

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday October 8, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise; Deputy Warden Guy Surette; Councillors Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon, Richard Donaldson, Roderick Murphy Jr and Calvin d'Entremont.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, and Municipal Clerk/Recorder Lori Murphy.

Regrets: Councillor Lucien LeBlanc
1 staff member in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette that the agenda was approved as amended.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

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

None declared at the time.

Presentations - Trish McCourt - Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS)

Trish McCourt shared with Council an overview of Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) and her role within the association. She discussed the strategic priorities of isans and the benefits of hiring immigrants. She also reviewed the Vision and Mission as well as the Atlantic Immigration Pilot project supported by Western WREN.

Presentation attached (19100801)

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright that the September 24, 2019 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation & Infrastructure

Meeting scheduled for October 29, 2019 at 530 pm, Council Chambers.

Bilingual Road signs

Staff will reach out to Sally to set up a meeting with Council.

Planting of Tulips

Staff will work directly with the Legion to get flower beds ready and will maintain them on their behalf.

Councillors' Report

Councillor Diggdon helped prepare a base for a new sign into West Pubnico, Did some ground work so more plants could be placed in the butte de Gracie, welcomed people to the Communities in Bloom on behalf of Municipality of Argyle, attended the 40th anniversary for the Musée des Acadiens and attended the Mariners Center management meeting

Councillor Bourque attended meetings for Nakile 30th anniversary celebration which will be finalized in November. Attended recreation committee, Special Airport committee, Audit committee, and volunteered at East Side Community centre.

Councillor Surette attended special meeting for the waste park meeting, Mariners center group of 9.

Councillor Donaldson attended various committee meetings mentioned by other councillors. The Argyle Abuptic festival is organizing a potluck for volunteers. There is a petition circulating for the Glenwood/Nakile intersection that Councillor Donaldson encourages people to sign.

Councillor Albright attended the Nakile meeting, recreation meeting, and doctor recruitment meeting. Discussion about letters of support from council and if they have to come through council for approval. Agreed that request for letters of support can be in an email to Council and the Warden will then sign off.

Councillor d'Entremont attended the Audit committee, Yarmouth/Argyle home support meeting.

Councillor Murphy Jr. Nothing to report

Warden's Report

September 11 CDENE Group d'accueil
September 14 Unveiling of Sara Corning statue
September 18 Housing forum in Cornwallis
September 18 Nakile board meeting
September 19 Library board meeting
September 24 Committee of the Whole
September 25 Audit committee meeting
September 26 Special meeting for airport agreement
September 26 Hospital foundation event
September 29 Wedgeport Fire Department banquet
October 1 Waste park meeting
October 1 Special council meeting in camera

Attended Pubnico East side supper

Staff Report

The Staff Report is attached to the minutes for consideration. CAO Muise highlighted various topics including the municipal admin building public road work has started, a development permit was approved for affordable & alternative housing and the Mariners Center expansion work is ongoing.

Report Attached (19100802)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

REMO Agreement

CAO Muise reviewed the agreement with Council. Current EMO coordinator was in attendance and answered Council questions. The actual budget has not yet been established, however it will be a shared budget, and all expenses will go through Argyle and will bill other two parties, as we are considered the host municipality. This agreement is a co-management of the delivery of services.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve the REMO agreement as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Regional Planning Service

CAO Muise explained the planning service document. It should be noted that no financial request is required at this time, only asking for Council's endorsement of the application.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council support the application for provincial funding for a shared land use planning service, and that request be for 90% funding provincially, and the remaining 10% paid by participating municipalities if the application is successful.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Fireworks By-Law-Repeal

Council reviewed Fireworks By-law. All were in agreement that the By-Law is redundant based on our wording in our Noise By-Law.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to accept the first reading of the repeal of By-Law 15 – Fireworks.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

CAP

CAO Muise explained NSFMs position on the CAP (Capped Assessment Program) and what is needed from Council. Reviewed history of the CAP and gave details of negative impacts as a result of the CAP.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to endorse NSFMs position for the elimination of the CAP.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Capital Expenses

Council reviewed memo regarding Tusket sewer repairs.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the unbudgeted net investment of \$28,450 be authorized, and that the CAO coordinate the urgent capital work on the Tusket water and wastewater systems as highlighted in the memo dated October 4, 2019, and that the Federal Gas Tax Funds be utilized to support the unbudgeted investment. Furthermore, that Council approve the cost allocation of 2/3 municipal and 1/3 user for the costs of installation.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Review Period-Municipal Policy

Hospitality Policy

CAO Muise shared the policy with Council. 7-day notice given. Discussion around Section 5 (Serving of Alcohol) and how to approach the topic of Liquor. CAO Muise will reach out to other municipal units in this region to inquire if they have accepted this policy as it is presented or if they made changes to Section 5.

Correspondence and for Information

PCAP - East Pubnico Water Utility Renewal

No action, for information.

Western REN - CEO Report

No action, for information.

Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal - Cost Share Agreement

CAO Muise explained that this agreement will come back to Council for decision by end of October. The agreement states that Council is willing to put an application forward for the paving of a section of Riverside drive for the 2020-21 construction season.

Doctor Recruitment Update

No action, for information.

NSFM News

No action, for information.

Solar Electricity

No action, for information.

Argyle Municipal Fire Fighters Association

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

District Community Grant request of \$500 – Plymouth School

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to approve the district community grant request of \$500
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Collections contract for waste, curbside pick up
Dangerous or Unsightly Policy

Question Period

None

In Camera

None

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:26 PM.

Recorder
Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____