

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon, Roderick Murphy Jr.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Recorder/Municipal Clerk Eilidh Canning.

Regrets: Warden Richard Donaldson; Councillor Calvin d'Entremont

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Deputy Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the agenda was approved.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

None

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, 29 January 2019

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 29, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

District Planning Committee Meeting Minutes, 06 February 2019

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the District Planning Committee of February 6, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Diggdon sat in on an airport meeting, an EMO meeting, a waste check public meeting, and a cancer unit update at the hospital. He also helped with a small beautification ceremony within the community.

Councillor Bourque met with conservative leader Tim Houston to hear his concerns. Kathy also attended the District Planning Committee meeting, Yarmouth Industrial Committee, and the Waste Check Committee meeting, which had a lot of positive feedback.

Councillor LeBlanc attended a District Planning Committee meeting.

Councillor Surette attended the Waste Park meeting February 6th, Policy meeting for Waste Check in Digby, Cancer unit update at the hospital, and Valentines day brunch sponsored by St Joseph's parish.

Councillor Nicole Albright attended the Quinan fire department potluck supper for members where they gave 15-year pins. She also attended the EMO meeting.

Deputy Warden Danny Muise attended a Compass affordable housing meeting, the kiel meeting, cancer unit update at the hospital, as well as other meetings mentioned by other councillors here tonight.

Warden's Report

Warden Donaldson reported that he attended the following meetings:

January 16th - Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce's (State of the Region)

January 17th – Facebook live with Charlene

January 21st – Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission

January 23rd – 24th – Sea Farmers Conversation

January 25th – YASTA (Lighthouse talks)

January 29th – Committee of the Whole

January 30th – Cancer Unit update at Hospital

February 5th – Housing Meeting

February 6th – Solid Waste Park Meeting

February 7th – Radiothon (Yarmouth Hospital Foundation) fundraiser.

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting that the retender of the building is with legal, and time is of the essence. A lot of the changes that are being suggested are material changes (different flooring, wood, etc). Some adjustments need to be made around landscaping and the look of the council chamber in order to decrease the overall tender price. CAO Muise advised that he has received a lot of questions regarding the roof line within the proposed design of the Municipal building and advised the roof line will not be changing. The roof defines the shape of the building, which is a major design change. Muise has asked the architects to review the windows and identify if there are cost savings based upon a Kohler window as opposed to the current design of the window which is wood.

CAO Muise then advised that the airport has a couple of facilitated sessions that will be occurring, the first one being February 15th. Another broader facilitated session will be held February 27th. The cost of the work is approximately \$13k and will be absorbed by

the airport authority. CAO Muise confirmed this cost will not be a municipality cost. CAO Muise then advised council that the priority setting, and budget zone emails and scheduling will be arriving in their inbox soon. Staff are preparing a different approach this year that should be easier for council.

Report Attached (19021202)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

Club Social des Iles – Emergency Funding Request

Councilor Guy Surette stated that the Club Social des Iles were fortunate to get the \$15k grant, which was used for cleaning, priming and repainting the emergency stairways and painted the small veranda in the back, and replaced some of the lights, and a new plug was put in. The plug stopped working and an electrician went in to have a look, and a main beam under the main hall let go. When an electrician had gone down to look and it was discovered rodents had eaten through the wires, causing a fire hazard. Due to the work that needed to be done, which was the electrical fix, cost \$5000. Wheelchair access into the building and wheelchair accessible bathrooms is another improvement the hall would like to make. Because of what happened with the emergency work, the wheelchair access is no longer affordable.

CAO Muise explained they're ineligible for District Community grant until next year and are not eligible for a Grant for Organizations for another 5 years as they received \$15k in 2018.

Councilor Glenn Diggdon suggested to make a motion of providing full costs of the emergency funding with staff providing a report to council, and council will approve based upon the receipt of these costs, which is estimated to be \$5352.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to cover the full costs of emergency renovations identified between \$5000 and \$6000, less the HST amount, based upon final approval of staff providing costs to council.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Councilor Roderick Murphy was excused due to illness at 7:14pm.

Cost of water distribution for the Mariners Center

Asking MOA to pay their share of the bill, which is MUA's share of the Mariner Center sewer and water charges. Incremental costs of the Mariners Centre.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that we approve that MOA pay their portion of water and sewer, which is 50% of the total bill of \$4169.72.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Halifax Fire Safety Training Opportunity

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Nicole Albright to extend the invitation to Halifax Fire to provide safety training.
Motion carried (6 in favor, 0 against).

Travel and Renumeration Policy

CAO Muise This is part of tonight's agenda, as the cost of travelling is more then what the current policy covers. It has therefore been determined that the current policy needs to be amended to reflect current costs.

A recommendation has been made to increase each time zone of travel, except for Eastern travel. Another change is the costs are an 'up to' amount, and if the actual costs are lower, then those costs will be reimbursed up to that amount. It is costs only being covered. CAO Muise further explained the rationale behind these recommended policy changes. CAO Muise also identified that councillors can also claim the mileage from home to the Halifax airport, and from the Halifax airport back home, which is separate from the airline cost. The policy is to be updated to reflect the discussion that mileage to and from the airport as well as the time zone dollar amounts identified.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the CAO amend the policy and bring to notice, to be passed for next meeting.
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Acadian Skies and Mi'kmaq Stewardship Committee

No action, for information.

Municipal Affairs letter – Addressing recurring water shortage issues

No action, for information.

Order of Nova Scotia award

No action, for information.

Quotes for o-turn mowers

No action, for information.

UARB for sea cucumber plant

The hearing is scheduled for April 24th, 2019 for the public portion, which means a decision may not be made at that time.

No action, for information.

NSCC – Rural Innovation District Initiative

No action, for information.

Request for Decision - Mariners Centre Expansion

Deputy Warden Danny Muise indicated that more information is required prior to making a decision regarding the Expansion of the Mariners Centre. Councilor Lucien LeBlanc indicated that the decisions will be made by the steering committee, and there is no need to discuss further at this meeting, as a decision cannot be made at this council meeting.

CAO Muise stressed the importance to council of public engagement for this specific topic to gauge interest.

Councilor Guy Surette suggested the town, Municipality of Yarmouth and Municipality of Argyle have a meeting prior to the determination of who the steering committee will consist of.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to organize a meeting between the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of Yarmouth, Municipality of Argyle, Municipality of Barrington and the Municipality of Clare as well as the Acadian First Nations to gather input on the Mariners Centre Expansion.
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Requests

Community District Grant – brought by Kathy Bourque
Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery Committee of \$500.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to support request and provide a \$500 grant.
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Community District Grant – brought forward by Glenn Diggdon
Paroisse Saint-Pierre of \$500.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette to support request and provide a \$500 grant.
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Councillor Lucien LeBlanc would like to add discussion for potential in the Tuskett Business Park.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a confidential housing opportunity at 8:00PM.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to designate the eastern lot (ensure PID 90087313 and civic address 4092 highway 308) as a housing development, arrange the designation of the back parcel of the lot for a housing development. CAO Muise pursue opportunities to initiate such development.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Recorder
Eilidh Canning

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____