



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

- Council Members Present:** Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Richard Donaldson, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Guy Surette, and Councillor Kathy Bourque, via Zoom.
- Absent with Regrets:** Councillor Calvin d'Entremont
- Staff Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, and Executive Assistant Chantalle Newell.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Danny Muise called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

2. **Invitation to Stand and Move**

Warden Danny Muise reminded Council that they are permitted to stand and move as they need to during the meeting. This is a new initiative introduced by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

By consensus, the agenda was approved with the addition of:

- 13 a. District Community Grant Request, Papillons and Pissenlits, \$500.

4. **Presentation – Vaughne Madden, Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024**

Vaughne Madden, the Director of Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024 was present via Zoom to give council an update on where the organization is with planning this event. After her presentation, council had some questions that were discussed and answered. Warden Muise thanked Ms. Madden for her presentation.

5. **Recognizing Argyle**

Councillor Saulnier spoke about some residents that lost their home in a fire in his district. He mentioned they received their modular home today and they will be moving back into the community in a few weeks. Councillor Saulnier welcomed Willard and Anne Doucette back to the Community. Councillor Saulnier also wished Owen Atkinson, a veteran in his district a very happy 100th birthday, and thanked him for his service.

Councillor Donaldson reported on the Creamed Lobster supper put on for seniors in his district. The lobsters were donated by the fishermen of his district. He thanked everyone for their volunteer efforts and generosity.



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Councillor Diggdon gave a shout out to the Argyle Recreation Department for putting on the supper for seniors as well as preparing over a hundred stockings for seniors in the municipality. He indicated that the seniors really appreciate them.

6. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2022**

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022 as presented.

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7. **Wardens Report**

Warden Muise's report is attached to the agenda. There were no questions on his report.

8. **Committees Report**

a. **Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission**

Councillor Surette provided the council with a report on the YAIC. The main thing he reported on was the Port Board which is being worked on. Councillor Surette reported it will be called the Yarmouth Sea Port. He also indicated that the lease for Harbour South is being worked on with Nova Scotia Health, and after that is complete, the next step is to work with the A.M. Clark Centre and Nova Scotia Health.

b. **REMO Executive Meeting**

No report available for the REMO Executive Meeting,

c. **Mariners Centre Board**

Councillor Diggdon indicated the Mariners Centre Board has been struggling to find a meeting date since the holidays.

d. **Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association**

No report available for the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association.

e. **Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park**

Councillor Richard Donaldson provided a brief update on the status of the Waste Park.

f. **Yarmouth International Airport Corporation**

Councillor Surette reported on the financials for the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation.

g. **Nakile Board**

Warden Danny Muise reported on the replacement for the Administrator position at Nakile. A person has accepted the offer.



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h. Western County Regional Libraries

Councillor Bourque provided a quick update on the WCRL. She indicated they have passed a new dress code policy, and they are looking for a new vehicle to accommodate their needs.

i. WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee

Councillor Surette also reported on the WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee. He indicated that their quorum requirements have been a problem for a while, therefore, they have reached out to the units involved to receive permission for their quorum to be 50%+1 rather than 70%+1. Councillor Surette is also working with someone from the Municipality of Yarmouth who will be providing secretarial support for the WREN LOC.

j. Argyle Recreation Committee

No report available for the Argyle Recreation Committee.

9. Reports

a. Clerks Report

Some discussion surrounding sidewalks and the Active Transportation Plan happened during the clerks report. No motion was made, as there was no decision.

10. 7-Day Notice to Council

a. Article C50 – Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

Council is receiving 7-day notice on the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy. This policy is set to be passed at the January Executive Council Meeting.

b. Repeal – Article P13 – Group Insurance and Medical Plan

Council is receiving 7-day notice on the repeal of the Group Insurance and Medical Plan Policy. This policy has been replaced with Article P34 – Employee Medical and Dental Plan. This policy is set to be repealed at the January Executive Council Meeting.

11. For Decision

a. WREN LOC Quorum Requirements

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve the WREN LOC Quorum recommendations from 70%+1 to 50%+1.

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b. Planting Trees in SWNS

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to approve the request for the planting trees initiative and to give staff permission to work with the organization to find an area to plant them.

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c. **Article P34 – Employee Medical and Dental Benefits**

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve Article P34 – Employee Medical and Dental Benefits.

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12. **Correspondence and For Information**

a. **NSFM Monday Memos**

The NSFM Monday Memos are a standing item on the Council agenda for informational purposes only.

b. **Yarmouth Area Community Fund Newsletter**

Council received the Yarmouth Area Community Fund Newsletter. No action required.

c. **Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission – Policing Concerns**

Council received a letter from the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission regarding Policing concerns. Councillor Surette is on the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission Board and indicated there is no action required from council at this time.

d. **Coastal Protection Act**

Council received a letter from the Eastern District Planning Commission to Minister Halman regarding the Coastal Protection Act Consultation. This is for information purposes only.

e. **Code of Conduct Consultation Report**

Council received a report from the Code of Conduct Committee. No action is required.

f. **Le Courier**

The Municipality received a financial request from Le Courier in the amount of \$500. CAO Muise approved the request and brought it to council for their information. No action is required from Council.

g. **Summary Report from CHB Role Clarity Community Partner Survey**

Council received a report from the NS Health Community Health Board on the survey that was done. No action is required from Council.

13. **Financial Requests**

a. **District Community Grant Request – Papillons et Pissenlits - \$500**

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to provide Papillons et Pissenlits with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500.

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



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Councillor Surette provided council notice for an agenda topic for the January Executive Meeting. He would like to bring the topic of le Club Social des Iles. Councillor Surette provided some background on the request and indicated he will be bringing it forward for consideration at the January Executive Meeting.

15. **Question Period**

CAO Muise addressed a question from the public that was asked on Facebook. The question was surrounding sidewalks. CAO Muise indicated that there has not been an engineer hired to do any sidewalk assessments at this time. CAO Muise also indicated that there is currently no open stream of funding for Active Transportation, and therefore, there is no application to be submitted at this time. CAO Muise thanked the resident for their question.

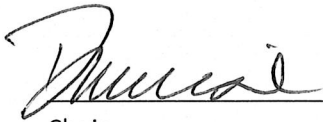
16. **In-Camera – None.**


17. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

January 31, 2023

Date Approved


Chair


Clerk/Recorder