

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday March 9th, 2021
Zoom 5:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:31p.m. by Warden Danny Muise

Warden Muise spoke about why councillors are wearing purple ribbons. Purple Day is a global event dedicated to promoting Epilepsy Awareness around the World to dispel myths and fears and reduce social stigma about the condition. A better understanding of Epilepsy will help improve the quality of life of those with Epilepsy. March 26 is officially recognized as Purple Day in Canada and around the world.

Agenda:

On a motion by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Diggdon the agenda was approved with addition of 10F for decision.

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.

Presentation- Linda Gallagher-Splash park

Linda spoke briefly about what a Splash park is. Verified that there is no need for lifeguards at the splash park. This park would help with childhood obesity and their mental health. The splash park committee would like to operate the park at no cost to the user. The water is not heated. Linda spoke about the budget and what they are looking for from each of the 3 municipal units. Looking at opening in the spring of 2022.

Presentation attached (030901)

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2021

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Ted Saulnier that the February 23, 2021 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Planning Advisory Committee Minutes – February 23, 2021

It is moved Nicole Albright by and seconded by Richard Donaldson that the February 23, 2021 minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

ARC Minutes – January 21, 2021

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the January 21, 2021 minutes of the ARC Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Priorities

Warden Muise gave a very brief highlight of the process. Further discussion will be had at a future meeting.

CAO Muise briefly spoke about the buckets of projects. Some of the projects will have to happen in the next 12-15 months. There are a few projects that still need to be added to the list.

Notice Period-Municipal Policy

Fire Service Registration Policy

Warden Muise spoke briefly about the policy. This is just for notice as it's a new policy. CAO Muise spoke about the details of the policy. This is a model policy developed from the Association of Municipal Administrators (AMA). All of the fire departments that offer fire services are registered with the municipality. This policy offers a better understanding of the services they can deliver. Ground Search and Rescue would be registered under this policy. It informs fire departments of the minimum standards around liability coverage. After the notice period we will inform the fire departments of the registration process.

Councillors' Report

Some of the council reports were submitted to the clerk prior to the meeting and were attached to the agenda. Other councillors will provide updates at the next regular council meeting.

Councillor Donaldson mentioned that he has liked being able to attend meetings via Zoom so he can stay informed.

Warden's Report

February 9. Phone meeting with Sara Kirk, Dalhousie University re: UNISEF/CIW Survey on youth wellbeing. Meeting with Deputy Minister of TIR.... Regular Council Meeting

February 10. Choice Housing committee meeting.

February 11. Mariners Centre Expansion new build sub-committee

February 17. Mariners Centre strategic planning workshop

February 18. NSF/AMANS Webinar on media relations.

February 18. Mariners Centre Expansion Committee meeting
February 22. Meeting with fisherman regarding their concerns about location on Oyster farm location.
February 23. PAC meeting discussion on reasoning property in West Pubnico from marine industrial to light industrial to accommodate the establishment of a cannabis operation. Also attended Committee of the Whole meeting
February 24. CDENE Board Meeting via Zoom
February 24. Regional discussion with Allister Surette regarding his interim report on the fishing dispute
February 26. CDENE Sub Committee meeting regarding the employment centre in Tusket and Clare. March 1. Asset management meeting
March 2. REMO executive meeting
March 3. Mariners centre strategic planning session
March 4. Carleton River Water Shed Committee Tour of new building with Carla Allen.

Staff Report

The staff report is attached. CAO mentioned that he will have something soon for council on the Tusket affordable housing project.

Report Attached (030902)

For Decision and discussion

Article C24-Fire Inspections

Warden Muise explained the attachment.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve the Fire Inspection Policy as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Article C25-Naming of Municipal Streets & Private Roads

Warden Muise spoke about the attached policy.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council approve the Naming of Municipal Streets & Private Roads policy as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Water shortages

CAO Muise spoke about attachments. Staff are still in the planning stages on this topic. There are many details that need to be considered when trying to choose a location. Discussion about where the best place the wells may be located. Analysis of the locations are in draft. No location is impossible. Maintenance staff will provide an update on locations at a future meeting.

Residents would like to see a better solution than what has been available in the past. We need better ways for residents to get water on site. CAO Muise explained that we may be able to do something as early as this summer. Currently working out environmental issues. Also looking at area in Tusket.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette that Council table this decision.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

REMO budget

Warden Muise spoke briefly about the attached budget.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council pass the REMO budget as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Report Attached (030903)

Georges Bank Moratorium

Warden Muise explained the memo. They are looking for letter of support to extend the moratorium.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve a letter of support to extend the Georges Bank Moratorium.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Letter to RCMP

Councillor Donaldson expressed concerns about suspicious activity at Loral Hills Cemetery in Pubnico Head. He would like council to approve a letter be sent to RCMP to increase patrols in Loral Hills Cemetery in Pubnico Head due to suspicious activity in the area.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council send a letter to RCMP asking for more patrols in the area of Loral Hills Cemetery in Pubnico Head

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Requests

Community grant request \$500-Abrams River Wharf Association

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the community grant request for \$500 to Abrams River Wharf Association

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Community grant request \$500-Kemptville Fire Dept

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Richard Donaldson that Council approve the community grant request for \$500 to Kemptville Fire Dept

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Community grant request \$500-Ladies Auxiliary West Pubnico Fire Dept

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council approve the community grant request for \$500 to Ladies Auxiliary West Pubnico Fire Dept

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Community grant request \$500-West Pubnico Health Club

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Richard Donaldson that Council approve the community grant request for \$500 to West Pubnico Health Club

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Community grant request \$500-Festival Acadien de Wedgeport

This festival has already received a grant for 20/21 so staff removed it from the minutes and notified the councilor and the festival organizers.

Community grant request \$500-Wedgeport Legion

It is moved by Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the community grant request for \$500 to Wedgeport Legion.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Community grant request \$500-Wedgeport Tuna Museum

It is moved by Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council approve the community grant request for \$500 to Wedgeport Tuna Museum

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Community grant request \$500-Hubbard's Point Community Centre

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Ted Saulnier that Council approve the community grant request for \$500 to Hubbard's Point Community Centre

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

No scheduled date for tri-unit meeting to discuss GSAR.

Councilor Surette spoke about the Bridge committee meeting that he attended. The Committee is recommending that the Mariners Center lead the bridge project.

Question Period

In Camera

None

Warden Muise spoke about a staff member who has lost her husband and the visitation is tonight so that is why the meeting this evening is shortened. Council and staff gave a moment of silence for her loss. Council wishes to express deepest condolences.

There being no further business, it is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 6:52p.m.

Recorder
Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____