MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr., Guy Surette, Kathy Bourque and Glenn Diggdon; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Municipal Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillors Calvin d’Entremont, Roderick Murphy Jr. and Lucien LeBlanc.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:
On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette 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
Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest
Mr. Paul d’Entremont, President of the Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest, and Mrs. Bernice d’Entremont, Coordinator of the Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest, were in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding a request for an annual financial contribution from the Municipality for a part time archivist.

Mr. d’Entremont provided a brief history of the society, gave an overview of the documents they possessed and explained the facilities and programs they offered, focusing specifically on the archival services they provided. Mr. d’Entremont concluded with a request to the Municipality to provide funding for a part-time archivist to allow the society to properly archive their documents.

Council asked questions regarding the users of the archives, the research work performed at the archives and the funding streams available to the society.

Presentation Attached (18050801)
Adoption of Minutes
138th Annual Council Meeting – April 10, 2018
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Digdgon that the minutes of the 138th Annual Council Meeting of April 10, 2018, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 24, 2018
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 24, 2018, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes
None.

Councillor's Reports
Councillor Albright reported on an EMO presentation she attended by the Provincial Fire Marshall regarding fire safety and on the open registration period for the argyle soccer association.

Councillor Surette reported on his attendance at the Tusket Wastewater Committee meeting, the Industrial Commission meeting and updated Council on the future purchase of new scales at the Yarmouth transfer station.

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at the EMO presentation on fire safety, the day of mourning at the Lost at Sea monument in Yarmouth and his participation in the welcoming of the cruise ship MS Fram in Yarmouth.

Councillor Bourque reported on her attendance at a variety of meetings including the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission, East Pubnico water utility, West Pubnico Sewer Committee and the volunteer banquet.

Councillor Digdgon reported on his participation in a Lions Club fundraiser, the West Pubnico Improvement Society and the West Pubnico Sewer Committee and noted that he was looking for quotes for a generator at the West Pubnico Fire Hall.

Warden’s Report
April 10th - Annual Council Meeting
April 11th - West Pubnico Golf Course Meeting
April 16th - Regional Council Meeting
April 16th - YAIC Meeting
April 20th - EMO Meeting
April 20th - Volunteer Banquet
April 24th - Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 3rd - Budget Meeting

Staff Report
CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the tender for the last 2 systems in Wedgeport, the progress of the administration building project, including the funding application that was sent in and future 3D renderings that would be received, his work at the Yarmouth International Airport, with the Eel Brook Fire Department, his AMA work in municipal modernization and budget preparation work by the finance department.

Report Attached (18050802)

Strategic Priority Topics
None.

For Decision
2018 Council Priorities
CAO Muise highlighted Council’s commitments to the Wedgeport Wastewater and East Pubnico Water Utility projects which were drafted based on their conversation at the last meeting.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the 2018 Council priorities as presented.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Tourism Signage Installation Cost Approval
CAO Muise provided a quote for the installation of the tourism directional signage. He explained that the cost was budgeted but exceeded his approval permission.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Digdgon to approve the installation of the tourism signs by Postech Screw Piles Yarmouth at a total cost of $9,000 (net HST excluded).
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Award - RFP #MODA028 - Disposal System Replacement Project – Group 7 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District
CAO Muise presented a memo from the Department Public Works regarding the tender for the seventh group of systems of the Wedgeport Wastewater project. Due to the use of the local preference clause from the procurement policy, CAO Muise explained it in more detail.
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque award Tender #MODA028, Disposal System Replacement Project - Group 7 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District, to R&D Harris Excavating for a Total Tender Price of $33,976.30 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Other Business

New Wedgeport School
Warden Donaldson noted a recent announcement that the Provincial government approved the construction of a new school in the community of Wedgeport. CAO Muise explained that if a new school would be built at another location, the Municipality would be responsible for the existing building.

Th’YARC Request for Support
A letter from Th’YARC requesting a financial commitment and letter of support was presented to Council.

It was agreed that Th’YARC should be invited to present to Council to provide further detail on their request.

Yarmouth Dispatch Service
CAO explained the current situation involving the Yarmouth Dispatch Service and its impact on the local fire departments and emergency services.

Council discussed the possibility of inviting the Argyle Fire Association to make a presentation to Council regarding the dispatch service before making a decision.

Correspondence and for Information

Nova Scotia Webcams Municipal Funding Program Evaluation
The evaluation of the applicants to the municipal Nova Scotia Webcams funding program was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2017-2018 April Building Permit Comparisons
A comparison of building permits issued in April 2017 and 2018 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.
In Camera
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a Contract Negotiation.
*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright 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 Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ________________________________

Chairman/Warden ________________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ________________________________