

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
Tusket Wastewater Management District Committee
Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Council Chambers, Tusket, 1:00 p.m.

Present: Bruce Hubbard, Chairperson
Greg Foster
Barb Brittain
Alain Muise, CAO
Lorelei Doucette, Acting Director of Property Inspection and Public Works
Krista Nickerson, Recorder

Chairperson Bruce Hubbard called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

It was moved by Greg Foster, seconded by Barb Brittain that the agenda be approved.
MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Barb Brittain, seconded by Greg Foster to approve the minutes as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Greg Foster asked if there has been anymore vandalism in the area. Alain Muise responded and said that as far as we can see there has been no more vandalism, but the Municipality has begun looking into the installation of security cameras at our facilities. Alain is in contact with Peter Muise to determine what cameras will work best for our facility.

The newsletter to the residences has gone out. The Municipal office received no feedback from the residents.

Update - Tusket Industrial Park

The tender has been issued to Garian Construction for the extension to the Tusket Sewer. It was a public tender advertized in the Vanguard, Chronicle Herald, and the Construction Association of Nova Scotia Website. All local and non local contractors had the opportunity to bid. Garian sub-contracted the work to R&D Harris Construction. The construction should begin as early as the end of May. Ramsy Gurguis was hired as the Construction Inspector. CBCL will make random visits to oversee that the construction is going well.

The second reading of the bylaw amendment to include the Industrial Park was at the regular Council meeting on May 13th and there was no public participation.

Proposed Sewer Budget and Levy 2008-2009

Between Proposed Budget 1 and Proposed Budget 2 there is no difference in the expenses other than the Transfer to Septic Tank clean up reserve. Proposed Budget 2 has a sewer rate increase of \$5.00. (See attached proposals)

There is an accumulated surplus of \$16,000 since the startup of the system in 2005.

Regular maintenance requires that between years 5-7 all septic tanks must be pumped out. There are approximately 100 users on the system. It costs between \$150 and \$200 to pump out each tank. The Municipality needs to plan for this expense as the cost will be approximately \$15,000. It is anticipated this will be spread out over a 2-3 year period.

Barb Brittain asked how much the users in the Tusket Industrial Park will have to pay to hook up. Alain stated that it will cost at least \$2,500 in capital charges to connect. The annual maintenance rate will be the same as our original bylaw, and the amount each organization pays is dependant on the type of organization.

Greg Foster moved to go with Proposed Budget 2, Barb Brittain seconded. (Attached)

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, it was moved by Greg Foster, seconded by Barb Brittain the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Krista Nickerson
Recorder

Approved:

DATE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CHAIRMAN