

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday February 8, 2022
Zoom 6:30 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, Acting Chief Administrative Officer Kyle Boudreau, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk Scott Surette, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell

Regrets: Chief Administrative Officer, Alain Muise.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Deputy Warden Albright and seconded by Councillor Saulnier 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.

Presentation-MLA Colton LeBlanc

Honourable Colton LeBlanc thanked Council for having him to speak with them. He would like to discuss regional and local priorities.

MLA Colton LeBlanc talked about Public Works issues that Council had. He stated the best way to get things addressed by the Department of Public Works is the report them to the 1-800 number or the email address and report the issues. The ticket number you receive is a great way to be able to follow up with them if they do not respond to the issue.

MLA Colton LeBlanc addressed the Mariners Centre Expansion. He indicated that the funding stream is significantly different from what they typically see. The province is waiting for guidance from Infrastructure Canada, as it is a Federal Government funding program. He indicated that Deputy Warden may want to check back in with the Department.

Honourable Colton LeBlanc addressed various other issues with Council and expressed his thanks to Council. He told Council to reach out whenever they have issues or concerns.

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2022

It is moved by Councillor Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Bourque that the January 25, 2022 minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as circulated.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Councillors' Report

Councillor Donaldson: Attended Abuptic Festival committee meeting, started planning for this year.

Councillor Bourque: Attended Nakile, Recreation, Yarmouth Industrial Commission meetings. The Police Advisory Committee had a training session to say the responsibilities of the committee and how to conduct their meetings.

Councillor Saulnier: Attended Waste Check and Recreation meeting. He wanted to advise Council and the public that Comeau's Hill and Little River Harbour had their Fibre-Op internet installed last year and reported that it is running smoothly.

Deputy Warden Albright: Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee meeting, currently waiting for application to be approved. They are at a standstill for Fundraising RFP. She also attended an ARC Meeting. There was also an NSFM conference regarding organizational changes.

Councillor Surette: Attended Waste Check, Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee, NSFM, Area Industrial Commission meetings.

Councillor Boudreau: Attended regular meetings and visited residents regarding the flood issue.

Councillor D'Entremont: Attended YASTA Meeting, he indicated the CAT schedule is out and will be starting on May 19th. In June, TMAC will be visiting our area. They are partnering with local establishments like the CAT and the Fundy Rose. He indicated that he spoke to one of the owners of Inshore Fisheries to see if the Speed Radar sign had helped in the area of concern on the Dennis Point Wharf Road. It has slowed down a little bit. There was also a letter written to the Municipality regarding the Fibre Op Internet by Inshore Fisheries owner to see if there was any way they could be higher priority on the list since they do business on that road and it is difficult to conduct a business with slower internet. Councillor d'Entremont indicated that this letter had been handled by Deputy CAO, Scott Surette and wanted to thank him for his attention to this matter.

Councillor Diggdon: Attended regular meetings, he stated he is finding it hard without the human interaction that the COVID Outbreak is restricting. He is also putting a team in to the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser to help support

Warden's Report

Warden Muise reviewed his report, listed below.

January 11 - Zoom meeting with the Federal Leader O'Toole, MP Chris d'Entremont and MP Rick Perkins
January 12 - Choice Housing meeting
January 13 - Regular Council Meeting
January 19 - Mariners Center Steering Committee
January 19 - Nakile Board Meeting
January 24 - Meeting with tri county Mayors, Wardens and CAOs
January 25 - Meeting La société touristique bon temps.
January 25 - Committee of the Whole

Staff Report

Acting CAO Boudreau reviewed the staff report as attached to the agenda.

Attachment 020801

For Decision and discussion

Mariners Centre Ownership

There is an RFD attached to the agenda explaining the full background regarding the ownership of the Mariners Centre.

It is moved by Deputy Warden Albright and seconded by Councillor Bourque to enter into an agreement to own the portion of the Mariner's Centre Operations, considering the agreement to expand into a multi-purpose recreational facility for the county.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Attachment 020802

WE Care Radiothon Sponsorship

The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation is looking for sponsorship for the WE Care Radiothon.

It is moved by Councillor Surette and seconded by Councillor Bourque that Council sponsor the WE Care Radiothon as a WE Care Event Sponsor in the amount of \$1000.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Islands and District Fire Department Fire Truck

There is an RFD attached to the agenda outlining the full history of this request.

It is moved by Councillor Surette and seconded by Councillor Donaldson to provide Islands and District Fire Department a \$40,000 loan to purchase a new fire truck. The loan shall be without interest and forgivable over 3 years beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025, ending in fiscal year 2026-2027.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Attachment 020803

Correspondence and for Information

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No action, for information

Letter sent to MLA Colton LeBlanc regarding the Bilingual Stop Sign Project

No action, for information

Shag Harbour Incident Society – UFO Expo

Deputy CAO Surette advised Council that he reached out to the Shag Harbour Incident Society regarding their recent presentation during a Council Meeting. Deputy CAO Surette explained the Grants to Organization process through the Municipality of Argyle to the Shag Harbour Incident Society, and encouraged them to apply for funding through that program.

Letter Received from the Protocol Office of Nova Scotia

Warden Muise received a letter from the Protocol Office of Nova Scotia reminding Council that nominations to the Order of Nova Scotia can be made up until Friday, March 19, 2022.

Attachment 020804

Financial Requests

None

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Question Period

In Camera

Legal Matter

It is moved by Councillor Bourque and seconded by Deputy Warden Albright to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a legal matter at 8:50 PM
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Councillor Diggdon and seconded by Councillor d'Entremont to take legal council's advice and make a counteroffer regarding the dewatering truck.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Deputy Warden Albright and seconded by Councillor Saulnier to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 9:10p.m.

Executive Assistant/Recorder
Chantalle Newell

Date Approved:

February 22, 2022

Chairman/Warden

Original Signed

Kyle Boudreau, Acting CAO

Original Signed