MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
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; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise; Solicitor Réal Boudreau and
Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillor Richard Donaldson.

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

Agenda:
On motion by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette 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
Yarmouth Seafood and Wine Extravaganza Society - Carole Hill-Bojarski
Mrs. Carole Hill-Bojarski, Director with the Yarmouth Seafood and Wine Extravaganza
Society, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the Yarmouth
Seafood and Wine Extravaganza.

Mrs. Hill-Bojarski explained the background of the event along with the new activities
that were held that year, including the boat races and what the plans were for the next
year.

Adoption of Minutes
Regular Council Meeting, June 30, 2015
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting of June 30, 2015, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting, July 15, 2015
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the
Special Council Meeting of July 15, 2015, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)
Special Council Meeting, August 18, 2015

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 18, 2015, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

CAO Muise provided an update on the work of the municipal administration building review committee, private roads and the review of the buy local component of the procurement policy.

**Dangerous or Unsightly Policy Review**

CAO Muise presented the recommendations which derived from a staff review of the dangerous or unsightly policy in an effort to respond to Council’s request to more aggressively pursue dangerous or unsightly premises. The recommendations were to:

1. Add a definition of Dangerous and Unsightly to the policy to increase clarity of what Council considers to be D and U;
2. Add policy direction on which properties are of higher priority to address;
3. Add policy direction on which communities/roads will be proactively monitored by staff.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to direct staff to amend policy C13 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises with the proposed amendments as presented by the Director of the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works along with the suggestions by Council on the length of the complaint procedure and the protection of privacy.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Joint Regional Tourism Marketing Initiative**

A letter from YASTA responding to the Joint Regional Tourism Marketing Initiative of having a Visitor Information Centre on the Halifax waterfront was circulated to Council for their information.

**Warden’s Report**

On July 3rd, I attended appreciation days at Upper Clements Park. We had a tour of the park with all the changes/improvements that were made this year.

On July 14th, our CAO and I met with our municipal advisor, Chris McNeil, to talk about shared services.

July 16th, I attended a HHRC meeting to discuss doctor recruitment.

That evening I took part in the Amazing Bike Race in Pubnico and my team partner, our MLA Chris d’Entremont and I came in third out of fourteen teams. It was well organized and attracted people from Yarmouth. Great job by Charlene LeBlanc, Natalie Surette-d’Entremont and the summer staff. The plan is to have it next year in a different community.
On July 17th, I met with Don Bubar, President of Avalon Rare Metals. He gave us an update on the progress at the East Kemptville tin mine.

On the 23rd, I took part in the Argyle senior games and brought greetings from council and assisted with the presentation of medals, assisted by Councillor Danny Muise. Councillor Albright was also present for the opening of the games.

On the 28th, I attended a meeting in Yarmouth with N.S. Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan and representatives from Maine to discuss the ferry service. Everybody was very interested in making it work.

On July 29th, Mayor Mood, Warden Goodwin, Greg Shay and I met with MP Greg Kerr to discuss the first draft plan for a new ferry terminal. We were all in agreement that we should downsize. We had some good discussions and Greg Shay who was to go back to the architects to make some changes.

On Aug. 11th, we had a good supper meeting with the WREN board of directors. It was a very good meeting with many ideas discussed.

On the 12th, I attended a meeting in Church Point with N.S. Minister of Immigration Lena Metlege Diab, as she was making a tour of the province. There were a number of immigrants present. The group numbered about twenty five.

From Aug. the 13th to the 21st, I travelled to Ireland and Norway with representatives from the Atlantic Fish Farmers Association and reps from other organizations as well as Mayors and Wardens from the Atlantic Provinces. Minister Colwell was with us for part of the trip. We toured a few fish farms, a salmon processing plant, some hatcheries and Aqua-Nor which is the biggest aquaculture show in the world. It was very busy and a lot of information to take in in a short time. Charlene and I met with Murray Hill, Atlantic Canada Fish Farmer’s Association’s Nova Scotia Regional Manager, last Friday for a follow up on the mission.

On the 26th, I travelled to Clare with mayor Mood and Warden Goodwin to get a report from Ray Ivany on the progress of the One Nova Scotia report. He was very happy that we are still talking about the recommendations but it is moving slow.

**Councillor’s Reports**

Councillor Surette reported on the well-attended and successful festival de la barge. He also reported on the approval at the last Waste Park meeting of the relocation of the Scotian Recycling building from the airport to the Waste Park.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on the well-attended Wedgeport Tuna Tournament and Festival and congratulated Luc and Jerry Cottreau on winning with the biggest tuna.

Councillor Albright reported on the nearly complete multipurpose court at École Belleville.

Deputy Warden d’Entremont also commented on the great work at the Pubnico multipurpose court which was currently being completed.
CAO’s Report
CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council; reporting on staff’s work on the aquaculture file and the upcoming meeting with the province regarding potential development of the industry in the municipality, the coordination work currently ongoing at the airport around economic development and the final report from the engineer regarding the estimated costs to retrofit the municipal building.

Council discussed the pros and cons of retrofit versus new construction and the timeline in which they would foresee moving forward with the process.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision
Tourism FM Transmitter Project
CAO Muise explained a tourism FM station project which would be installed at the Portland, Maine ferry terminal to tell the story of our region to tourists awaiting to board the ferry. CAO Muise explained that a lot of the feasibility work was done by Charlene LeBlanc, the Municipality’s Community Development Officer. He indicated that now the project was deemed feasible, it was suggested to be shared with YASTA in hopes of forming a partnership to move the project forward.

Charlene LeBlanc, Community Development Officer, was also in attendance to answer questions from Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that the FM transmitter marketing project be presented to the YASTA board, with the request to take the lead on the project, and that our Community Development Officer administer the project on their behalf.

\[\text{Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)}\]

Road Name Change Request – Dirt Road
Councillor Murphy presented a road name change request for Dirt Road in Wedgeport. The residents were petitioned and are requesting the road name be changed to Chemin Robert Boudreau Crescent as a first choice or Chemin Robert Francis Crescent as a second choice.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to accept the road name change request of Dirt Road to Chemin Robert Boudreau Crescent as a first choice or Chemin Robert Francis Crescent as a second choice.

\[\text{Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)}\]

Road Name Request – A & H Road

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to accept the road name request of A & H Road.

\[\text{Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)}\]
Mariners Centre Board Member Appointments
CAO Muise presented the residents who have indicated their interest in serving on the Board of the Mariners Centre and which have been recommended by the Mariners Centre Board.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to appoint Larry Hattie, Audrey Pottier and John Ryerson as the members representing the Municipality of Argyle on the Mariners Centre Board.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Request for Relief of Interest
CAO Muise presented a request for relief of interest on an invoice related to taxable revenue.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Danny Muise to relieve the interest on the account presented to Council in the amount of $489.28.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Voluntary Disposition of Property
Councillor Murphy presented an issue with the timing of the voluntary destruction of a property in his district and the full taxed amount on this property. Councillor Murphy indicated that the resident had been issued a demolition permit before the PVSC deadline but could not demolish the house due to the severe winter weather.

CAO Muise noted that, unfortunately, the MGA gives Council no legislative authority to amend the taxed amount due to voluntary destruction.

Council discussed the issue and suggested that a suggestion to UNSM or other provincial counterparts should be made regarding a MGA amendment regarding voluntary destruction. Council also discussed raising public awareness of the PVSC appeal period and the demolition process’ impact on taxes.

By-Laws First Reading
CAO Muise presented By-Laws, which were previously presented to Council, for first reading.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to accept the first reading of the amendments to the Interpretation By-Law as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to accept the first reading of the amendments to the Building By-Law as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the first reading of the amendments the Enforcement and Penalties By-Law as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to accept the first reading of the amendments the Tax Exemption for Non Profit Organizations By-Law presented.  
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to begin the process of repealing the Annual Payment of Council By-Law.  
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information
Notice – Future Orders to Demolish
A notice from the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works regarding future orders to demolish was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Nova Scotia Lotteries and Casino Corporation – 2014/15 Summary of Results
Correspondence from the Nova Scotia Lotteries and Casino Corporation regarding their 2014/15 Summary of Results was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2014-2015 July Building Permit Comparison
The 2014-2015 July building permit comparison was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2014-2015 August Building Permit Comparison
The 2014-2015 August building permit comparison was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

EMO Exercise – September 12, 2015
Details regarding the upcoming EMO Exercise on September 12, 2015 was circulate to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Immigration Community Conversation
Information on a community conversation on immigration was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Mariners Centre Needs Assessment Final Report
The Mariners Centre Need Assessment Final Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
District Community Grants
Le villages historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse
A letter from the Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of the “passeport” project 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 Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse to help with the cost of the “passeport” project.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Tuna Museum Quilters
A letter from the Tuna Museum requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of purchasing materials for quilts was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the Tuna Museum to help with the cost of purchasing materials for quilts.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Comité paroissial de Wedgeport
A letter from the comité paroissial de Wedgeport requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of constructing a new chimney for the Church was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the comité paroissial de Wedgeport to help with the cost of constructing a new chimney for the Church.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Notice of Motion by Councillors
Councillor Albright made a notice motion regarding the phone land line issue in the Quinan area during periods of rain. She indicated she would be looking for a letter of support to present to Bell Aliant.

Councillor Bourque made a notice of motion regarding the translation of road signage in the municipality.

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 Contract Negotiation.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc 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 9:01 p.m.

Recorder  
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ____________________________

Chairman/Warden ____________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ____________________________