were approved as presented.

b. October 2, 2025 – Special Council Meeting Minutes

By consensus, the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on October 2, 2025, were approved as presented.

6. Recognizing Argyle – Council Announcements

Councillor Bourque thanked and congratulated all community volunteers, especially those who were recognized during the past week's volunteer celebrations.



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Councillor LeBlanc congratulated all volunteers and gave special recognition to Donna Spinney, the municipality's provincial representative. He attended the provincial awards ceremony in Halifax with Donna and the Director of Recreation Services, Natalie d'Entremont, noting that 71 volunteers were recognized across the province. He expressed pride that Donna's family could join her for the event and congratulated all volunteers once again.

Warden Albright highlighted attending the 25th anniversary celebration of Patchwork Pals, recognizing the group's valuable contributions to the community. She described the event as excellent, featuring a banquet and a special song written and performed by Wendel Deon for the group, which was a highlight of the evening.

7. Warden's Report

The Warden's Report was attached to the agenda, there were no questions on the report.

8. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports this evening.

9. 7-day Notice

10. Old Business

a. Update on Wharf Signage

At the last meeting, a motion was made to send a letter to the Department of Public Works to ask them to put signage at all provincial public wharves and consider assigning a name to the lane that the Eel Brook wharf is on. This letter is attached to the agenda.

11. For Decision and Discussion

a. Second Reading – By-Law X5 – Committees and Functions REPEALED

It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to approve second reading of By-Law X5 – Committees and Functions REPEALED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a. Request for Committee Member – Societe Touristique Bon Temps d'Argyle

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to appoint Councillor Racheal Surette to the Societe Touristique Bon Temps d'Argyle Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. REPEAL – Article C6 – Public Presentation Policy

It is MOVED by Councillor Malcolm Madden and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to repeal Article C6 – Public Presentation Policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Capital Investment Plan

The CAO explained that the Capital Investment Plan is a five-year guide for major projects, based on a master list that includes both new builds and repairs. Staff handles the technical side - costs, funding, and timelines - while council decides which projects to prioritize. A working session will be held this fall to review priorities and how new projects are added. The plan outlines about \$19 million in projected funding over five years, including \$7.4 million from municipal reserves, with major projects like the Mariners Centre Expansion and Ice Pad Replacement, and potential new pathways depending on outside funding. Council also discussed the conditional Yarmouth Curling Club contribution and agreed to follow up. A discussion was had on the point-based system and council asked to see the criteria used.

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque that the 5-year Capital Investment Plan for the years ending March 31, 2026-2030 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. For Correspondence and Information

a. Western Counties Regional Library Newsletter

The Western Counties Regional Library newsletter is attached to the agenda.

13. Financial Requests

a. Council Community Grant Request – Twin Village Social Club - \$700

It is MOVED by Councillor Greg Foster and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve a Council Community Grant Request in the amount of \$700 for Twin Village Social Club.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Councillor Malcolm Madden requested to have streetlights brought up on the next agenda.

Council will be provided information in advance of its Executive Council Meeting on a revised Master Capital Plan.

15. Question Period

16. In-Camera

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to go in camera at 6:57 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council returned to the regular session at 8:01 p.m. and did not make a motion.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



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Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder

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