MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, August 9, 2017
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Calvin d’Entremont, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Glenn Diggdon; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Municipal Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillors Kathy Bourque and Roderick Murphy Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:
On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise the agenda was approved with the addition of Welcome Pole Banners under item 5a.

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
None.

Adoption of Minutes
Regular Council Meeting – June 13, 2017
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 13, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 27, 2017
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 27, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes
CAO Muise noted ongoing work on the possible municipal uses for the Nakile Van, the review of garbage collection costs and the ownership request by the East Pubnico Playground.

Welcome Pole Banners
Municipal Clerk Frotten indicated that the welcome pole banners were ordered but they were still waiting to receive the banners.
**Councillor's Reports**

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at the 2017 Rendez-Vous of the Réseau des villes francophones et francophiles d'Amérique forum in Québec City. He noted that a lot of the sessions revolved around larger cities which will be assessed for future forums.

Councillor Albright reported on her participation on the Tusket Tour organized by the Courthouse and Archives.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his attendance at the Western Regional Enterprise Network’s AGM in Barrington and noted the new board members which were elected. He also noted Wedgeport’s 250th Anniversary celebrations taking place on the weekend.

Councillor Surette reported on the Waste Park’s purchase of a new excavator and the possible need for another cell.

Councillor d’Entremont reported on his attendance at the unveiling of the Acadian Odyssée monument.

Councillor Diggdon reported on his attendance at the unveiling of the Acadian Odyssée monument as well, activities during the Chez-Nous à Pombcoup and thanked the recreation department for their great activities during the summer.

**Warden’s Report**

June 13th – Council

June 14th – Barrington meeting (track & field)

June 19th – YAIC

June 20th – Airport, Follow-up

June 22nd – CAT ferry, Industry Day

June 27th – Transportation and Infrastructure meeting

June 27th – Committee of the Whole

June 29th – Drumlin Heights Graduation

July 11th – Nova Scotia Health Authority (Barrington)

July 26th – 29th – Abuptic Festival events.

Aug. 1st – Building Committee meeting
Staff Report
There was no written staff report but CAO Muise updated Council on his ongoing work at Yarmouth International Airport Corporation, his participation in a doctor recruitment meeting and in a municipal modernization group which is reviewing the structure of municipal units.

Other Business and for Decision
Award - RFP #MODA014 - New Administration Building Design
Deputy Warden Muise explained the evaluation process of the submitted proposals for the design of the new administration building and their recommendation: Wild Salt Architecture.

CAO Muise provided detailed information on the scoring criteria percentages used and the interviews held with the top two proponents.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to approve Wild Salt Architecture as the winning proponent of RFP #MODA014 in the amount of $176,957 plus HST.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Three Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Streets - Authorization Approval
CAO Muise explained the cost share agreement and noted that the Department requests that the Municipality return the signed agreement, whether they intended to submit subdivision roads for the program or not. He also indicated that signing the agreement did in no way commit the Municipality to the cost-sharing of the paving of any subdivision roads.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont that the Warden and CAO Alain Muise be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2018-003.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

By-Law #37 Wedgeport Wastewater District Amendment – First Reading
CAO Muise presented a map expanding the original Wedgeport wastewater district which needed to be approved by Council.

Council discussed the possible need to force some residents to participate in the program. CAO Muise clarified that the by-law only allowed Council to force residents whose systems were contaminating other properties.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont that Council give first reading of the amendment to By-Law #37 Water Upgrade Lending Program.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

By-Law #36 Directional Signage Amendment - First Reading
CAO Muise reviewed the amendments to the By-Law and explained the need for the amendments for the program to begin.
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise that Council give first reading of the amendments to By-Law #36 Directional Signage.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**CAO AMA Conference Attendance**

CAO Muise requested to attend the AMA conference.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve the CAO’s attendance to the Association of Municipal Administrators Conference.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**West Pubnico Sewer Connection Request**

CAO Muise presented a request from the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works to approve a connection to the West Pubnico Sewer from a property in Pubnico which was in excess of 150 feet from the road.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to approve the connection request of property PID# 90076308, which is in excess of 150 feet from the road, to the West Pubnico Sewer.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Letter of Support - East Pubnico Wharf Extension**

Warden Donaldson presented Councillor Bourque’s request to send a letter in support of the extension of the East Pubnico Wharf.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to send a letter of support to the East Pubnico Wharf.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Letter to the MP - Income Splitting Changes**

Councillor LeBlanc explained the negative impact the proposed changes to income splitting would have on small businesses in the municipality and requested that a letter be sent to Member of Parliament, Colin Fraser, expressing our opposition.

Council discussed the request and whether the municipality should to get involved in the federal issue.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to send a letter to the Member of Parliament, Colin Fraser, regarding the negative impact of the income splitting changes on small businesses in the municipality.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Approval of Revised Certification – Yarmouth Airport Corporation**

Council discussed the amendments to the inter-municipal agreement and CAO Muise explained his recommendation to surrender 302 certification voluntarily and commit to 301 certification.
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to surrender 302 certification voluntarily and commit to 301 certification for the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation. 

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to authorize the presented amendments to the Airport Intermunicipal Agreement to allow for changes to the governance structure of the airport.  

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to review the minimum financial contributions required of each municipal unit, conditional on the other two partners approval. 

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to appoint Lucien LeBlanc as the Municipality’s member on the new Yarmouth Airport Board, pending the approval of the amendments to the inter-municipal agreement.  

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to appoint Danny Muise as the Municipality’s alternate member on the new Yarmouth Airport Board, pending the approval of the amendments to the inter-municipal agreement.  

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Correspondence and for Information**

*2017-2018 June Building Permit Comparisons*  
A comparison of building permits issued in June 2017 and 2018 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

*2017-2018 July Building Permit Comparisons*  
A comparison of building permits issued in July 2017 and 2018 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Department of Municipal Affairs - Legacy Federal Infrastructure Funding**  
Correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding federal infrastructure funding was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Financial Requests**  
None.

**Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion**  
None.

**Question Period**  
None.
Councillor LeBlanc left the meeting at this time.

In Camera

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Glenn Digdgon to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss Contract Negotiations.  
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Glenn Digdgon to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.  
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Recorder  
Chris Frotten

Date Approved:  
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Chairman/Warden  
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Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer  
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