MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, June 12, 2018  
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: None.

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

Agenda:
On motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Nicole Albright the agenda was approved with the addition of a community grant request under item 13avi.  

Motion Carried

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

Councillor LeBlanc declared a conflict with item 10j Directional Signage Installation Cost Approval.

Presentations and/or Petitions
Asset Management Pilot Project – Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs
Mrs. Jennifer Duncan, Senior Engineer with the Department of Municipal Affairs, and Mr. Tim Barnes, Engineer with the Department of Municipal Affairs, were in attendance to present to Council regarding the Department’s asset management pilot project.

Mrs. Duncan explained the Department’s approach on the process, the composition of their working group and its mandate and desired outcome. Mr. Barnes followed with an explanation of the data gathered, how it was organized and how it could be manipulated.

Presentation Attached (18061201)

Adoption of Minutes
Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee Meeting – February 7, 2018
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee Meeting of February 7, 2018, be approved as circulated.  

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)
West Pubnico Sewer Committee Meeting – April 30, 2018
It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the West Pubnico Sewer Committee Meeting of April 30, 2018, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Tusket Sewer Committee Meeting – May 2, 2018
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Tusket Sewer Committee Meeting of May 2, 2018, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Special Council Meeting – Budget – May 3, 2018
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting – Budget of May 3, 2018, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Regular Council Meeting – May 8, 2018
It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 8, 2018, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Special Council Meeting – Budget – May 8, 2018
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting – Budget of May 8, 2018, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Special Council Meeting – May 15, 2018
It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of May 15, 2018, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Special Council Meeting – May 30, 2018
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of May 30, 2018, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Business Arising from the Minutes
AED Program
CAO Muise explained the information gathered on Public Access to Defibrillators programs.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to instruct staff to contact local provincial and federal agencies, possible partnership opportunities and continue to monitor for future funding opportunities to help develop a municipal PAD program.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*
Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest Financial Request
CAO Muise brought forward the original request for funding for a part time archivist made by the Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest. He noted that the request had been received on the day the budget was approved and presumed that Council wanted to defer any decision to next year’s budget deliberations.

Council discussed the timing of the request and the specialized work done by the society.

Area Rate Policy Amendment
Municipal Clerk Frotten presented the proposed amendments to the Area Rate Policy based on the discussion at a previous meeting and Council’s approval of the Eel Brook Fire Rate which was contrary to the procedure outlined in policy.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the official notice of the amendments to the Area Rate Policy.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Councillor's Reports
Councillor d’Entremont reported on the newly formed West Side Improvement Society and his attendance at various meetings.

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at a Recreation Commission meeting where they discussed future goals, complaints she had received regarding the spring cleanup, complaints she had received on the large rocks blocking the rails to trails entrances and complaints she had received regarding flies in Lower Eel Brook.

Councillor Murphy reported on his attendance at the annual FCM conference.

Councillor Surette reported on his attendance at a Waste Park meeting where they approved the budget and at a thank-you reception for Clyde DeViller who has moved on from his position at the CAPEB.

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at an offshore drilling meeting, the CDÉNÉ’s AGM where they elected a new president and an i-Valley internet meeting.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on a recruitment meeting of the Western REN he would be attending, complaints he had been receiving regarding the road conditions and the improvements that were completed at the Wedgeport Nature Trail.

Councillor Bourque reported on her attendance at a variety of meetings including the FNSM and FCM conferences. She also highlighted the grand opening of the East Pubnico Bike Park on June 16th.

Councillor Digdgon reported on his participation in activities organized by the newly formed West Side Improvement Society
Warden’s Report
May 8th – NSERC Meeting (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council)
May 10th-12th – NSFM Conference in Yarmouth
May 15th – Council Meeting with fire chiefs
May 28th – YAIC Meeting
May 30th – Council Meeting
May 31st-June 3rd – FCM Conference
June 1st – RCMP Headquarters Tour, Dartmouth
June 7th – Rural Internet Update, Conference Call

Staff Report
CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the ongoing negotiations on the costing of the dispatch services, the progress of the administration building and on the Western REN’s meeting with internet service providers in an effort to improve rural internet.

Report Attached (18061202)

Strategic Priority Topics
None.

For Decision
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 more than 150 feet from the road.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Glenn Digdgon to approve the connection request of property PID# 90082470, which is more than 150 feet from the road, to the West Pubnico Sewer.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

FCM Advocacy Fund Contribution
Council discussed a request to contribute to the FCM Advocacy Fund.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to approve a 2-year contribution in the amount of $400 per year to the FCM Advocacy Fund.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)
**Nakile Board Member Appointment**

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the nomination of Donna LeBlanc and Sharon LeBlanc as a Directors on the Nakile Board.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Eel Brook Fire Department Area Rate**

CAO Muise presented the minutes of the Eel Brook Fire Department’s Rate Payers Meeting where the rate of 7.5 cents was approved.  

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to accept minutes of the fire department and endorse the rate of 7.5 cents per $100 of assessment.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Nomination**

Municipal Frotten noted that a vacancy for a representative from the Municipality of Argyle on the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation’s Board had opened.

**Cannabis & Alcohol Amendments to the MPS and LUB**

Senior Planner Brad Fulton was in attendance to present the proposed amendments to the MPS and LUB for the consumption of alcohol and the use of cannabis. He outlined the history which drove the amendments, the amendment process and the possible impacts on the municipality.

CAO Muise further clarified the amendment process and the likely outcomes of the hearings.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve all of the recommendations on alcohol and cannabis policies and provisions as proposed by the District Planning Commission.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to commence the public engagement process for the amendments to the MPS and LUB.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**UNSM Doctor Recruitment Workshop Attendance**

An invitation from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities to a Doctor Recruitment Workshop was discussed by Council.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the attendance of Kathy Bourque and Glenn Digdgon at the Municipal Workshop on Doctor Recruitment.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*
**Surplus Property Request**
CAO Muise presented a request from a resident to deem a property between their property and the waterline surplus property in an effort to buy the property to combine in with theirs.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to deem property PID 90084120 surplus and begin the surplus process.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**YMCA Additional Funding Request**
CAO Muise presented a request from the YMCA to increase their annual operating grant from $15,000 to $20,000.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to deny the request from the YMCA to increase their annual operating grant.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 1 against – Lucien LeBlanc)*

*Councillor Lucien LeBlanc excused himself from the room at this time.***

**Directional Signage Installation Cost Approval**
A request for decision submitted by the Community Development Officer for the installation of the tourism directional signage was presented to Council. CAO Muise explained that the cost was budgeted but exceeded his approval permission.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to approve the installation of the tourism signs by Postech Screw Piles Yarmouth at a total cost of $9,980 (net HST excluded).

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Other Business**
**Letter of Support – Completion of Highway 101**
A request to provide a letter of support to the Municipality of Digby for the completion of Highway 101 from Weymouth to Digby was discussed by Council.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Danny Muise to send a letter of support to the Municipality of Digby for the completion of Highway 101 from Weymouth to Digby.

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

**Fire Ponds Assessment Report**
Municipal Clerk Frotten went through a fire ponds assessment report. He noted the process used to assess the ponds and the recommendations made by the fire chiefs. He highlighted that a more formal request for mitigation would be presented in the future.
By-law Enforcement/Fire Inspection
CAO Muise noted the work needed in the areas of by-law enforcement and fire inspection. He explained that additional human resources would be hired to assist the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works in completing this work.

Regional Emergency Management Organization
This item was deferred to a future meeting.

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

National Trade Corridor Fund
Correspondence from the Yarmouth and Area Industrial Commission regarding an application to the National Trade Corridor Fund was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Additional Officer Program – Potential Changes
Correspondence on the potential changes to the Additional Officer Program was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Congrès Mondial acadien 2024
A press release from the Société Nationale de l'Acadie was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western REN Newsletter - June 2018
The Western Regional Enterprise Network’s March 2018 newsletter was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
Community Grants

Festival acadien de Wedgeport
A letter from Festival acadien de Wedgeport requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the maintenance of their monument was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien Leblanc to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Festival acadien de Wedgeport to help with the maintenance cost of their monument.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

1906 Old Baptist Meeting Place Society
A letter from the 1906 Old Baptist Meeting Place Society requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of repairing their church 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 1906 Old Baptist Meeting Place Society to help with the cost of repairing their church.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Club des Audacieux de Quinan**
A letter from the Club des Audacieux de Quinan requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with their Labour Day Picnic fundraiser circulated to Council.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Club des Audacieux de Quinan to help with their Labour Day Picnic fundraiser.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Pubnico-Light Monument Society**
A letter from the Pubnico-Light Monument Society requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help install a porta-potty for the summer months was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Pubnico-Light Monument Society to help install a porta-potty for the summer months.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Comité du 250e anniversaire de Wedgeport**
A letter from the Comité du 250e anniversaire de Wedgeport requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with their anniversary celebrations was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Comité du 250e anniversaire de Wedgeport to help with their anniversary celebrations.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**West Side Improvement Society**
A letter from the West Side Improvement Society requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with their anniversary celebrations was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to give a Community Grant of $500 to the West Side Improvement Society to help with their anniversary celebrations.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Agenda Topics for Next Meeting / Notice of Motion by Councillors**
Councillor Surette made a notice of motion to bring forward the solid waste by-law to Council.

**Question Period**
None.
There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Recorder
Chris F rotten

Date Approved: __________________________________________
Chairman/Deputy Warden ____________________________________
Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ________________________