



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2024

Council Members Present:

Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Richard Donaldson, Councillor Gordon Boudrau, Councillor Guy Surette, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, Councillor Ted Saulnier, Councillor Calvin d'Entremont, and Councillor Kathy Bourque.

Absent with Regrets:

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 6:34 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. **Honouring Former Councillor, Del Boudreau**

Council had a moment of silence for the passing of former Councillor, Del Boudreau.

4. **Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration**

By consensus, the agenda was approved as circulated with no conflict declared at this time.

5. **Adoption of Minutes**

a. **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2023**

By consensus, the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 14, 2023, are approved as presented.

6. **Recognizing Argyle**

Councillor Diggdon mentioned that there was a reporter from Le Courier present in the Council Chambers. She is happy to meet with Councillors if they have any stories they would like to be shared in the media.

CAO Muise spoke about the importance of recognizing volunteer fire fighters. The annual volunteer week that happens within the Municipality and the Province will continue as it usually does, however, staff is in the process of doing a fire services review, and they will work with the Fire Departments to find out how they would like to be recognized.

7. **Wardens Report**

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



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8. **Committees Report**

- a. **Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission**
- b. **REMO Executive Meeting**
- c. **Mariners Management Authority**
- d. **Mariners Centre Expansion Board (MCEB)**
- e. **Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association**
- f. **Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park**
- g. **Yarmouth International Airport Corporation**
- h. **Nakile Board**
- i. **Western County Regional Libraries**
- j. **WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee**
- k. **Argyle Recreation Committee**
- l. **Police Advisory Board**
- m. **Doctor Recruitment**
- n. **Waste check**
- o. **Sewer Committees**

9. **Staffing Reports – Deferred until the January Executive Meeting**

10. **For Decision and Discussion**

- a. **Second Reading – 400 Abbotts Harbour Road, Land Use By-Law Amendments – Rezoning application**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Land Use By-Law map amendment for the property located at 400 Abbotts Harbour Road (PID 90075474) to permit a rezoning from the Marine Industrial (MI) zone to the Mixed Use (MU) zone to bring the current use on the subject property into compliance with the existing Municipal Planning Documents.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. **Relief of Taxes – AAN#s 01065815, 01068016, and 08489785**

It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and SECONDED by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to approve the relief of taxes on AANs # 01065815, 01068016, and 08489785 in the amount of \$450.13.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. **Request from Sou'West Nova ATV Association**

It is MOVED by Councillor Guy Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Richard Donaldson to support the Sou'West Nova ATV Association's request to the Province to allow ATV's road access in the following locations:

- *From 4026 Highway 308 (Tusket Trail Head) to the Tusket Ultramar on Highway 308.*
- *From 2695 Trunk 3 to 2616 Trunk 3, Paul d'Entremont Marine in Pubnico.*

MOTION CARRIED 8 IN FAVOUR, 1 AGAINST – WARDEN DANNY MUISE



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d. **Communities in Bloom Request**

It is MOVED by Councillor Richard Donaldson and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to direct staff to get more information regarding the Communities in Bloom request.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. **TREPA Concerns for Hydro Dam in Tusket**

Council discussed TREPAs concerns for the Hydro Dam in Tusket. No motion was made on the topic.

11. **Correspondence and For Information**

a. **Municipality of Barrington Planning Matter**

Council received notification for a planning matter in the Municipality of Barrington.

b. **Yarmouth County Trail Development Association**

Council received concerns from the Yarmouth County Trail Development Association.

12. **Financial Requests**

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

It is MOVED by Councillor Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to provide a \$500 District Community Grant to the Plymouth Hall.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. **Coldest Night of the Year Sponsorship**

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$500 for SHYFT Coldest Night of the Year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Councillor Bourque would like to bring up the topic of the intersection by the Creamy Treat at the next Council meeting.

CAO Muise advised Council that assessments have gone out and they have gone up. He advised residents to check their cap assessment to get a better idea of what they will be taxed on.

14. **Question Period**

15. **In-Camera – Section 22:2 (E) Mariners Centre Expansion**

The Council went to the in-camera session at 7:21 p.m.

Councillor Richard Donaldson left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



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Council came out of the in-camera session at 7:38 p.m. to make the following motion:

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to remove PID# 90055658 from Tax Sale for 1 year (2024 tax sale) and authorize the CAO to set up a consultation with the property owner and Senior Safety.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

January 25, 2024

Date Approved

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Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. M. ...", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk/Recorder