



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Council Members Present: Warden Nicole Albright, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier, Councillor Malcolm Madden, Councillor Greg Foster, Councillor Darryl LeBlanc, Councillor Kathy Bourque, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, and Councillor Racheal Surette

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Gordon Boudreau

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Executive Assistant Chantalle Newell

1. Call Meeting to Order

Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. with regrets from Councillor Gordon Boudreau.

2. Invitation to Stand and Move

Warden Nicole Albright 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 and Conflict of Interest Declaration

It was noted that item 10 d was added to the agenda – drinking water program.

*It is **MOVED** by Councillor Kathy Bourque and **SECONDED** by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to approve the agenda as presented.*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Presentation – Physician Recruitment/Community Navigator Report

Charlene d'Entremont, Kerry Muise, and Dr. Brian Moses were present on behalf of the Physician Recruitment initiative. They emphasize that funding from municipalities, the province, the hospital foundation, businesses, and volunteers has made the program effective. The municipality has contributed \$30,000 annually for the past three years, and they request the same support for another three-year term.

The program focuses on four main areas:

Retention: Supporting current physicians so they feel valued and choose to stay - examples include hosting events like the annual physician awards ceremony.

Recruitment: Attending conferences and promoting the Yarmouth/tri-county area as an attractive place to work and live.



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Resident Doctors: Since Yarmouth is a major teaching site, they focus on making residency enjoyable and welcoming - leading to many residents choosing to stay.

Medical Learners: Offering short-term students a positive experience by showing them local amenities, culture, and affordable accommodations.

Overall, the program has built a strong community network, contributed to successful physician recruitment and retention, and continues to help attract medical professionals to the Yarmouth area.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. October 30, 2025 – Executive Council Meeting Minutes

By consensus, the minutes of the Executive Meeting of October 30, 2025, were approved as presented.

6. Recognizing Argyle – Council Announcements

Deputy Warden Saulnier informs the public that the tree cutting along Highway 103 is part of building a transmission line for the Wedgeport windmills. This work will continue throughout the winter, stretching from Highway 103 to Black Pond Road in Wedgeport. The cleared path will be about 100 feet wide and follows a preset surveyed route, so it should not cause major issues. The project will continue until bird nesting season begins in the spring.

Councillor Malcolm Madden thanked everyone involved in organizing the Remembrance Day ceremonies across the municipality. He noted that public participation was strong, and the ceremony they attended in Tusket was well done despite the cold.

7. Warden's Report

The Warden's Report was attached to the agenda, there were no questions on the report.

8. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports this evening.

9. 7-Day Notice

10. For Decision and Discussion

a. December Executive Meeting and January Regular Meeting Date Change

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc that the December Executive Meeting be cancelled and the January Regular Meeting date be changed to January 15, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Tender Approval – Mariners Centre Rink Replacement

It is MOVED by Councillor Malcolm Madden and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to approve the replacement of rink one ice slab replacement, and that the municipality finance their portion of the



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project, to a maximum of \$513,000, and that the CAO be directed to negotiate financing with the Municipality and Town of Yarmouth.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. First Reading – By-Law X13 – Trades and Licensing REPEALED

It is **MOVED** by Councillor Racheal Surette and **SECONDED** by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve First Reading of By-Law X13 – Trades and Licensing **REPEALED**.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Drinking Water Program

The drinking water program that is funded by the province currently has a deadline of November 30, 2025. Staff is seeking guidance from Council on if they want this extended or not.

It is **MOVED** by Councillor Kathy Bourque and **SECONDED** by Councillor Greg Foster to extend the drinking water program to December 22, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. For Correspondence and Information

a. Yarmouth International Airport Corporation Financial Reports – June and September 2025

The June and September 2025 Airport Corporation Financial Reports are attached to the agenda.

b. Municipality of Yarmouth Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments

The Municipality of Yarmouth has sent notice to council for the Municipal Planning Strategy amendments, as a neighbouring municipality.

12. Financial Requests

a. Maritime Hockey League Sponsorship Request

It is **MOVED** by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and **SECONDED** by Councillor Greg Foster to approve a contribution of \$5,000 to the Yarmouth Mariners Hockey club, a non profit organization under the societies act.

MOTION CARRIED

7 in favour, 1 against – Councillor Malcolm Madden

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

14. Question Period

15. In-Camera

It is **MOVED** by Councillor Kathy Bourque and **SECONDED** by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to go in camera at 8:01 p.m.



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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council returned to the regular session at 8:49 p.m. and made the following motions:

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to transfer ownership of the rescue boat to Ground Search and Rescue.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to approve the recommended salary for the Fire Coordinator position as discussed in-camera.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Malcolm Madden and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to allow the CAO to pursue a potential land swap in Tusket.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder