

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2019**  
**Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr, Calvin d'Entremont, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Glenn Diggdon, and Lucien LeBlanc.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Honourable Tim Murphy, Solicitor Real Boudreau and Municipal Clerk/Recorder Eilidh Canning.

**Regrets:** Councillors Kathy Bourque and Roderick Murphy Jr

The special meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by CAO Alain Muise.

**Election of Warden:**

CAO Muise advised that he will be chairing the meeting this evening and also reviewed the process for this evening. It is noted that, in the vote for Warden and/or Deputy Warden, a majority vote of Council is needed in order to declare a winner.

CAO Muise calls for nominations from the floor. Councillor Guy Surette nominates Deputy Warden Danny Muise for Warden. Councillor Richard Donaldson seconds the nomination. Deputy Warden Danny Muise then accepts the nomination for Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

CAO Muise then calls three times for further nominations. There being none, Deputy Warden Danny Muise accepts the position of Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

It is then moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright that Danny Muise becomes Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Danny Muise is declared Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

**Oath of Office, Warden:**

Danny Muise then takes the oath of office and allegiance and assumes the position of Chairman.

**Election of Deputy Warden:**

Councillor Nicole Albright nominates Councillor Guy Surette for Deputy Warden. Councillor Glenn Diggdon seconds the nomination. Councillor Guy Surette then accepts the nomination. CAO Alain Muise then asks three times for further nominations. There being none, councillor Guy Surette accepts the position of the Deputy Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.

It is then moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that councillor Guy Surette becomes Deputy Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.  
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Judge Tim Landry and CAO Muise return and declare Guy Surette as Deputy Warden.

**Oath of Office, Deputy Warden:**

Deputy Warden Danny Muise immediately takes his oath of office and allegiance and assumes his seat as Deputy Warden.

*Signed Oath Attached (19060601)*

There being no further business, it is moved by councillor Nicole Albright to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 6:47PM.

**Call Regular Council Meeting to Order**

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

**Agenda:**

On a motion by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calin d'Entremont that the agenda was approved.

*Motion Carried*

**Conflict of Interest Declaration**

Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

**Presentations and/or Petitions – Marilyn Keddy and Nathan Blades – Public Inquiry on the Risks of Offshore Drilling**

Marilyn Keddy of the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia and Nathan Blades of the Clean Ocean Action Committee briefed their presentation, and their purpose. They are looking for a motion from our council to support a call for a full and independent public inquiry into the pros and cons of oil industry exploration in offshore Nova Scotia. Each reviewed their presentation attached to this evening's agenda.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to provide a letter of support to the provincial government to support a call for a full and independent public inquiry into the pros and cons of oil industry exploration in offshore Nova Scotia.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

*Presentation Attached (19060602)*

## **Adoption of Minutes**

### Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright that the April 30, 2019 minutes of the Committee of the Whole & Grants to Organizations Meeting, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

## **Acknowledgement of Minutes**

### Wild Salt Progress Report – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the Wild Salt Architecture Progress Report, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 be acknowledged as circulated.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### Wild Salt Progress Report – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the Wild Salt Architecture Progress Report, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be acknowledged as circulated.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### Wild Salt Progress Report – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the Wild Salt Architecture Progress Report, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be acknowledged as circulated.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

### Wild Salt Progress Report – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the Wild Salt Architecture Progress Report, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 be acknowledged as circulated.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

### By-Law #30 Tusket Wastewater By-Law Amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

CAO Muise presented the Tusket Wastewater By-Law amendment for second reading.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Guy Surette that Council adopt the amendments to By-Law #30 Tusket Wastewater By-Law.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

## **Councillor's Reports**

Councillor Albright has gone to two doctor recruitment meetings. The big push is the approval of a budget for the Navigator position, which is under the decision section of tonight's agenda. She also attended the Nakile AGM and are looking for members for their board. Councillor Albright also attended the recreation meeting and advised of the

Recreation Facebook page and how it is updated very regularly. Also attended the Mariners Centre strategic / visionary meeting.

Deputy Warden attended the waste check meeting, and the Mariner Centre strategic / visionary meeting.

Councillor LeBlanc attended a WREN meeting.

Councillor Donaldson attended several steering committee meetings for the Mariner Centre expansion project. Also attended the FCM conference in Quebec last week.

Councillor Diggdon attended a Mariner Centre board meeting as well as the Mariner Centre strategic / visionary meeting as well as the FCM conference in Quebec.

Warden Danny Muise attended the D Day ceremony in Wedgeport today. Warden Muise also attended several of the meetings other councillors have mentioned at tonight's council meeting, one of which being the FCM conference in Quebec.

### **Staff Report**

CAO Muise provided an update to council on the progress of the Municipal Administration Building, including a brief summary of the new design of the building. Details of the Municipal building can be found in both the staff report attached to the agenda as well as the staff progress reports attached to this agenda. CAO Muise then reviewed the other priority items that are listed on this month's staff report, and provided details on each initiative.

Report attached for information.

*Report Attached (19060603)*

### **Strategic Priority topics**

None

### **Other Business and for Decision**

#### 2019 Council Priorities

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to accept the 2019 Council priorities as presented.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Tax Exemption Request (As per By-Law 28) for Non-Profit Organizations – Windjammer Memorial Park Committee

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve Tax Exemption Status for the Windjammer Memorial Park Committee and have added to the By-Law 28 appendix and will also include a tax adjustment in the amount of \$130.80 in order to write off the 2019-2020 tax assessment bill.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Request for Decision – Pubnico Library Branch

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that council approve staff to identify the potential non-profit entities within the Pubnico area that may be able to share a space with the Western Counties Regional Library, and that this result be brought back to Council to determine next steps.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Community Navigator Funding Proposal – Medical Professional Recruitment Yarmouth

Councillor Albright briefed council on the funding proposal attached to the agenda and discussed the funding requirements, specifically the \$20,000 request per year for three years from the Municipality of Argyle.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve the Community Navigator Funding Proposal request from the Municipality of Argyle in the amount of \$20,000.00 per year for three years.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 1 against)*

Request for Decision – Airport Agreement – 2<sup>nd</sup> extension

CAO Muise advised council that the current workloads of CAOs has not enabled them to get the original extension completed, therefore an extension is being requested from the Municipality of Argyle, the Municipality of Yarmouth as well as the town of Yarmouth.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to approve that an extension of another 60 days be granted to the CAO to negotiate a revised Intermunicipal Agreement for the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation. This extension is authorized under the same conditions as the original extension request, and following a revised negotiation schedule as recommended by the 3 CAO's.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Correspondence and for Information**

Documents for Destruction – Affidavit for documents that will be destroyed

No action, for information.

2018 Municipal Report – Municipal Profile Financial Condition Indicators Request 2017-2018

No action, for information.

Southwest Nova Scotia to host Congr s Mondial acadien 2024

CAO Muise reviewed the previous motions made by council with respect to funding for the CMA 2024. These motions are listed on the Memo attached to this evening's agenda.

*Memo Attached (19060604)*

Minimum Planning Requirements - Municipal Affairs Nova Scotia

No action, for information

Argyle Municipal Fire Fighters Association Minutes – April 11, 2019

No action, for information

**Financial Requests**

**Councillor Bourque –**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Sound Affects – A Youth Music Initiative

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Sound Affects – A Youth Music Initiative to assist with their annual fundraiser.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Pubnico-Light Monument Society

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The Pubnico-Light Monument Society to assist with the costs of a porta-potty on the site, for the months of July and August.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - East Side Community Centre

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The East Side Community Centre to assist in the purchase of a new commercial cooking stove.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Councillor LeBlanc –**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Comité du 250e anniversaire

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Comité du 250e anniversaire.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Councillor d'Entremont -**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – The Pubnico Point Trail Association

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The Pubnico Point Trail Association to assist with the maintenance costs of the trail.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – West Pubnico Athletic Association

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The West Pubnico Athletic Association to assist with the costs of maintaining the washing facilities during the summer.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Councillor Diggdon -**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Pubnico Area Lions Club

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The Pubnico Area Lions Club in order to assist with the costs associated with painting the inside of their hall.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – La société historique de Pubnico-Ouest

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to La société historique de Pubnico-Ouest.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Pubnico and Area Garden Club

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to La société historique de Pubnico-Ouest to assist with the purchase of mulch, shrubs, flowers for the flower and vegetable gardens of Le Musée.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Councillor Donaldson -**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Mount Pleasant Cemetery Co.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Mount Pleasant Cemetery Co to help maintain and improve the cemetery.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee to help maintain and improve the cemetery.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Nakile Home for Special Care

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Nakile Home for Special Care to assist with the costs of purchasing new furnishings, equipment and renovations.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - Glenwood Hall / Love of Dance

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Glenwood Hall to help in purchasing supplies to put a new, well needed roof on the Glenwood Hall.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Councillor Surette -**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Twin Village Social Club

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Twin Village Social club to help with upgrades to its facilities.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – The Events and Planning Committee of Club Social des Iles, Surette's Island

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The Events and Planning Committee of Club Social des Iles, Surette's Island to assist in the purchase of items for their kitchen.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Councillor Murphy –**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – festival acadien de Wedgeport

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to festival acadien de Wedgeport to help maintain and embellish the site of the monument of founding families of Wedgeport with flowers.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - The Plymouth Fencing Committee

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The Plymouth Fencing Committee.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - The Plymouth Cemetery

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The Plymouth Cemetery.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - Comeau's Hill and Little River Harbour Beach Committee

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Comeau's Hill and Little River Harbour Beach Committee to assist with the associated costs of re-establishing the Beach Point Project in Comeau's Hill.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 - Committee of Saint Gabriel Cemetery

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to the Committee of Saint Gabriel Cemetery to assist with the upkeep of the cemetery.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Councillor Albright –**

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – The Patchwork Pals Quilting

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Patchwork Pals Quilting to help with the costs for insurance for equipment as well as the purchase of quilting supplies.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Village Friends

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Village Friends to assist with upcoming senior events.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Le Club Acadien

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Le Club Acadien to assist with the purchase of supplies for making apple pies.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Les Amis de Ste-Anne

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson Leblanc to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Les Amis de Ste-Anne.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – The Knight of Columbus 8988

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to The Knights of Columbus 8988 to assist with their Sixth Canada Day Event.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Club des Audacieux de Quinan & Quinan & District Volunteer Fire Dept

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Club des Audacieux de Quinan & Quinan & District Volunteer Fire Dept to assist with the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Labour Day Picnic which will be held on September 1, 2019 at Le Club des Audacieux de Quinan.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion**

Mariner Centre Group of 9 Steering Committee currently has the Warden, Deputy Warden and CAOs of all three Municipalities. As Richard Donaldson is no longer the Warden of MODA, and Guy Surette has been nominated as the new Deputy Warden, councillor Donaldson requested a motion to determine who will now be a part of the Mariner Centre Steering Committee

It was determined by council and agreed by Deputy Warden Guy Surette that Guy should become part of the Group of 9 Steering Committee for the Mariner Centre Expansion, and Richard Donaldson be removed as a member, effective immediately.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Guy Surette replace Richard Donaldson on the Mariner Centre Group of 9 Steering Committee.

*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Question Period**

None.

**In Camera**

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:37PM.

Recorder  
Eilidh Canning

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman/Warden \_\_\_\_\_

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_