

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson, Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon, Lucien LeBlanc, Roderick Murphy Jr. and Calvin d'Entremont; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon, Director of Public Works Hans Pfeil and Recorder/Municipal Clerk Eilidh Canning.

Regrets: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Deputy Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council, in accordance with subsection 22(2) clause (a) of the Municipal Government Act, the agenda is approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

Jonathan LeBlanc - Eel Brook & District Fire Department

Jonathan briefed the council on the need for a new fire hall, based upon the condition of the old firehall. He advised council of the area the volunteer firefighters at the Eel Brook & District Fire Department, and how busy they are with emergency calls (highway 103 accidents as an example), as well as the extensive training the firefighters that are part of this fire department have. Currently there are no washrooms, or room for a septic field at their current location. There is not enough room currently for the firefighters to put their gear on, and there is not enough parking for the firefighters to park their vehicles. The life expectancy of a new building is 125 years, and with the energy efficiency proposed for this building, there is a potential energy savings of 70%.

The overall ask from council is \$406,529.38. This is based on a 10-year plan, which will save money for the tax payers on the borrowing costs.

Adoption of Minutes

Building Committee Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2019

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Murphy that the February 28, 2019 Building Committee Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2019

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the March 6, 2019 Special Council Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2019

It is moved by Warden Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the March 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Financial Statements – February 28, 2019

Financial director Marsha D'eon reviewed the financial statements attached to the agenda with council and reviewed the budget along with surplus

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to accept the unaudited Financial Report dated February 28, 2019.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

Policy Change Article P15 – Leave of Absence

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to accept the policy change as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Up to \$40,000 investment to support Human Resources need for Major Recreation Infrastructure Project

Deputy Warden Danny Muise advised council this request came from the meeting of the group of 9 (Steering Committee) for the Mariner Center Expansion's first meeting. The reason this resource is needed is because the three municipal units do not have the expertise, or the resources needed to get the funding application into the province by June of this year.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to invest up to \$40,000 to support the human resources need for the Major Recreation Infrastructure Project in order to hire a project coordinator to create and submit the application package.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation – 15th Annual Spring Gala – Table Sponsor Request

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that council approve the table sponsor request of \$1200.00 to support the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's 15th annual spring gala.

Motion (9 in favour, 0 against)

Select a member of council to be on the Mariner Center Board of Directors

Deputy Warden Danny Muise advised council that the Mariner Center Board of Directors requires a member of the Municipality of Argyle on the Board of Directors as currently there is no one on the board from our Municipality.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Lucien LeBlanc be the elected member and Glenn Diggdon be the alternate member for the Mariner Center Board of Directors.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Abrams River School House – Community Hall Project Grant Request

Deputy Warden Danny Muise advised council that Abrams River School House will be applying for the \$15,000 community hall project grant. Abrams River School House has been active for a number of years, however, was condemned a number of years ago, and a new group has taken over the school house late last year. Due to the new group trying to get the school house back into an acceptable condition, they will require this grant. Deputy Warden Muise also advised that the new group was able to get the roof done from fundraising alone, however require further financial assistance in order to keep progressing the work that needs to be done.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to waive the 5-year eligibility criteria in order to have application from Abrams River School House awarded.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Building Inspector Succession Plan

CAO Muise reviewed the RFD for a building inspector with council, as per the attachment to the March 26th, 2019 meeting agenda.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to create the new position, Deputy Building Inspector/ By-Law Enforcement Officer, so that the CAO can determine salary scale and benefits for the position. approve amended Policy C11 – Procurement, as written February 14, 2019.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – East Pubnico Water Utilities – Well Capacity Assessment

Public Works Director Hans Pfeill reviewed the RFD for the East Pubnico Water Utilities – Well Capacity assessment with council, as per the attachment to the March 26, 2019 meeting agenda.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve the proposal from WSP Canada Inc and allow staff to proceed with the upgrades to both Water Systems in Middle and Lower East Pubnico

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Airport Contract Extension

CAO Muise reviewed the RFD for the Airport Contract Extension with council, as per the attachment to the March 26, 2019 meeting agenda however did outline his error in the requested motion, in that the day should state May 30th, 2019 as opposed to what is on the RFD document which is June 30, 2019.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to extend the deadline of the current 4-year intermunicipal agreement to May 30, 2019, with no amendments except for a revised funding requirement of \$685,000, and that the negotiated agreement be brought to Councils for approval as close to that deadline as possible

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Industry Board Member for YASTA

No action required, for information.

Bill 92 – Powers to Expend Amendments

No action required, for information.

Funding Request Denial – Enabling Accessibility

No action, for information.

South Shore Fieldhouse – Financial Statements

No action, for information.

Develop Nova Scotia – Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative Update – March 2019

No action, for information.

Federal Budget 2019

No action, for information.

Thank you letter for \$200 donation - CAPEB

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Holy Family Church Council

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien Leblanc to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Holy Family Church Council.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Le festival de la barge Committee

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Le festival de la barge Committee to assist with the costs of maintaining the site at Passe de prés.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Association de la Chappelle

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Association de la Chappelle to assist with the costs of repair and upkeep of their chapel and grounds.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Pubnico Area Lions Club

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to the Pubnico Area Lions Club to assist in fixing their existing wheel chair ramp.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Ecosse

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to the Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Ecosse to assist with the cost of running the youth camp.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Pubnico Point Trail Association

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Guy Surette to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to the Pubnico Point Trail Association to help with the costs of maintaining the existing trail.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – West Pubnico Health Club

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggson to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to the West Pubnico Health Club to purchase pieces of equipment as well as some maintenance of equipment.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – West Pubnico Athletic Association

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to the West Pubnico Athletic Association to fix areas around the ball field.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera at 8:10PM.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

In-Camera - Contract Negotiations

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Recorder

Eilidh Canning

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____