

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 8, 2020
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:38p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright the agenda was approved as circulated

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.
None declared

Presentations

Gloria Banks - Audited Financial Statements

Gloria reviewed the consolidated financial statements attached to these minutes. The Consolidated financial statements include all of the operations of the Municipality of Argyle, which includes the operating fund, capital fund and reserves. It also includes the Municipality's share of the operations of the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation, the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission, Yarmouth County Solid Waste Management authority and YASTA. Municipality is in good shape financially.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr to accept the audited consolidated financial statement as presented by Grant Thornton.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Documents Attached (0908001)

Eel Brook Fire Department-Jonathan LeBlanc

Jonathan LeBlanc spoke about the request for funding to replace an engine. Lost one fire truck in January 2020. Jonathan talked about the challenges they have been facing. He explained that any extra monies raised will go towards the construction of new hall.

The Eel Brook & District Fire Department would like to request financial assistance from the Municipality of the District of Argyle in the amount \$241,383.37 to aid them in our goal of purchasing a new pumper/rescue in order to replace two pieces of firefighting apparatus. Eel Brook & District Fire Department currently has a loaner truck from Barrington. He doesn't expect the quoted price to change unless the Canadian dollar changes

Presentation attached (0908002)

Jonathan also provided an update on the new fire hall process. There is little chance to get Provincial or Federal funding at this point. They are investigating grant and other fundraising options. They are currently preparing a tender to go out for drilled or dug well.

Adoption of Minutes

Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2020

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that the August 19, 2020 minutes of the Special Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Streetlights-Wedgeport

Councillor LeBlanc explained the details of the request. The residents would like a new streetlight installed by the municipality.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to instruct staff to proceed with following policy to assess the potential acquisition of a new streetlight at corner of Surette road and Hwy 334.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Councillors' Report

Councillor Diggon: Helping at well in lower West Pubnico. Thanks to the D'Entremont family for letting the public use it. Trying to obtain permission to let ATV riders to use Water street in Yarmouth as a connection to other trails. Town of Yarmouth is seriously considering this and wanted to thank them for this progress. Thanks to CAO for work on Mariners center financial analysis.

Councillor Bourque: Oak park road has a wooden bridge that was replaced. She would like to thank the East Pubnico fire chief. He has been delivering water. Thanks Janine at REMO for her hard work. Wanted to ask that residents respect the rules of the trails. Landing at French Lake was cleaned up by volunteers but keeps getting ruined by others. Signs about no dumping have been put up and CAO Muisse advised that staff will reach out to Waste Check to see about getting surveillance.

Councillor LeBlanc: Nothing to report

Councillor Surette: Thanks to MODA for getting a pump for water on Island district fire department. Will be pumping water on M-W-F from 1-4. Bottled or jugs of water also available from REMO on M-W-F from 1-4.

Councillor Donaldson: Nothing to report

Councillor Murphy: Thanked CAO, staff and council on working so hard on the internet project.

Councillor Albright: Doctor recruitment is seeing more gains. Jasmine Deviller from MODA is attending her first year of medical school and she is looking forward to coming back to work in the Municipality. Nakile has been struggling with how to schedule visits.

Councillor d'Entremont: Drainage pipes were fixed on the Pubnico point trail on western side. Thanks to all volunteers who helped out with the trail.

Warden's Report

Busy summer. A lot of calls about water and why MODA does not have a place to get water.

Staff Report

CAO Muise gave a brief highlight of the staff report attached to these minutes. Wanted to thank Western REN and the critical role they played in getting rural internet, specifically Even Nemeth. When a detailed map of internet by civic number is made available, staff will pass along to council. Admin building is continuing to progress and it is on schedule. Re-engaged our engineers to reduce the Mariners Centre expansion size and scope to bring the project closer to an amount that all three levels of government.

Budget for Airport Corp. was just approved. Provided a brief update on ongoing other capital projects.

Tender for West Pubnico waster water is completed and will be out soon.

Report Attached (0908003)

Strategic Priority Topics

Priorities progress update.

Warden Muise highlighted some areas of the progress report

Councillor Donaldson left the meeting due to a work commitment.

For Decision

Letter of support-provincial travel tax incentive

Warden Muise explained the request.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approve staff to send a letter of support to YASTA for travel tax incentive

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Western Counties Regional Library

Warden Muise briefly explained the request for decision. It's regarding the library in West Pubnico. The current location is not serving its function as well as it could. Only one location that would fit according to criteria.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that council approve the recommended location for a potential new Pubnico Library, and that staff to approach the Musee Acadienne to determine if there is interest in potential partnering.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council add the addition of a new library for the Pubnico area on their long-term capital priorities list
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Diggdon asked if the library would be funding this project. It will be a partnership with Municipality and library, and both would seek Federal and Provincial dollars to support such a project.

Post Disaster Designation-Eel Brook Fire Department

Warden Muise explained the request for decision.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve that the Eel Brook and Area Volunteer Fire Department be exempted from following the post-disaster code requirements of the National Building Code, and that the Building Official be informed of Council's wishes so that he can act in his authority.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Municipal Agreement of the Western Regional Enterprise Network

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

None

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Question Period

None

In Camera

None

There being no further business, it is moved by Councillor Murphy to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:31PM.

Recorder
Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____