

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**  
**Tusket Wastewater Management District Committee**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2009**  
**Council Chambers, Tusket, 1:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Bruce Hubbard, Chairperson  
Guy Surette, Councilor  
James Pothier  
Barbara Brittain  
Alain Muise, CAO  
Carol LeBlanc, Recorder

**Regrets:** Aldric d'Entremont  
Lorelei Doucette, Acting Director -Property Inspection and Public Works

Chairperson Bruce Hubbard called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

It was moved by Guy Surette, seconded by Barbara Brittain that the agenda be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Guy Surette, seconded by James Pottier to approve the minutes as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that the manhole next to James Pottier has been sealed. The underground riser situation will be addressed under correspondence.

Alain Muise, CAO explained the funding for the Tusket Industrial Park Sewer Extension - \$250,000 from the Province, \$60,000 from the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund and remaining portion of the cost has come from the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

**Correspondence**

Alain Muise, CAO read a letter from Norman Pottier, resident at #8299 Highway 3 Tusket requesting to obtain septic tank covers that are being replaced at the treatment plant to rectify the situation at his home.

The committee felt it was an unacceptable situation that has gone on for too long. Interpretation of the By-law and penalties were discussed. Mr. Muise states that the Municipal Solicitor has been contacted regarding this issue.

On more than one occasion the Municipality has contacted Mr. Pottier to rectify the situation of the underground risers. The Municipality will aggressively pursue the situation and will address the letter dated May 8, 2009 by imposing a deadline for Mr. Pottier to install above ground risers. If the risers that will be replaced at the treatment plant can be used to suit Mr. Pottier's needs, that appears to be a solution for the situation.

**Status of Tusket Industrial Park Sewer Extension**

Phase 1 is virtually complete. Documents are being completed before we release the final payment.

Phase 2A is to service all lots in the Tusket Wastewater District and do some upgrades to the existing system. Tender closing of this project is 2:00 p.m. today.

**Proposed Sewer Budget and Levy 2009-2010**

CAO Alain Muise presents the 2009-2010 proposed Tusket Wastewater Budget to the committee with changes to heading to read (12 months) ACTUAL to 31-March 09 not budget. Mr. Muise outlines three proposals. Each of the proposals contain the same operating costs; however have three different levy proposals changing the projected capital reserve line: for every \$5 increase to the rate or levy the capital reserve increases approximately \$500 (proposed budget attached). The proposed levies include (a) leaving the rate at \$175.76; (b) increasing to \$180.00; (c) increasing to \$185.00.

The committee discusses the options with the knowledge that increasing the reserve is very important and more feasible to increase by smaller amount at one time than a huge amount when a problem arises in the future.

It is moved by Barbara Brittain and seconded by Guy Surette that the sewer rate increase to \$185.00 per equivalent units for the 2009-2010 fiscal years.

**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business, on motion by Guy Surette the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Carol LeBlanc  
Recorder

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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CHAIRMAN

**Attachment: 2009-2010 Proposed Tusket Sewer Budget**