MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET – PART II
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Tusket, NS 7:30 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 Calvin d’Entremont, Roderick Murphy Jr. and Lucien LeBlanc.

The meeting is called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:
On a motion by Kathy Bourque 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.


Low Income / Property Tax Exemption
CAO Muise presented the property tax exemption for low income dwellings.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the low income/property tax rebate program in the amount of $18,550.
Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Warden Donaldson and Councillor Bourque excused themselves from the table.

Deputy Warden Muise assumed the role of chair.

West Pubnico Golf & Country Club Financial Request
CAO Muise presented the financial request from the West Pubnico Golf & Country’s again to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to provide a grant in the amount of $20,000 to the West Pubnico Golf & Country Club for one year with the condition of requesting the organization to change their status to not-for-profit.
Motion Carried (4 in favour, 0 against)
Warden Donaldson and Councillor Bourque returned to the table.

Warden Richard Donaldson resumed the role of chair.

Approval of Budgets

Capital Reserve Budget Approval
CAO Muise reviewed the draft capital reserve budget, which included the Federal gas tax fund, by explaining the projects within the budget and the balance of the revenues and expenses.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the 2018-2019 Capital Reserve Budget as amended in the amount of $2,003,272.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Capital Budget Attached (18050803)

Operating Budget
CAO Muise highlighted the main components of the revenues and expenses of the draft operating budget, along with their comparisons to last year’s budget.

Council discussed some items of the budget and received additional information from CAO Muise.

It was moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the 2018-2019 operational budget in the amount of $8,067,501.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Operating Budget Attached (18050804)

Operating Reserve Budget Approval
CAO Muise summarized the draft operating reserve budget and reviewed the transfers to and from the operating reserve.

It is moved by Glenn Digdgon and seconded by Guy Surette to approve the Operating Reserve Budget in the amount of $51,550.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Operating Reserve Budget Attached (18050805)

Community Grants

La société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest
A letter from the société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of promoting their activities.
It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Nicole Albright to give a Community Grant of $500 to the société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest to help with the cost of promoting their activities.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Amies du Musée**

A letter from the Amies du Musée requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of sewing materials.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Amies du Musée to help with the cost of sewing materials.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Pubnico & Area Garden Club**

A letter from the Pubnico & Area Garden Club requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of gardening equipment and supplies.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Pubnico & Area Garden Club to help with the cost of gardening equipment and supplies.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Le Club Acadien**

A letter from Le Club Acadien requesting a Community Grant of $500 to support their apple pie fundraiser.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Guy Surette to give a Community Grant of $500 to Le Club Acadien to support their apple pie fundraiser.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Village Friends**

A letter from the Village Friends requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of their activities.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Village Friends to help with the cost of their activities.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Patchwork Pals**

A letter from the Patchwork Pals requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of materials.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny Muise to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Patchwork Pals to help with the cost of materials.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*
Knights of Columbus 8988
A letter from the Knights of Columbus 8988 requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of their Canada Day celebrations.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Knights of Columbus 8988 to help with the cost of their Canada Day celebrations.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Twin Village Social Club
A letter from the Twin Village Social Club requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of repairs to their building.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Twin Village Social Club to help with the cost of repairs to their building.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Eel Brook & Districts Volunteer Fire Department
A letter from the Eel Brook & Districts Volunteer Fire Department requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of fundraising supplies.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny Muise to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Eel Brook & Districts Volunteer Fire Department to help with the cost of fundraising supplies.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Saint Gabriel Cemetery
A letter from the Saint Gabriel Cemetery requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the maintenance of their cemetery.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Saint Gabriel Cemetery to help with the maintenance of their cemetery.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Comeau’s Hill & Little River Harbour Beach Committee
A letter from the Comeau’s Hill & Little River Harbour Beach Committee requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with preparing the beach for the season.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Comeau’s Hill & Little River Harbour Beach Committee to help with preparing the beach for the season.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Association des Clairmont, DeViller, Fitzgerald, Harris et Jacquard
A letter from the Association des Clairmont, DeViller, Fitzgerald, Harris et Jacquard requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of maintaining their park.
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Association des Clairmont, DeViller, Fitzgerald, Harris et Jacquard to help with the cost of maintaining their park.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Mount Pleasant Cemetery Committee**

A letter from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Committee requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help maintain their cemetery.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Committee to help maintain their cemetery.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Residential & Commercial Rates**

It was moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council establish the residential tax rate at $1.07 per $100 assessment and the commercial tax rate at $2.25 per $100 of assessment for the fiscal year 2018/19.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

It was moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise to approve a transfer to the capital reserve of $100,000.

*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 9:05 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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