

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was taken for those affected by the fatal house fire in Pubnico on Saturday January 6, 2018.

Warden Donaldson also read a statement regarding the incident on behalf of Council and staff of the municipality.

Agenda:

On a motion by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda was 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

Automated External Defibrillator Program - Verna Wirth

Mrs. Verna Wirth, Community Member and Director of the Wedgeport Tuna Museum, was in attendance to present to Council regarding the possibility of an automated external defibrillators (AEDs) program in the Municipality of Argyle.

Mrs. Wirth provided an overview of what an AED was, explained why it was important to have in locations of mass gatherings and presented a map of those that are registered in the Province and the lack of AED's in the municipality. She concluded by suggesting the development of a program to increase the amount in the area.

Council asked questions regarding the maintenance of the defibrillators, whether training was available and what type of program could be developed.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – December 12, 2017

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 12, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise responded to some points that were raised at the last meeting as he was not present which included the operating costs of the airport and the higher than anticipated tipping fees associated with the demolition of the Domtex building.

Councillor's Reports

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at the sledge hockey awareness event at the Mariners Centre.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his attendance at a Yarmouth Airport Corporation board meeting.

Councillor Bourque reported on the East Pubnico Community Centre's issues with their furnace.

Councillor Diggon commended his community for the offering of their assistance to help neighbours during the recent storm.

Councillor d'Entremont reported on the damage to the Pubnico Point Trail during the last storm and the ongoing work to repair those damages.

Warden's Report

Dec. 12th - Council

Dec. 13th - Curling Association

Dec. 15th - Christmas Party

Dec. 20th - Airport Meeting

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the progress of the new administration building, his work at the Airport and their efforts in creating a top-tier 301 airport and his provincial AMA work on municipal modernization.

Council asked questions on the compensation for CAO Muise's work as interim manager of the airport and the snow removal requirements under the new 301 regulations.

Report Attached (18010901)

Other Business and for Decision

EMC Service Inquiry Response

Council discussed the response letter received from EMC regarding the priority status of the West Pubnico base and the possible next steps to continue urging for the reinstatement of the that status.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to prepare a petition regarding the reinstatement of the priority status of the West Pubnico base.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

New Administration Building - Internal Design Update

CAO Muise presented some draft 3D renderings of the interior of the new administration building. He provided some background on the reasoning behind some of the design elements.

Council asked questions regarding the cost and design of the roofs and the proposed timeline for tendering.

Correspondence and for Information

Town of Yarmouth - Meal-A-Day for 100 Days

A letter from the Town of Yarmouth regarding their Meal-A-Day 100 Days campaign was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Report of Public Engagement and Consultation - Development of the new Municipal Administration Building

The Western Counties Regional Library's 2016-2017 Annual Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2016-2017 December Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of building permits issued in December 2016 and 2017 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

Community Grants

Comité paroissial de Wedgeport

A letter from the Comité paroissial de Wedgeport requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with repairs to their church was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Comité paroissial de Wedgeport to help with repairs to their church.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Glenwood/Argyle Community Hall

A letter from the Glenwood/Argyle Community Hall requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the purchase of a new stove for the hall was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Glenwood/Argyle Community Hall to help with the purchase of a new stove for the hall.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None.

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 a Personnel Matter.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Recorder

Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
