MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET – PART I
Thursday, May 3, 2018
Tusket, NS 3:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Calvin d’Entremont, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette and Kathy Bourque; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise; Director of Finance Marsha d’Eon and Municipal Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr., Lucien LeBlanc and Glenn Diggdon.

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:
On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved as circulated.
Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration
Warden Richard Donaldson asks for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

Warden Donaldson, Councillor Bourque and Councillor d’Entremont declared a conflict with item 05c.

Grants to Organizations Allocation and Approval
Council reviewed the list of organizations which applied to the Grants to Organizations program. CAO Muise explained that the average of all of the individual spreadsheets submitted by each Councillor was calculated and the results were presented. Council discussed a number of requests and amended the allocations accordingly.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve grants to organizations totaling $52,100 to various organization.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

List Attached (18050301)

Annual Operating Grants
CAO Muise presented a list of the organizations which receive annual operating grants.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise to approve the above operating grants in the amount of $94,500 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

List Attached (18050302)
West Pubnico Golf & Country Club Financial Request
CAO Muise provided a brief financial picture of the golf course and the pros and cons of contributing funds to the organization, buying the land and building for the outstanding debt or doing nothing.

Council discussed the options and their preference of having the absent councillor present for the conversation.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to request staff to develop a plan of action and present it at the next budget meeting.
Motion Carried (3 in favour, 0 against)

Approval of Fire Budget
CAO Muise presented the fire budget and provided some detail regarding the operating grants and the vehicle rental budget.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the fire budget in the amount of $357,894.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Approval of Utility Budgets
Tusket Sewer Charge (Operating & Capital)

It was moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette that Council establish an operating rate of $255.00 per equivalent unit and the capital rate of $213.84 per equivalent unit for the Tusket Sewer Charge for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Sewer Charge (Operating & Capital)

It was moved by Calvin d’Entremon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council establish the following rates for the West Pubnico Sewer for 2018/2019 fiscal year.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

East Pubnico Water Utility (Operating)

It was moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette Be it moved that Council establish the following rates for the East Pubnico Water Utility:
1. Middle East Pubnico - $3,348.54 plus $3.55 per 1,000 imperial gallons.
2. Lower East Pubnico - $621.86 for a 1.5-inch pipe plus $2.08 per 1,000 imperial gallons.
3. Lower East Pubnico- $995.00 for a 2-inch pipe plus $2,08 per 1,000 imperial gallons.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)
Resolutions

Interest Rate / Date On Overdue Accounts

It was moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise that Council establish an interest rate of 16% per annum on overdue accounts and that the current year’s property taxes be payable and due by July 31st, 2018 and interest will accrue after that date.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

East Pubnico Area Rate (Year 5 of 5)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont that Council approve an area rate of .05 cents per $100 of assessment be collected by means of tax billing in the areas and/or communities covered by the East Pubnico Volunteer Fire Department for the Fiscal year 2018/19, this being year 5 of 5.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Islands & District Area Rate (Year 2 of 5)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise that Council approve an area rate of .05 cents per $100 of assessment be collected by means of tax billing in the areas and/or communities covered by the Islands and District Fire Department for the Fiscal year 2017/19, this being year 2 of 5.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Kemptville & District Area Rate (Year 5 of 5)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council approve an area rate equivalent to .03 cents per $100 of assessment be collected by means of tax billing, in the areas covered by the Kemptville & District Volunteer Fire department for the Fiscal year 2018/19, this being year 5 of 5.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Lake Vaughan Volunteer Fire Department (Year 3 of 10)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council approve an area rate equivalent to .05 cents per $100 of assessment be collected by means of tax billing, in the areas covered by the Lake Vaughan Volunteer Fire department for the Fiscal year 2018/19, this being year 3 of 10.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Quinan & District Area Rate (Year 5 of 5)

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont that Council approve an area rate equivalent to 0.06 cents per $100 of assessment be collected by means of tax billing in the areas and/or communities covered by the Quinan & District Volunteer Fire Department for the Fiscal year 2018/19, this being year 5 of 5.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)
West Pubnico Fire Protection Area Rate (Year 5 of 5)

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council set an area rate levy equivalent to Fifty Thousand ($50,000) Dollars be collected by means of tax billing in the areas and /or communities covered by the West Pubnico Fire Protection Association for the fiscal year 2018/19, this being year 5 of 5.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Wedgeport & District Area Rate (Year 9 of 15)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council approve an area rate equivalent to .07 cents per $100 of assessment be collected by means of tax billing, in the areas covered by the Wedgeport & District Volunteer Fire department for the fiscal year 2018/19, this being year 9 of 15.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Eel Brook & District Area Rate

CAO Muise presented information regarding

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Guy Surette that Council approve an area rate equivalent to 0.075 cents per $100 of assessment be collected by means of tax billing in the areas and/or communities covered by the Eel Brook & District Volunteer Fire Department for the Fiscal year 2018/19, this being year 1 of 1, conditional that the ratepayers agree with the rate at the ratepayers meeting on May 10th.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

It was moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to request Council to amend the Area Rate policy.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Discretionary Spending

Council discussed the discretionary expenses listed by CAO Muise and the purpose of each expense.

It was moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to request staff to include the discretionary expenses, with the Mariners Centre expense coming from the capital budget, and have staff balance the budget accordingly.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten