

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Aldric d'Entremont; Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr., Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise; Solicitor Réal Boudreau; Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: None.

The meeting is called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Moment of Silence – Deceased RCMP Officers

A moment of silence is taken for the 3 deceased RCMP officers killed in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Agenda:

On motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Danny Muise the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Aldric d'Entremont asks for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

Conseil acadien de Par-en-Bas – Clyde deViller

Mr. Norbert LeBlanc, President of the Conseil acadien de Par-en-Bas, was in attendance with Mr. Clyde deViller, General Manager of the Conseil acadien de Par-en-Bas, to make a presentation to Council in French regarding the organization's priorities and upcoming projects and events.

Mr. LeBlanc began his presentation by explaining the organization's missions and goals which included being the primary spokesperson for the Acadien and francophone population of Argyle, offering services and programs which answer to the values of the organization and support its members in the development of the Acadien and francophone community in Argyle.

Mr. deViller continued by presenting statistics of usage of the Salle Père Maurice LeBlanc Theatre in Tusket, of the participation at their annual Festival du Bon Temps as

well as of language trends and data in the Municipality of Argyle and the County of Yarmouth.

Mr. deViller concluded the presentation by stating that even though they were organizing many activities, we were still losing the French language and he is requesting the help from the Municipality to continue to try and save the language.

Report Attached

Adoption of Minutes

Planning Advisory Committee – February 27, 2014

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee of February 27, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Western Regional Enterprise Network – March 6, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Western Regional Enterprise Network of March 6, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Western Regional Enterprise Network – March 21, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Western Regional Enterprise Network of March 21, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Western Regional Enterprise Network – April 9, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Western Regional Enterprise Network of April 9, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting – Grants to Organizations – April 29, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting – Grants to Organizations of April 29, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Western Regional Enterprise Network – April 30, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Western Regional Enterprise Network of April 30, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Sewer Committee – May 7, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the West Pubnico Sewer Committee of May 7, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Tusket Sewer Committee – May 12, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Tusket Sewer Committee of May 12, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting – May 13, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 13, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Special Budget Meeting – May 13, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of May 13, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 27, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 27, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Municipal Boundary Review – Public Consultation Report

CAO Muise explained the basis of the report and detailed the results which were determined by the consultations. He noted specifically the feedback received in each of the 4 public meetings and the 2 major concerns outlined by the communities of Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau and East Kemptville. He concluded by outlining the 2 recommendations to Council: maintain 9 districts with only minor corrections or reduce to 7 districts with the input from the public and return to another round of public consultations.

Deputy Warden d'Entremont questioned whether there was any feedback by e-mail.

CAO Muise indicated that staff did not receive any feedback from the public electronically or in person.

Councillor Donaldson indicated that he was disappointed with the amount of participants at the meetings and indicated that he was still in favor of the 9 district option. He also questioned whether or not both options had to be presented within the report which would be presented to the Utility and Review Board.

Councillor Muise indicated that he was also disappointed with the amount of participants and indicated that he heard that some residents did not know the purpose of the meetings and others thought the decision had already been made and public input would not matter. Councillor Muise also noted that it would be important to work on the public's input for the 7 district option and would be interested in receiving that information.

Councillor Surette noted that he was in favour of reducing in the beginning but with the public consultation results, he feels as though they should maintain 9 districts.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to accept option 1 of the recommendations presented in the Public Consultation Report and recommend presenting the 9 district option to the UARB.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 1 against - Councillor LeBlanc)

Report Attached

Warden's Report

On May 21st, I attended a tea at the Grand in honor of 110 years of the VON service to our community. It started out with one nurse serving Yarmouth town and has expanded to what we see today. I also took part in the VON walkathon.

May 22nd, Alain and I attended a meeting in Truro to discuss the Ivany report (one NS).

From May 29th to June 2nd, I attended the FCM annual conference in Niagara Falls. It was well attended and had some real good presentations. The trade show was very good and there was time for networking. Our new president is the mayor of Fredericton N.B.

On June 2nd, I represented council at the opening of the fifth annual Yarmouth Geocaching and brought greetings from Argyle. The municipality of Argyle partnered with the Municipality and Town of Yarmouth this year for the first time. We may be hosting it next year.

Councillor's Reports

Deputy Warden d'Entremont reported on the persistent smell at the West Pubnico Sewage Treatment Plant. He explained that he had received a number of complaints recently and encouraged all local residents to attend an emergency sewer committee meeting that he had called on Thursday June 12, 2014.

Councillor Surette reported on the recent meetings he attended, including a Green Energy Committee meeting. He noted the successful walk on the old Indian Sluice Bridge which was attended by over 200 people on Saturday and reminded Council of the grand opening of the bridge on June 28th.

Councillor Bourque indicated that the Nakile expansion project is on schedule. She reported on her experience at the FCM conference as well as the annual lobster supper which was very well attended.

Councillor Muise recognized the work done to avoid moving the solid waste from the West Pubnico Sewage Treatment Plant to the old Abrams River dump site. He also reported on his great experience at the recent FCM Conference. He also requested an update of the paving request of Gardner's Lane.

CAO Muise indicated that the work is ongoing and is currently being reviewed and will be presented in the Capital Project meeting.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his visit with the 2nd grade class at École Wedgeport. He also reported on a meeting he had at the Tuna Museum regarding the dire situation of the Tuna Wharf.

CAO's Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council and answered a few questions raised by Councillors.

Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision

Department of Agriculture - Standards of Care for companion animals

CAO Muise indicated that the Department of Agriculture is requesting input from the Municipality on the new Standards of Care for companion animals. He explained that he was still unsure whether or not municipalities would be required to enforce these new standards. He noted that he invited Council to provide comments and sought guidance from Council on how to proceed.

Councillor Donaldson noted that he agreed with the regulations on tethering animals and suggested including that in the letter at a minimum.

CAO Muise indicated that he would gather the information and provide a draft letter to Council at the next meeting.

Summer Meetings

Warden d'Entremont explained that typically Council recesses for the summer but reconvenes if necessary.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council recess for the summer but reconvene if deemed necessary by the Warden and CAO.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Letters of Support – East Pubnico New Horizons, S.A.R. New Horizons, Quinan New Horizons and Patchwork Pals

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council send a letter of support to the following 4 senior organizations: East Pubnico New Horizons, S.A.R. New Horizons, Quinan New Horizons and Patchwork Pals.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Municipal Scholarship Presentation

Warden d'Entremont indicated that usually a member of Council attends the graduations of École secondaire de Par-en-Bas and Drumlin Heights Consolidated School to present the municipal scholarships.

Deputy Warden d'Entremont indicated that it is typically the Warden's responsibility to present awards such as this and suggested that the Warden present the municipal scholarships.

It is the consensus of Council to have Warden d'Entremont present the municipal scholarships.

Procurement Policy

CAO Muise indicated the modifications from the first reading and indicated that this is the second reading.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the procurement policy as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Dept. of Fisheries and Aquaculture - Notification of Proposed Aquaculture

Correspondence from the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture regarding an application for proposed aquaculture in our area was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Dept. of Transportations and Infrastructure Renewal - Chemin des Jacquard

Correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding the intersection of Chemin des Jacquard and Highway 334 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was request by Council.

2013 - 2014 May Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of building permits issued in May 2013 and 2014 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Dr. Terry Rohland

Correspondence from D. Terry Rohland regarding his intention to retire at the end of the year was circulated to Council for their information.

Financial Requests

Grant Requests

Association of Municipal Administrators – Fall Convention

A request from the Association of Municipal Administrators was circulated to Council. They are requesting a financial contribution from Council to support their fall convention in Digby.

CAO Muise indicated that last year this convention was held in Yarmouth and Council contributed 750\$.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson that Council approve a grant in the amount of 750\$ to the Association of Municipal Administrators for their Fall Convention.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

2016 FCM Board Meeting Bid Approval

A request from the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association was circulated to Council. They are requesting a financial contribution and to support a bid to host the 2016 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board Meetings.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council reject the request from the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association regarding providing support for the bid for the 2016 FCM Board Meetings.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Feed Nova Scotia

Warden d'Entremont indicated the letter sent from Feed Nova Scotia regarding

The consensus of Council is to continue giving locally.

District Community Grants

Twin Village Social Club

A letter from the Twin Village Social Club requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to assist with general maintenance and upgrades is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muisse to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Twin Village Social Club to assist with general maintenance and upgrades.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Green Grove Cemetery

A letter from the Green Grove Cemetery requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Green Grove Cemetery to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

New Horizon's Seaside Historical Park

A letter from the New Horizon's Historical Park requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the New Horizon's Seaside Historical Park to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

A letter from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee

A letter from the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee to assist with general maintenance of the cemetery.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion by Councillors

Councillor Bourque provided a notice of motion regarding private roads, in particular; Montague Road.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to recess the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
