

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon, Calvin d'Entremont.; Municipal Clerk Eilidh Canning and Recorder Charlene LeBlanc.

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr, Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:

On a motion by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the agenda was approved.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Richard Donaldson asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions – Stephanie St-Pierre, Centre Acadien, Universite Sainte-Anne

Stephanie St-Pierre reviewed with council the objectives of her project, which is to create and adapt historically accurate and research based content to enhance knowledge of Acadian culture, history and heritage through the Centre Acadien's extensive archives and other resources. She advised council that she plans to bring her vision to life via a website through Historic Nova Scotia, a platform that currently exists, but does not have South Western Nova Scotia visible on it. Phase 1 of the project will be creation of the content, hiring of employees, phase 2 and 3 is the creation of the content, and once phase 3 is complete, the project will be complete. The total financial contribution required from the Municipality of Argyle is \$7,897.02 CAD. This cost is outlined in the proposal attached to these minutes.

When Stephanie concluded her presentation, Warden Richard Donaldson advised that council will take the dollar amount requested to budget deliberations and advise Stephanie if approved once the budget is decided.

Report Attached (19031201)

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2019

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the February 26, 2019 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Diggdon sat in on an airport meeting, attended a pancake support, and also attended an event put on by the WREN for new comers to the area which was held at Anchored Grounds on March 5th. Councillor Diggdon also discussed the value the free civic signs are having in his community,

Councillor Bourque sat in on an airport meeting, attended a Nakile meeting, and a pancake supper.

Councillor Surette sit in on an airport meeting.

Councillor Nicole Albright attended the Nakile 30th anniversary, a recreation meeting, and a volunteer banquet. She also advised council to review the recreation and active living Facebook page, which has a lot of great information available on it. Councillor Albright also attended a YMCA meeting, as well as an EMO Advisory committee meeting, which she proceeded to advise council that Janine Muise, EMO Coordinator, will be requesting a presentation to council to review the finances that will be needed in order to set up the comfort centers within the local firehalls in case of an emergency situation.

Deputy Warden Danny Muise sat in on an airport meeting, attended a pancake support, and also attended an event put on by the WREN for new comers to the area which was held at Anchored Grounds on March 5th

Warden's Report

Warden Donaldson reported that he attended the following meetings:

February 19th Building Committee
February 21st Dr. Recruitment Meeting
February 25th YAIC Meeting
February 25th Gerald Boudreau, Book launch.
February 26th Council, Committee of the Whole
February 27th Airport Planning Meeting
February 28th Mariners Centre Meeting
March 4th Abuptic Festival Meeting
March 6th Special Council Meeting

Staff Report

Report attached for information; not discussed by council.

Report Attached (19031202)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

RFD – Wedgeport Sewer Committee Council chair

Hans Pfeil, Public Works Director advised council the current by-law outlines MOA needs a committee for the new sewer operation. The committee needs 3 members of the public, staff, and two councillors. One councillor is expected to be the chairperson.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the creation of a Wedgeport Sewer committee with councillor Lucien LeBlanc as chair, and councillor Roderick Murphy as the second councillor to serve on the committee.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Major Recreation Infrastructure Project

It is recommended to council that the scope of Phase 1 of the Recreation Infrastructure project will include an aquatic centre and Indoor / outdoor track and field house. Needs related to curling, and other facilities will be addressed in consideration of future phases. It is also recommended that the Group of 9 be established as the Project Steering Committee, representing the owners. The structure of the Project Steering Committee may change as the project progresses.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Deputy Warden Danny Muise that the scope of phase 1 of the Recreation Infrastructure project will include an aquatic center and indoor / outdoor track and field house with clarification required on the location of the field house.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Deputy Warden Danny Muise that the Group of 9 (which consists of the CAOS, Wardens and Deputy Wardens from the Municipality of Yarmouth, the Municipality of Argyle, and the town of Yarmouth) will be established as the Project Steering Committee for the Major Recreation Infrastructure Project.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Tender for Road Extension for Future Development

Hans Pfeil, Public Works Director reviewed the Request for Decision dated March 12, 2010 and requested council to approve the motion to hire ABLE Engineering under the use of alternative procurement procedures as outlined in MOA's procurement policy.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that council accept the proposed quotation from ABLE Engineering dated March 11, 2019 for \$14,900 plus HST

and supports staff with the development of the remainder of the property at 4092 Highway 308, Tusket, Nova Scotia.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Minimum Planning Standards Consultation Process

No action, for information.

Unsightliness of the garbage bins that are located beside the road (Councillor LeBlanc to speak on this item)

No action, for information.

Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia Purple Ribbon Campaign (Warden Richardson to speak on this item)

No action, for information.

HST letter Town of Shelburne

No action, for information.

Municipal Representative NSHA/DHW Steering Committee

No action, for information.

Feasibility study – Community Centre (component of the new school being built) in Wedgeport

No action, for information.

Press Release - Modernizing Municipal Government Act and HRM Charter to Benefit Nova Scotians

No action, for information.

Green Construction through Wood Program – Status

No action, for information.

Policy Change – Article P15 – Leave of Absence

No action, for information.

Amendments to the Emergency 911 Act

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Association des Acadiens Metis Souriquois
Lucien LeBlanc requested a District Community Grant of \$500 for Association des Acadiens Metis Souriquois.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to support request and provide a \$500 grant.
Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – East Pubnico Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Kathy Bourque requested a District Community Grant of \$500 for kitchen supplies for the Pubnico Ladies Auxiliary.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to support request and provide a \$500 grant.
Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Kathy Bourque reminded councillors that they should make sure their cell phone information is current. Eilidh suggested that their preferred contact number be emailed to her.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss contract negotiations at 8:00PM.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:21PM.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the Municipality of Argyle extend the current contract with Mariners Center for 12 months.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Recorder
Charlene I LeBlanc

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muisse, Chief Administrative Officer
