

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
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 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.

Agenda:

On motion by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. the agenda is approved as circulated.

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

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee – December 2, 2015

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee meeting of December 2, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting – January 12, 2016

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 12, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 26, 2016

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 26, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise updated Council on the public consultations regarding the municipal administration building review, on the assessment by engineers in April or May of the Hipson Bridge and on the upcoming RFP for the Wedgeport wastewater project.

Warden's Report

On Jan. 25th, I attended a green energy committee meeting. We had a presentation and a good discussion on two kinds of windmills before choosing one to recommend to the three councils.

Jan. 27th to 29th, I attended the Sea Farmers Conference in Halifax along with CAO Muise and Charlene LeBlanc. We had some very good presentations and we also met a lot of people from the industry and government.

On Feb. 1st, I was present for the launch of the new Yarmouth Transit, a very good service for all who want to take advantage of it.

Feb. 5th, I attended the Proclamation launch of African Heritage Month at the Black Loyalist Centre in Birchtown. There were a lot of students from the Shelburne School, municipal leaders, the Honourable Tony Ince and Sterling Belliveau and also a lot of local residents. Very well done.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Surette reported on his town hall meeting in District 4 regarding the review of the administration building which was attended by 40 people and went very well. He thanked the other Councillors which attended and also noted that he received positive comments over the phone.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his attendance at the Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee and his work with the group responsible for distributing community funds from the wind turbines.

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the upcoming recommendation by the green energy committee on the type of wind turbine to be used, Council's priority meeting and the Western Regional Enterprise Network's passenger service study.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision

2016 Low Income Tax Exemption

CAO Muise presented to Council information regarding the low income tax exemption for 2016. He noted that there were a variety of options Council could consider; including providing a larger threshold or an increase in the exemption.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to accept the change to increase the threshold to inflation of 1%.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Yarmouth Regional Meeting – Municipal Units & Acadia First Nation

CAO Muise explained that based on a joint council meeting held earlier, Council could extend an invitation to the 2 other municipal units in the County and the Acadia First Nation to participate in another regional meeting.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to extend an invitation to Acadia First Nations, the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Yarmouth to a regional meeting of the four government units in Yarmouth County to discuss strategic plans, priorities, and goals in the interest of mutual collaboration.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Salvage Yard Request in Tusket Rural Centre

Senior Planner Brad Fulton presented a request to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) to allow for the establishment of a salvage yard in the Tusket Rural Centre. He explained the details of the request; including the current zone in that area, the permitted uses in that zone, the pros and cons of a salvage yard in that area and the power of Council regarding such a request.

Council discussed the request to amend the MPS and questioned Senior Planner Fulton on the Provincial regulations regarding salvage yards, the proximity of residential dwellings and the proposed next steps and process to amend the policy.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to begin the process of amending the MPS policy to enable auto salvage yards within the Rural Centres by development agreement, and to include development agreement criteria in the MPS designed to minimize potential conflicts between this use and existing uses in the community.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

WREN CEO Report of January 12, 2016

The WREN CEO Report of January 12, 2016 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Proposed Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

Proposed amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code regulations were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Business - Update on Rural Internet Access

An update from the Department of Business regarding rural internet access was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2015-2016 January Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of building permits issued in January 2015 and 2016 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Director Nomination

Correspondence from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation regarding director nomination was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grant

East Side Community Centre

A letter from the East Side Community Centre requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of holding their ATV poker run was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the East Side Community Centre to help with the cost of holding their ATV poker run.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Club Social des Îles

As Councillor Surette had not received the letter in time for the meeting, he requested the request be deferred to the following meeting.

Belleville School Breakfast Program

A letter from the Belleville School Breakfast Program requesting a District Community Grant of \$250 to help support the Belleville School Breakfast Program hall was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny Muise to give a District Community Grant of \$250 to help support the Belleville School Breakfast Program.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion by Councillors

CAO Muise provided notice to Council that information regarding an alternative community hall funding model would be presented to Council in the future.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss an Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council 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 7:58 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____