

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**  
**Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Warden Aldric d'Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

**Regrets:** Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr and Lucien LeBlanc.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

**Agenda:**

On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda was approved with 9c moved to 3b and a Request to Attend Extended Producer Responsibility Workshop added under 9g.

*Motion Carried*

**Conflict of Interest Declaration**

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

None declared.

**Presentations and/or Petitions**

Nova Scotia International Student Program - John MacKinnon

Mr. John MacKinnon, Program Manager of Nova Scotia International Student Program with the Tri-County Regional School Board, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the Nova Scotia International Student Program.

Mr. MacKinnon explained the origin of the program and noted the participating countries. He also highlighted recent statistics of participation in the region, the benefits of the program to the region, the Province, the schools, the host families and the visiting students.

*Presentation attached.*

Mariners Centre Feasibility Study and Heat Recovery Projects

Mr. Gil Dares, General Manager of the Mariners Centre, was in attendance to speak to Council regarding their request for Council to participate financially in a feasibility study into a potential expansion of the centre and to explain the details of a heat recovery project that was being considered.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

#### Regular Council Meeting, September 8, 2015

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2015, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Audit Committee Meeting, September 29, 2015

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 29, 2015, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 29, 2015

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 29, 2015, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

CAO Muise updated Council on the municipal administration building review, private roads and the dangerous or unsightly premises policy review.

#### Voluntary Disposition of Premises

CAO Muise presented a memo from Solicitor Boudreau regarding voluntary disposition of premises which was requested by Council at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting.

### **Warden's Report**

On Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended a meeting of the legacy committee at Annapolis Royal to plan for the 150<sup>th</sup> of confederation. Our next meeting will be in Digby and the following one is tentatively scheduled in Tusket.

On the 11<sup>th</sup>, I attended a resolutions committee meeting in Halifax to prepare for the UNSM conference in November. I was asked to sit on this committee so the UNSM is covering the expenses.

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, I had a meeting with three people from Avalon Rare Metals (tin mine), to introduce themselves and to give us an update on their progress.

I took part in a meeting of the 2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship committee to start organizing for the tournament next fall. We will be looking for a lot of volunteers.

On Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Municipal Government Act consultation at the Mariner's Centre. It is a long process but everyone has had an opportunity to present their points of view.

The Starlight Gala at the Wedgeport Tuna museum was well attended and I heard a lot of favorable comments.

On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, I attended a meeting with the Deputy Minister and executive staff of the NS Department of Seniors to discuss the senior safety program.

I also recorded my Christmas message for Eastlink TV.

### **Councillor's Reports**

Councillor Muise reported on his attendance at a meeting with the Department of Seniors and the Deputy Minister, Simon d'Entremont where an interesting transit system in Shelburne and Barrington for seniors was showcased. He also noted that he attended the MGA consultation session in Yarmouth.

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at the Quinan Fire Hall open house on October 4<sup>th</sup>. She noted they were extremely thankful for the municipality's financial contribution to the project.

Councillor Surette reported on his presentation of the service medals given to volunteer firefighters which had attained 15 years of service.

### **CAO's Report**

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council; reporting on the Green Energy Committee's public consultations taking place on October 27<sup>th</sup>, his work with the Yarmouth Airport Corporation and at the provincial level with the MGA review and the partnership agreement between the Province and the municipal units.

*Report Attached.*

### **Other Business and for Decision**

#### Yarmouth Airport Passenger Service Study

CAO Muise presented a request from the Western Regional Enterprise Network to support a passenger air service study for the Yarmouth Airport. He explained that the data collected will determine the reasonableness of establishing scheduled air service between Yarmouth and Halifax, and/or other routes. He highlighted that the cost was unknown at the time but would be shared with the Yarmouth Airport, the WREN and the Town and Municipality of Yarmouth.

Council discussed the potential of using data from the previous airlines which flew out of Yarmouth and the importance of analyzing all of the potential routes and not only the previous routes used by past airlines.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to allocate up to \$10,000 to support Argyle's portion of the passenger air service data mining project in this fiscal year.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Request for Relief of Taxes and Interest

CAO Muise presented another request for relief of taxes and interest submitted by the taxation department. He noted that the property was brought to tender in February of this year and one bid was received, which had been applied against the taxes. He recognized

that the remainder was still a substantial amount, however the department was requesting that it be relieved before the new owner takes possession.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to relieve the taxes, interest, tax sale expenses and interest owing on property 05133947 for \$47,922.12, and reverse allowance of \$44,931 on the same property.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Council Priorities Update

CAO Muise presented Council an update on their 2015 priorities.

#### Orders to Demolish Tender Approvals

CAO Muise explained that following Council's approval of the two orders to demolish at the last meeting, the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works issued tenders. He noted the results of the tender were in the memo attached and that it was necessary for Council to approve the second tender as it was over \$10,000.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to award both tenders pertaining to the demolition of two properties in Wedgeport to R&D Harris Excavating Ltd.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Senior Housing Initiative

CAO Muise presented an initiative, in partnership with the CDÉNE, on senior housing. He noted that Gwen LeBlanc would be the lead with the CDÉNE and that we would assist them with staff resources and a marketing and logistics budget.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the partnership with the CDÉNE on the senior housing initiative and to allocate up to \$2,400 of funding to support this initiative.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Request to Attend the Extended Producer Responsibility Workshop

Councillor Surette explained the purpose of the workshop and his request to attend the workshop on behalf of the municipality and as chair of the Yarmouth Solid Waste Park.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve Councillor Guy Surette's attendance to the Extended Producer Responsibility Workshop.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

#### **Correspondence and for Information**

##### Western Counties Regional Library – October 2015 Library Report

The Western Counties Regional Library's October 2015 Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2014-2015 September Building Permit Comparison

A comparison of building permits issued in September 2014 and 2015 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Nova Scotia Lotteries and Casino Corporation Social Responsibility Community Report

A report from the Nova Scotia Lotteries and Casino Corporation on social responsibility community was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - Cost Shared Subdivision Streets List

Correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the cost shared subdivision streets list was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Financial Requests**

District Community Grants

**Paroisse Saint-Pierre**

A letter from the Paroisse Saint-Pierre requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help repair their chime bells is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to help support their chime bells.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Notice of Motion by Councillors**

None.

**Question Period**

None.

**In Camera**

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss Contract Negotiations.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

There being no further business, it is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Recorder

Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

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Chairman/Deputy Warden

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Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer

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