

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**  
**Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Regrets:** None.

The meeting is called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

**Agenda:**

On motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Glenn Diggdon the agenda is approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried*

**Conflict of Interest Declaration**

Warden Richard Donaldson asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

**Presentations and/or Petitions**

Société Théâtre Générations - Kathy Nickerson

Mrs. Kathy Nickerson, an actor with the Société Théâtre Générations, was in attendance to present to Council regarding their plans to present a play called "Le Retour" in the municipality and in Belgium.

Mrs. Nickerson explained the history of the book in which the play is based on along with a biography of the author. Mr. Jeremy Watkins, Director of the play, Réal d'Entremont, and actor in the play, and Roger d'Entremont were also in attendance to present details of the play and their plans for a presentation in Belgium.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Emergency Management Organization Meeting - September 7, 2016

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization Meeting of September 7, 2016, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Building Committee Meeting - January 9, 2017

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the minutes of the Building Committee Meeting of January 9, 2017, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Regular Council Meeting - January 10, 2017

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 10, 2017, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Committee of the Whole Meeting - January 31, 2017

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 31, 2017, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

CAO Muise provided an update on the Welcome Pole Banners project, The Hipson Bridge and the Municipal Scholarship Program review.

**Warden's Report**

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> - Financial Management Workshop

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – YAIC

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – YASTA

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - WREN Rural Internet

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> - Committee of the Whole

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Waste Park

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Joint Orientation Session

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> - Building Committee

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Abuptic Festival

**Councillor's Reports**

Deputy Warden Muise noted a phone call he received from a resident regarding upcoming work on the Tusket hydro dam by Nova Scotia Power and their concern over the impact it will have on the kayak fishing season.

*Councillor Bourque arrived at this point.*

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at the Joint Council Orientation Session and her meeting with Steve McIsaac, Area Manager for the Department of Transportation regarding the condition of some dirt roads in her district.

Councillor Surette reported on his attendance at the Joint Council Orientation Session and the groups discussion on the condition and future of the Yarmouth International Airport.

Councillor Diggdon commended the Department of Transportation on their work plowing the roads during the recent winter storms and recognized Melvin d'Eon for plowing the sidewalk in Pubnico.

### **Staff Report**

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the new information received regarding the possibility of funding pre-completed water supply upgrades through the water supply upgrade lending program by-law, the administration building site request for proposal and the progress of the Wedgeport Wastewater project.

*Report Attached.*

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

#### **Relief of Taxes and Interest Request**

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to relieve the taxes and interest on the accounts presented to Council in the amount of \$579.65.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

#### **2017-2018 Community Litter Cleanup Program**

CAO informed Council that in the last fiscal year, some non-profit organizations were not able to clean as many kilometres as they expected so the additional funds were used to purchase garbage pickers for the volunteers to use.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to proceed with the Community Litter Cleanup Program for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018, with a funding commitment of \$14,000.00 (80 kilometres at \$175 each).

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

#### **Yarmouth International Airport Liaison and Oversight Committee Member**

CAO Muise noted that the committee required 3 members from Council and currently only had Councillor LeBlanc.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to designate Danny Muise as the Municipality of Argyle's second member and Guy Surette as an alternate member on the Yarmouth International Airport Liaison and Oversight Committee.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

### YASTA Letter of Support Request

Warden Donaldson presented a request from YASTA regarding a letter of support for a bid to host the 2019 – 2022 Canadian Cross Country Championships.

Council discussed the future financial request, the economic impact this event would have on the area and how the amount of funding they would approve would be based on how strong the economic impact would be in the municipality.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to send a letter in support of the bid to host the 2019 - 2022 Canadian Cross Country Championships to YASTA.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

### Municipality of Argyle's Financial Condition Index

CAO Muise presented the Municipality of Argyle's Financial Condition Index. No action was requested by Council.

### 2017 Summer Recreation Staff Budget

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the 2016 Summer Recreation Staff Budget in the amount of \$74,984.40.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

### Amendments to the WREN Intermunicipal Agreement

Councillor LeBlanc explained that all original member units are a part of the intermunicipal agreement of the Western Regional Enterprise Network. He reminded Council that at the last meeting, they approved the request from the Municipality of Barrington to join and the final step was for Council to approve the agreement.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the agreement as presented.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

### Approval of Transfer to Capital Reserve from 2016-17 Operating Fund

CAO Muise noted that he anticipated an operating fund surplus and would be recommending a transfer of \$100,000 to the Capital Reserve.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to transfer \$100,000 of the anticipated operating fund surplus to the Capital Reserve.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

### **Correspondence and for Information**

#### Société des Jeux de l'Acadie – Launch of Selection Process

The Société des Jeux de l'Acadie were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Municipality of Yarmouth - Yarmouth Argyle Home Support Services

A description of the Carleton River Watershed Area Water Quality Monitoring Project was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Councillor d’Entremont clarified that the Municipality of Yarmouth was resigning their position on the board but that it had no impact on funding that is received from the Department of Health and Wellness.

Municipality of Argyle 2016 Census Profile

The Municipality of Argyle’s population statistic for 2016 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

CAO Muise explained that the statistics would be studied and that more statistics would be available in the coming months. He noted that this information would be important during the upcoming strategic planning session.

Provincial Electoral Boundaries - Court of Appeals Decision

A decision of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeals regarding the amendments to the Provincial electoral boundary in 2012 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Financial Requests**

None.

**Agenda Topics for Next Meeting / Notice of Motion by Councillors**

None.

**Question Period**

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Danny Muise to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Recorder  
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman/Warden \_\_\_\_\_

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_