

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday August 19th, 2020
Tusket, NS 5:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Guy Surette; Councillors: Glenn Diggdon, Lucien LeBlanc, Calvin d'Entremont, Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr, and Kathy Bourque; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Clerk/Recorder Lori Murphy.

Regrets: Richard Donaldson

The meeting was called to order at 5:08p.m. by Warden Danny Muise

CAO Muise explained the protocols for COVID during council meeting in chambers.

Agenda:

On a motion by Roderick Murphy Jr and seconded by Glenn Diggdon the agenda was approved as circulated

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.
None declared

Presentations

None

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2020

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the July 28, 2020 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

For Decision and discussion

Temporary borrowing resolution

CAO Muise explained the resolution and that it has expired. It's for a capital loan for the new administration building.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the renewal of the temporary borrowing resolution for the Municipality of the District of Argyle in the amount of \$3,100,000 for the new municipal office.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Article P7-Overtime Policy

Warden Danny Muise briefly explained the revisions made to the policy. The revisions include a section about on-call or being called out.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approve the Article P7-Overtime Policy as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Comité organisateur du Congrès mondial acadien 2024

Warden Muise explained the request for decision. The total amount of the contribution has not changed, only the timing of payment and disbursement has changed.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council approve a contribution of \$100,000 to the Comité organisateur du congrès mondiale acadien 2024, representing years one and two of our \$250,000 funding commitment for CMA 2024.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the Warden connect with the Warden for the Municipality of the District of Clare to discuss and coordinate municipal capital and operational priorities related to CMA 2024.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Bernard A Pothiers Lane-Name Change

Warden Muise reviewed the memo and councillor LeBlanc highlighted some details of the request.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the name change from Bernard A Pothiers Lane to Janes Lane.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Chebeck Pond

Warden Muise explained the concern. Councillor LeBlanc will reach out to the resident to get more clarity on the issue.

No motion made

Water Shortage Update

CAO Muise explained the request for decision. He also provided information regarding the artesian wells in Comeau's Hill. Staff and REMO can look into this further as well as wells in other communities. Might be provincial regulations that we have to follow to open any wells. No project could be executed during this summer. This is a longer-term project. The Municipality needs to understand the cost that surrounds these or any wells.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that staff investigate further how to open up the wells in Comeau's Hill and also, for staff to conduct a study for putting a water system in place in Tusket possible at the new municipal building.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Water coupon program has started. Coupons can be obtained at the Municipal office in Tuskent, Public Works department. Council gave thanks to REMO coordinator Janine for all her hard work.

Water lending program applications have increased significantly. CAO explained the cost of borrowing for the water lending program and how it is calculated. Need to look at what the long-term plan is for water shortage. This is a climate change issue.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council approve that the water lending cap be amended to \$500,000 and any amount in excess of \$400,000 shall be borrowed from operating reserves to operating fund.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Election 2020-Procedures and forms

Warden Muise highlighted the details of the document. This document is designed to clarify any questions candidates might have. Polling stations will be set up around the Municipality prior to election day.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the procedures and forms as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Airport Corporation

Warden Muise explained the recommendation.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council extend the current airport agreement with budgeted funding to March 31st, 2021.

a. That Council extend the current airport agreement to March 31st, 2021 and provide notice to the Board of funding.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded Kathy Bourque that Council provide the mandate to the airport board to right size operations that align with the current economic environment

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Consultation Proposal-WSP

CAO Muise explained the offer from WSP to continue to support the LUB and MPS after it has been passed.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve WSP at a fee of \$825/month plus HST for any work the municipality may need related to the Land use By-Law.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Streetlights-Wedgeport

Councillor LeBlanc explained that there have been issues with lightening during foggy nights on Surette's road in Wedgeport. When light is out there tends to be accidents. Council has a lighting policy. Councillor LeBlanc will forward the resident forms from the lighting policy.

Correspondence and for Information2019-20 Annual Report-Property Valuation Services Corporation

No action, for information.

Well Restoration and Repair - East Pubnico

No action, for information.

Fisheries & Aquaculture

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

None

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None

Question Period

None

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque to recess the Regular Council Meeting to go in camera at 6:34PM.

There being no further business, it is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 9:15p.m.

Recorder

Lori Murphy

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
