



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

**Council Members Present:** Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Richard Donaldson, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Guy Surette, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, and Councillor Kathy Bourque.

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor Calvin d'Entremont

**Staff Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, and Executive Assistant Chantalle Newell

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with regrets from Councillor Calvin d'Entremont.

2. **Invitation to Stand and Move**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright reminded Council that they are permitted to stand and move as they need to during the meeting. This is a new initiative introduced by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2023**

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 14, 2023 are approved as presented.

5. **Department Head Report**

There were no questions on the Department Head Report.

6. **For Decision and Discussion**

a. **Article P5A – Employee Definition**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Warden Danny Muise to approve Article P5A - Employee Definition.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. **Article P3 – Sick Leave**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Richard Donaldson and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve Article P3 – Sick Leave.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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c. **Article C11 – Procurement Policy**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve Article C11 - Procurement Policy.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

d. **Joint Policy Advisory Commission Terms of Reference**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve the Joint Police Advisory Commission Terms of Reference as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. **REMO Communication**

Councillor Saulnier raised the issue of communication for Emergencies. He received questions on the preparation of the storm. Residents were concerned they didn't have a phone number to call, in case of an emergency. He suggested brochures could be put in legions, community halls, museums to highlight emergency numbers, preparations, etc.

CAO Muise noted that communication is always the number one concern in any situation. He indicated REMO has a Comfort Centre Plan, that CAOs and the three units will receive soon. REMO designates Comfort Centres, however, any community hall can open up at any time, during an emergency. REMO advises residents to be ready for 72 hours, which makes it difficult to put out information on comfort centres, as they would not want people travelling on the roads during a hurricane, for example. REMO risk plans for every emergency, and they always plan for the highest risk possible. CAO Muise indicated that there is work to be done and REMO in this area and he thanked the residents for coming forward to raise this area of concern.

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to bring REMO communication and the concern for communities being cut off in an emergency to the next REMO Executive Meeting.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

f. **Cellphone Service in Argyle**

Councillor Saulnier raised this issue. Cell phone service is an issue everywhere in the province. He is requesting a letter of support to be written about cell phone service in the Argyle Area.

CAO Muise mentioned that this has been brought up to MLA Colton LeBlanc. He indicated that the Department of Economic Development for the Government of Nova Scotia is responsible for this initiative.



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*It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to write a letter to the Government and Cellphone Providers asking what they are going to do about the cell phone coverage, and what has happened to the service that there once was.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. Correspondence and For Information**

a. **Response from Minister Masland re: Mun of Shelburne Concerns for Highway 203**

Council received a copy of correspondence from Minister Masland to the Municipality of Shelburne regarding their concerns with Highway 203 (Tin Mine Road) for information.

b. **Letter to Minister Guilbeault from Mun. of Barrington re: Exemption for Volunteer Emergency Providers from New Fuel Charges**

Council received a copy of a letter sent to Minister Guilbeault from the Municipality of Barrington requesting exemption for volunteer emergency service providers from the new fuel charges being proposed.

c. **Response from MODY re: Track and Field Project**

Council received confirmation that the Municipality of Yarmouth will contribute up to \$200,000 towards the Par-en-Bas track and field project.

CAO Muise indicated that the Town of Yarmouth has unofficially confirmed their contribution of \$200,000.

**8. Financial Requests – None.**

**9. Agenda Topics for the next meeting/Notice of Motion by Councillors**

**10. Question Period – None.**

**11. In-Camera – Section 22:2 (e) – Mariners Centre Expansion and Tri-County Planning IMA**

By consensus, the Council went to the in-camera session 7:11 p.m.

Councillor Richard Donaldson left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

By consensus, the council returned to the Executive Council Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Date Approved



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Chair

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Clerk/Recorder

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