

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
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, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

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

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:

On a motion by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque, the agenda was approved with the addition of Ballfield Mowing under 6f.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:

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

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise updated Council on the public consultations regarding the municipal administration building review and on the assessment by engineers in April or May of the Hipson Bridge.

Financial Report

Director of Finance d'Eon summarized the financial report at January 31, 2016 and indicated an anticipated surplus at fiscal year-end. She noted the considerable positive variances in the revenues and a variety of positive variances in the expenditures which resulted in the anticipated surplus as at March 31, 2016 of almost \$156,241.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to accept the unaudited Financial Report at January 31, 2016.

Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision

Road Sign Review

CAO Muise explained the work done by Alix d'Entremont of the District Planning Commission in compiling the list of missing or broken road signs in the municipality.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise to send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, including the comprehensive list of road signage issues in our municipality, with the addition of the community signs of Sluice Point and Surette's Island, requesting that they review the list and provide response and progress report on any repairs or changes.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

2016-2017 Community Litter Cleanup Program

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to proceed with the Community Litter Cleanup Program for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017, with a funding commitment of \$14,000.00 (80 kilometres at \$175 each).

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Green Energy Committee Equipment Recommendation

Warden d'Entremont presented the recommendation by the Green Energy Committee in regards to the purchase of wind turbines.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the Municipality of the District of Argyle approve the recommendation of the Green Energy Committee with regards to the purchase of two (2) GHREpower FD-2150 50kw turbines for the Rose Road COMFIT Project and that as per the Community Renewable Energy Project Memorandum of Understanding, agrees to financial support an equal share of this project.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Road Name Change Request - Pierres Lane

Warden d'Entremont presented the request to change the road name of "Allée Pierres Lane" to "Pierres Lane".

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council accept the road name change request.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Community Hall Capital Project Grant

CAO Muise and Deputy Clerk Frotten presented a proposed community capital project grant program.

Council asked questions regarding the specifics of the grant program; in particular the application process and solicitation of applicants, the funding amount and its impact on the budget and the evaluation process.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the concept of the Community Hall Capital Project Grant for the upcoming budget.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Ballfield Mowing

Councillor Surette brought forward the issue of mowing ballfields which aren't currently on the Department of Property Inspection and Public Work's and the Recreation Department's maintenance list.

CAO Muise explained the current compliment of maintenance staff and plans for the upcoming spring/summer season.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the maintenance, upon request, of other ballfields used for recreational purposes.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Western Counties Regional Library - Minutes of December 10, 2015

The minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library of December 10, 2015 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Mariners Centre - Minutes of January 20, 2016

The minutes of the Mariner Centre's meeting of January 20, 2016 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report

The Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report of August 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 was circulated to Council. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grants

Club Social des Îles

A letter from the Club Social des Îles requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost new signage was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Club Social des Îles to help with the cost of new signage.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Athletic Association

A letter from the West Pubnico Athletic Association requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of maintaining the ballfield was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the West Pubnico Athletic Association to help with the cost of maintaining the ballfield.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Pubnico Point Trail Association

A letter from the Pubnico Point Trail Association requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of completing phase 2 and maintaining the existing trail was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Pubnico Point Trail Association to help with the cost of completing phase 2 and maintaining the existing trail.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion

Councillor Donaldson brought forward information regarding a graduated deed transfer tax system and noted a review of the municipality’s system could be done before the budget.

Question Period

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:35 pm.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____