



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

Council Members Present: Warden Danny Muise, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Guy Surette, Councillor Richard Donaldson, and Councillor Kathy Bourque

Absent with Regrets: Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Calvin d'Entremont, Councillor Richard Donaldson

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Executive Assistant Julie Atkinson and Director of Protection Services Rene Jeddry

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Danny Muise called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Invitation to Stand and Move**

Warden Danny Muise reminded Council that they are permitted to stand and move as they need to during the meeting. This is an initiative by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

a. **Deferral of Decisions**

It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to defer 7 a, b, c, e, f, g and In-Camera item 12 a until a future meeting, with date to be determined.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

By consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **June 13, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

By consensus, the June 13, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes, are approved as presented.

5. **Staff Reports**

a. **Department Head Report**

The department head report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on the report.

b. **Clerks Report**

The Clerk's Report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on the report.

c. **Building Permit Report**

The building permit report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on the report.

6. **7-Day Notice**



7. **For Decision and Discussion**

- a. **Lettre de demande à Municipalité d'Argyle - Deferred**
- b. **Article P16 - Christmas Bonus - Deferred**
- c. **Veterans Project in Community Halls - Deferred**
- d. **Pubnico Exit Signs**

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to approve an additional \$11,000 from the 2024-2025 Capital budget to cover the cost of the Pubnico sign project on Hwy 103.

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- e. **Summer Meetings 2024 - Deferred**
- f. **Article C9 - Property Auctions and Tenders - Deferred**
- g. **Article C14 - Healthy Eating in Recreation Settings - Deferred**
- h. **Article P26 - Workplace Wellness - Deferred**
- i. **Election - Voters List**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to set August 27, 2024, as the date that the amend voters list of electors be ready for distribution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

j. **ADA Discussion and Update**

CAO Alain Muise gave a brief update on the Aquaculture Development Area.

The 6 sites the province set out were for Request for Proposals. Word has been received from the province that 14 applications were received on all 6 sites. The province takes those and isolates which application will be more presentable then the other.

The winning applicant will have 90 days from that day to put in an actual lease application. This will take place in late July or early August. Once the 90 days expire the 30-day public consultation will begin.

None of this will relate to the remaining 47. They have zero interest in opening any more leases right now. We are amid planning on brining more information to residents on the remaining 47 sites.

The province is 24-48 hours away from putting out a report on the Scientific's of the Aquaculture Development Areas.

The province has put out a document that outlines the process of how the 6 sites will work.

k. **First Reading - Development Agreement for Carpentry Shop**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque for Council to:

- *Give notice of motion to consider approval of the proposed development agreement to permit a carpentry shop at 1006 Argyle Sound Road PID (90062019)*
- *Authorize Staff to schedule a public hearing for the proposed development agreement on July 25, 2024.*



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8. For Correspondence and Information

- a. **12 Months Notice Letter to NSFM**
- b. **Expanding Qualifying Expenditures for the Canada Community-Building Fund**
- c. **Correspondence from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Re: Continued Support**
- d. **Correspondence from Waste Check Re: Brush Cutting Concerns**

Councillors raised concerns on the safety of residents regarding brush cuttings.

It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to send a letter to the Department of Public Works regarding brush cutting concerns.

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- e. **June 2024 WCRL Library Report Newsletter**
- f. **Yarmouth County Community Health Board Report 2023-2024**
- g. **Municipal Planning Strategy Notice**
- h. **Fire Service Review**

CAO Alain Muise gave an update on where we are with the Fire Service Review study. The study has been finalized but not yet received.

SeaHawk service has shared that each department binders and electronic USBs have been completed. A draft 20-year capital plan has been started. SeaHawk recommends a half day workshop with Council and Staff, prior to the workshop meeting with all fire chiefs to review reports and discuss reports. This would also be a great opportunity to have a 2-day workshop.

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to have a second presentation to the 9 units, Council and relevant staff.

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9. Financial Requests – District Community Grants

- a. **District 1 Community Grants**

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve a District Community Grant in the amount \$700 for the following organization in District 1:

- Patchwork Pals Quilters

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- b. **District 3 Community Grants**

It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Guy Surette to approve a District Community Grant in the amount \$700 for the following organizations in District 3:

- Festival Acadien de Wedgeport



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- *Le Club des Acadiens Senior de Wedgeport*
- *Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee*
- *Wedgeport Tuna Museum*
- *Société d'Heritage Acadien de Wedgeport*

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c. **District 4 Community Grants**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve a District Community Grant in the amount \$700 for the following organizations in District 4:

- *St. Joseph Cemetery*

d. **District 4 Community Grants**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Ted Saulnier to approve a District Community Grant in the amount \$500 for the following organizations in District 4:

- *Surette's Island Betterment Committee*
- *Events Committee of Club Social des Iles*
- *Twin Village Social Club*
- *Par-en-Bas Seniors Club*

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e. **District 7 Community Grants**

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Ted to approve a District Community Grant in the amount \$700 for the following organizations in District 7:

- *Immaculate Conception Cemetery*
- *East Side Community Centre*
- *East Pubnico Improvements Committee*

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f. **District 9 Community Grants**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve a District Community Grant in the amount \$700 for the following organizations in District 9:

- *Ste. Anne du Ruisseau New Horizons*
- *Le Village Historique de la N-É*

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g. **Projet du Film au CMA**

Councillors expressed feeling this film would be more beneficial to the Municipality if it was being offered in English as well.

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to deny the request.



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MOTION CARRIED (4 in favour and 1 Nay)

10. **Agenda Topics for the next meeting/Notice of Motion by Councillors**
11. **Question Period – None.**
12. **In-Camera**
 - a. **Section 22:2 (e) – Personnel Matters - Deferred**
13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder

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