

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Lucien LeBlanc and Richard Donaldson.

The meeting is called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:

On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. the agenda is approved with the addition of Road Work under 9c and Jardin des Petits under 11aiv.

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

RCMP Update - Cpl. Paul Pittman

Cpl. Paul Pittman of the Yarmouth Rural RCMP Detachment was in attendance to present to Council the detachment's annual report and provide an update on the RCMP's local work. Mrs. Peggy Boudreau, Senior Safety Coordinator, was also in attendance.

Cpl. Pittman began by explaining the change in leadership at the detachment with the departure of Staff Sergeant Michel Lacroix then focused on providing an overview of their priorities and a summary on local statistics and trends.

Mrs. Peggy Boudreau reported on the senior safety program which is entering its 4th year. She reported on the presentations, meetings and functions held during the year as well as the clients to date and other relevant information such as revisits and referrals to the RCMP and other agencies. She noted that home visits represented a large percentage of their work load, having completed over 600 visits in the last year. She reported on some of her work on committees, their work on helping seniors fill out forms and transporting seniors to appointments and other commitments. She concluded that the issue of affordable housing and accessible transportation were her two priorities.

Report Attached.

Adoption of Minutes

West Pubnico Sewer Committee – August 28, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the West Pubnico Sewer Committee of August 28, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Sewer Committee – May 4, 2015

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the West Pubnico Sewer Committee of May 4, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Tusket Sewer Committee – May 6, 2015

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Tusket Sewer Committee of May 6, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting – February 9, 2016

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 23, 2016

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 23, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

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.

Councillor Albright reported on the public meeting held in Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau regarding the review of the administration building. She noted that there were approximately 12 residents who attended and that good questions were raised and a good discussion was had.

Warden's Report

On February 12th, I attended Flag Day ceremonies at Maple Grove and brought greetings from the Municipality of Argyle.

On the 17th, I attended the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce AGM. We had a very good presentation by Laurel Broten who is the executive director of NSBI. Her topic was on exports which is highlighted in the One Nova Scotia report.

Feb. 22nd, the Active Transportation committee met with the consultants to go over the plan.

Feb. 24th, I attended my first UNSM Active Transportation committee in Halifax, I have a lot of catching up to do.

On the 26th, I attended a special airport meeting followed by the Police Advisory board meeting.

Feb. 29th, the Policy committee met to discuss our conference policy. We still have some work to do before bringing it to council.

Also on the 29th, I attended the Harbourside and Meadows boards meetings. We are looking at making changes to the structure of those boards to include more private citizens to replace some Councillors.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Surette reported on the advancements of the Municipal Alcohol Project. He explained that they recently received a presentation from the Town Planner and noted that the minutes of the meetings would be added to the agenda in the future.

Councillor Muise reported on his attendance at the Big Brother's Big Sister's Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser on behalf of the municipality.

Councillor Albright reported on the Argyle Recreation Commission's recent meeting where the renewal of a baseball league in the Municipality of Argyle and promotion and marketing of the municipality's recreation activities and infrastructure was discussed.

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on aquaculture, the progress of the Wedgeport wastewater project and Tusket track and field project, affordable housing and the PVSC's assessment information.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision

2016 Council Priorities

CAO Muise presented the final version of the 2016 Council Priorities to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the final version of the 2016 Council Priorities.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

2016 Summer Employees

CAO Alain Muise presented the Recreation Department's budget for summer employees during the summer of 2016. He noted that no changes in terms of the number of employees were made from the previous year.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the 2016 Summer Employees Budget in the total amount of \$67,257.58.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Road Work

Councillor Murphy Jr. raised concerns from residents of his district regarding the poor condition of the curb on Starrs Road next to the airport. He noted that in the past the Municipality sent a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, requesting that it be improved.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to send a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding the repair of the curb on the airport stretch and copy the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Yarmouth.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Mariners Centre – Minutes of February 17, 2016

The minutes of the Mariners Centre meeting on February 17, 2016 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium 2015 Final Report

The 2015 Final Report of the Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grant

Wedgeport Trail Committee

A letter from the Wedgeport Trail Committee requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of repairing the trail was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Wedgeport Trail Committee to help with repairing the trail.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

East Pubnico Playground

A letter from the East Pubnico Playground requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help construct a new area was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muisse to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the East Pubnico Playground help construct a new area.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Hubbard's Point Community Centre

A letter from the Hubbard's Point Community Centre requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of their annual rappie pie and seafood chowder supper.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Hubbard's Point Community Centre to help with the cost of their annual rappie pie and seafood chowder supper.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Jardin des petits

A letter from the Jardin des petits requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to assist with the purchase of a toy box and locker shelves is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Jardin des petits to assist with the purchase of a toy box and locker shelves.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion by Councillors

None.

Question Period

A member of the public made a presentation to Council regarding the Karate Challenge in Yarmouth.

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 Contract Negotiations.
Motion Carried (6 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 (6 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____