

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 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, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise; Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillor Lucien LeBlanc.

The meeting is called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:

On motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

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

Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr. declares a conflict of interest with item 9a.

Presentations and/or Petitions

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Audit Committee Meeting, September 9, 2014

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 9, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting, September 9, 2014

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 9, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 30, 2014

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 30, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

The report on business arising from the minutes of September 30, 2014 was presented to Council. The report included an update on the municipal office building review, the development of a streetlight and a sidewalk policy and preliminary information on the study of private roads, in particular, the Montague Road.

Draft Municipal Administration Building Review Timeline

CAO Muise presented a draft building review timeline prepared by a staff committee and indicated that a staff-councillor committee would be established in the near future. He noted that the timeline was to outline the possible length of time such a project would take and that the dates were only theoretical.

Private Roads Memo

CAO Muise reviewed a private roads memo prepared by the District Planning Commission and indicated the work still to be done to assess the possibility of owning the road.

Warden's Report

On September 11th, Mayor Mood and I attended Digby Port Days. It was well attended and there were some encouraging comments from Minister Younger around Tidal energy. Digby is the logical place for servicing any projects.

On September 13th, I attended the Bay of Fundy Kayak Symposium reception at the Ye Olde Argyle Lodge. We were told that the symposium was coming back to Argyle next year and the date was already set. It will be bigger than ever according to the participants that I have spoken with.

On September 18th, I attended a Western Counties Regional Library board meeting in Barrington and toured the other libraries in Shelburne County.

On September 30th, I, along with Mayor Mood and Warden Goodwin signed three agreements: a tax agreement, the Mariners Center and Energy (COMFIT) agreement.

On October 2nd, The Experience of Argyle was a great evening, well attended and a lot of fun.

On October 8th, I attended a Choice meeting (affordable housing is the main topic). We are also organizing a round table on eradication of poverty on Friday Oct. 17th.

Also on the 8th, I attended a consultation on tourism in Southwest Nova. It was led by the Nova Scotia Tourism Association.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Muise reported that he attended a Highway 103 Committee meeting in Shelburne and informed Council on the safety issue he raised of the two intersections in the area (Pubnico & Argyle/Nakile). He indicated the Department of Transportation &

Infrastructure Renewal would be doing a safety study on all exits from Halifax to Yarmouth and the report was intended to be released in 2015. He also reported on a Choice Housing Committee meeting and indicated that affordable housing was a problem in the municipality just as much as in the town and municipality of Yarmouth. He explained that the committee was working on a plan to help residents access affordable housing. He noted the committee also intended to make a presentation to Councils to explain the plan.

Councillor Albright reported that at the last Argyle Recreation Commission meeting, the committee spent a lot of time proof reviewing the ARC's new strategic plan. She also noted that the tennis court in Belleville is looking for more funding to finalize the project.

Councillor Surette reported on his attendance, as like many other Councillors, of the Experience of Argyle event and expressed his pleasure in attending and congratulated staff and the organizers on its success.

CAO's Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council; reporting on the progress of the Western Regional Enterprise Network, the Green Energy Committee, the progress of the Dennis Point Sewer Extension and the study of the tennis court retrofit tenders which were received. He also answered questions raised by Councillors.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision

Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr. left the chambers at this time.

Letter to the Province - Aquaculture

CAO Muise explained that the letter was received from the Argyle Economic Development Committee. He reviewed the letter prepared by Brenda LaGrandeur, Community Development Officer, regarding the municipality's interest in opening a dialogue with the Province in order to stay informed as to opportunities to support or partner on possible new business ventures in the aquaculture industry in Argyle.

Council had a discussion on the specifics of the letter and clarified the requests of the Economic Development Committee.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council send a letter to the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture regarding the municipality's interest in opening a dialogue with the Province.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention – Roderick Murphy Jr.)

Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr. re-entered the chambers at this time.

Facilities Inspection Policy

CAO Muise presented the Facilities Inspection Policy to Council and explained that staff prepared this policy in an effort to manage the risks of the facilities owned by the Municipality.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the Facilities Inspection Policy as presented with the correction on the last page of “dandrails” to “handrails”.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Airport Corporation – Request for Capital Funding

CAO Muise presented the request for capital funding from the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council approve a one-time capital funding of up to \$47,815 as a transfer to the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation, to address urgent maintenance issues.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Relief of Interest Request

CAO Muise explained that the relief of interest request stems from the continuing work of the tax department to clean up accounts.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to relieve the interest in the amount \$8.16 on the presented property.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Quinan Fire Department Expansion – Request For Funding

Councillor Albright explained the history of the request from the Quinan Fire Department, including a summary of the meetings with the Quinan Fire Department, the community meetings held on the matter and reviewed the request by the Fire Department for 50% of the expansion project total.

Council debated the request, including the amount, the funding percentage and options. Council also suggested that a policy should be developed regarding renovations and construction of fire halls.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Guy Surette that a contribution of \$36,500 be made to the Quinan Fire Department in support of the expansion of its fire hall.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Memo – Snow Removal Tender Opening

A memo from the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works regarding the contract for snow removal was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Municipal Affairs – Shared Services Letter

Correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs congratulating the municipality on their efforts on shared services was circulated to Council for their information. No action was request by Council.

Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal - Route 3 Paving Response

Correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding the petition to pave Route 3 in Argyle was circulated to Council for their information. No action was request by Council.

Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development - École Wedgeport

Correspondence from the Department of Education & Early Childhood Education regarding the assessment of École Wedgeport was circulated to Council for their information. No action was request by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grants

Comité de catéchisme de Wedgeport

A letter from the Comité de catéchisme de Wedgeport requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with their expenses is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Comité de catéchisme de Wedgeport to help with their expenses.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion by Councillors

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a Personnel Matter.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Richard Donaldson to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Recorder

Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Deputy Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
