

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

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

Regrets: Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr. and Glenn Diggdon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Deputy Warden Guy Surette.

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Richard Donaldson that Council, in accordance with subsection 22(2) clause (a) of the Municipal Government Act, the agenda is approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Guy Surette asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

Tim Doucette – Protecting the Night

Tim advised council that there are still no laws securing the night skies in our area. He advised council that the area does need bylaws and policies in order to protect the night skies and protect against light pollution.

Tim Doucette is requesting a bylaw or policy be implemented within the Municipality of Argyle in order to control light pollution, and at least reduce the light pollution footprint that is being created.

CAO Muise advised council that our solicitor has advised a light pollution bylaw is not enforceable. He then advised council that if this is an interest of council that staff can have the province take the position of light pollution fall under the same definition as a nuisance. It will be a question of interpretation on behalf of the province. He then advised that we need to approach the province and have them take a position on this as it is there Municipal Government Act. The Province will either interpret that we can or that we cannot, and if they interpret that we can, then staff will have to request an amendment from the province to the MGA to reflect this.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and Calvin d'Entremont to instruct the CAO to ask the province of NS for the interpretation under the MGA regarding light restriction and report that back to council.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Presentation Attached (2506001)

Adoption of Minutes

Special Council Meeting and Regular Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 6, 2019

It is moved by Councillor Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny Muise that the Special Council Meeting and Regular Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 6, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 13, 2019

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the Special Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 13, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 20, 2019

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the Special Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 20, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

ARC AGM Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 23, 2019

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the ARC AGM Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 23, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

ARC Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 23, 2019

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the ARC Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 23, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Acknowledgement of Minutes

Wild Salt Progress Report – June 7, 2019

It is passed by council that the Wild Salt Architecture Progress Report, June 7th, 2019 be acknowledged as circulated.

Wild Salt Progress Report – June 14, 2019

It is passed by council that the Wild Salt Architecture Progress Report, June 14th, 2019 be acknowledged as circulated.

Wild Salt Progress Report – June 24, 2019

It is passed by council that the Wild Salt Architecture Progress Report, June 24th, 2019 be acknowledged as circulated.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

Tax Exemption By-Law 28 – The Hubbard’s Point and Area Community Centre

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to approve Tax Exemption Status for The Hubbard’s Point and Area Community Center (Property Assessment No 01332635) and have added to the By-Law 28 appendix and will also include a tax adjustment in the amount of \$21.80 in order to write off the 2019-2020 tax assessment bill.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

RFD - L'Association de Musée de Wedgeport and Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee

It is moved by Lucien Leblanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that council approve a grant of \$2,530 for the Wedgeport Tuna Museum and \$2,610 for the Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee at which time the funds will come from the current year operations where there is a confirmed surplus, in absence of which, the funds shall be authorized from the operating reserve.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Tuskett Road Tender

CAO Muise advised council that as part of the budget deliberations this year, \$250,000 was approved as part of the budget. All details can be found on the Tuskett Road Tender document that is part of this agenda that was put together by the Municipality’s Public Works Department.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to approve Phase one of construction for the tender of the Public Road which also includes the cost of the wastewater.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Report Attached (2506002)

Correspondence and for Information

YASTA Board Member

Councillor d’Entremont advised that there is a vacancy on the YASTA board since Roger d’Entremont stepped down. There has been discussion of having Richard Larin, the new manager of the Village taking Roger d’Entremont’s place on the YASTA Board.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Richard Larin be the replacement member on the YASTA Board.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

2018-2019 MPAL Annual Report

No action, for information.

Declaration of Climate Change – All NS Municipalities

No action, for information.

Joint Municipal Fire Services Committee Information Bulletin: Registration

No action, for information.

WCRL Board Minutes – February 28, 2019

No action, for information.

Thank you letter – Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia

No action, for information

Financial Requests

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Abram's River Schoolhouse Society

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Abram's River Schoolhouse Society to assist with the cost schoolhouse repairs.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - Amies du Musée

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Amies du Musée to help with the cost of miscellaneous supplies.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - East Pubnico Fire Department

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to the East Pubnico Fire Department to help with the cost of gravel around their hydrants.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council adjourn for the summer but reconvene if deemed necessary by the Warden and CAO.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera at 7:28PM.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

In-Camera - HR

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to hire a full-time administrative position for the administration department.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Calvin d'Entremont to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Recorder

Eilidh Canning

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____