



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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.

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**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **Invitation to Stand and Move**

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright 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 as presented.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023**

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023 are approved as presented.

5. **Recommendations from PAC – Wind Development**

Erin Ferguson from WSP was present to bring forward the recommendations from the PAC Meeting yesterday regarding wind development. The wind development section of the Land Use By-Law amendments were deferred in December after hearing some public comments regarding the setback distances. The PAC is recommending that Council give first reading the option two as outlined in the planners report. Option 2 is requiring a reduced separation distance of 300 m for seasonal camps and dwellings, rather than the lot line. The changes to the land use by-law, should council choose to give first reading to this option are as follows: (Changes in green)

8.1 LARGE SCALE WIND TURBINE GENERATORS (See Definitions)

i. A Development Agreement is required for a Large-scale Wind Turbine Generator or Wind Farm.

ii. Large Scale Wind turbine Generators are required to be removed from the site after a period of two years from the date of cessation of electrical power generation of the Wind Turbine Generator.



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- iii. The required separation distance between Large Scale Wind Turbine Generator and existing dwellings shall not be less than 1 kilometre (1000 m) excluding a Camp or Seasonal Dwelling.
- iv. The required separation distance between a Large Scale Wind Turbine Generator and a Camp or Seasonal Dwelling shall not be less than 300 metres.

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to accept the PAC's recommendations and give first reading to option 2 as outlined in the planners report requiring a reduced separation distance of 300 m for Seasonal Dwellings and Camps; and to have staff proceed with the advertising and scheduling of a public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **7-Day Notice**

a. **Article C16 – Low Income Property Tax Exemption**

This is 7-day notice for the amendments to Article C16 – Low Income Property Tax Exemption.

7. **Department Head Reports – Department of Operational Services**

Director of Operational Services Kyle Boudreau was present at a special meeting prior to this meeting to provide an update on the projects going on in his department. He updated Council on the Wedgeport Wastewater project, the Courthouse Window Retrofit Project, the Asset Management Plan and more.

Kyle's report is attached.

8. **For Decision**

a. **Fidelis House**

It is moved by Warden Danny Muise and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to have staff reply to the Fidelis House advising them of the Grants to Organization process.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **Fire Services Review**

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to authorize staff to commence the review of current firefighting services in Argyle and provide multiyear recommendations and actions for both the municipality and the fire departments, with a deadline for the report of March 31, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. **Request for Relief of Taxes**

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to relieve the taxes on AAN # 10782597 in the amount of \$540.22.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



9. **Correspondence and For Information**

a. **Letter to South West Nova Biosphere**

There is a letter that was sent to the South West Nova Biosphere attached to the agenda for information purposes.

b. **YQI Activities**

A letter regarding the YQI activities is attached to the agenda for information purposes.

c. **Yarmouth Seaport Incorporated Board of Directors**

Deputy CAO Surette explained that the Municipality put a call out for applicants for the Yarmouth Seaport Incorporated Board of Directors on social media and received no responses. He is advising council that they will start seeking options.

d. **Coldest Night of the Year Invitation**

Council received an invitation to the Coldest Night of the Year, as they are sponsors for the event.

10. **Financial Requests**

a. **District Community Grant Request – The Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee**

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Richard Donaldson to provide the Wedgeport Nature Trail Committee with a District Community Grant of \$500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **District Community Grant Request – Plymouth Hall**

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to provide the Plymouth Hall with a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 for a community sign.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

12. **Question Period**

13. **In-Camera – Personnel Matter Section 22:2 (C) MGA**

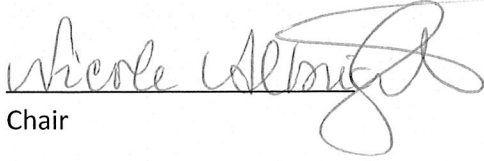
Council recessed to an in-camera session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. No motion was required from the discussion.

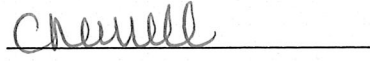
14. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



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Chair


Clerk/Recorder