MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 11, 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, Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Municipal Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: None.

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

Agenda:
On a motion by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda was approved with the addition of a District Community Grant request under 13avii.
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
YASTA Tourism Destination Management Plan
Mr. Neil MacKenzie, General Manager of the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association, was in attendance to present to Council their Tourism Destination Management Plan.

He presented an overview of the tourism industry in the Province, explained the planning context, the research and process in developing the plan, including stakeholder meetings and a tourism asset plan. He also touched on the alignment of visitor content based on specific guest profiles and concluded with the recommendations and the action plans.

CAO Muise inquired how the increased levy revenue would impact the other member’s core funding.

Presentation Attached (18021301)

Adoption of Minutes
Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee - May 2, 2018
It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Guy Surette that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee of May 2, 2018, be approved as circulated.
Regular Council Meeting – June 12, 2018
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 12, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

EMO Advisory Committee Meeting – June 19, 2018
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the EMO Advisory Committee Meeting of June 19, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 26, 2018
It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 26, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting – July 16, 2018
It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 16, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting – July 25, 2018
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 25, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting – August 13, 2018
It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 13, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes
By-Law #27A Solid Waste Resource By-Law Amendment - Second Reading
CAO Muise presented the Solid Waste Resource By-Law amendment for second reading.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that Council adopt the amendments to By-Law #27A Solid Waste Resource Collection & Disposal.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Stipend Taxation
CAO Muise explained the recent changes to the taxation regulations regarding the 1/3 exemption of the Councillor’s stipends. Council discussed the options available to them including the NSFM’s suggestion of increasing the stipend by the newly taxed amount and keeping stipends at the amount they are regardless of the change. Council requested information as to what the neighbouring municipal units are doing and what the minimum tax increase would be if the 1/3 was no longer exempt.
Councillor's Reports

Councillor d'Entremont reported on a well that was opened on the d’Entremont Road in Pubnico for the use by residents who were experiencing water shortages and assistance he provided to the Department of Lands and Forestry to reach an island in the Pubnico Harbour that had a fire on it.

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at EMO meetings regarding the water shortage. She asked questions regarding what type of future assistance was being planned and the well program. She also reported on her participation at the Quinan Labour Day Picnic, Nakile Board of Directors training, the public consultation held by the Electoral Boundaries Commission and the Eel Brook Fire Department meeting where they chose a location for their new fire hall. She also mentioned her attendance at the Quinan Fire Department’s rate payer’s meeting where they increased their area rate from 6 to 10 cents.

Councillor Surette reported on his attendance at a Municipal Alcohol Project meeting, at meetings regarding the fire dispatch service, at Acadian Day celebrations and updated Council on fire prevention upgrades completion of a report for the Department of Environment at the Waste Park. He also requested information on white tubs being provided by EMO Argyle for residents experiencing water shortages.

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at a variety of meetings the other Councillors attended and his presentation he made with CAO Muise to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his attendance at the Wedgeport Tuna Tournament, a recent announcement of funding for small craft harbours but regrets that the Tuna Wharf was not included and the completion of the Wedgeport wastewater project.

Councillor Bourque reported on her attendance at an Industrial Commission meeting, meetings regarding the fire dispatch service, a federal funding announcement at the Dennis Point Wharf, the public consultation of the Electoral Boundaries Commission, a doctor recruitment meeting and the assistance being provided in East Pubnico for residents experiencing water shortage.

Councillor Digdgon reported on his attendance at Indigenous People and Canada Day celebrations at the Musée Acadien & Archives de Pubnico-Ouest, the 20th anniversary of the research centre at the Musée Acadien & Archives de Pubnico-Ouest, Acadian Day celebrations and various festivals throughout the summer. He also reported on his attendance at EMO and fire dispatch service meetings and Chopped Argyle organized by the Argyle Recreation Department.

Warden’s Report

July 16th and Aug. 27th – YAIC meetings

July 29th – Aug 3rd – Abuptic Festival events
Aug. 13th - Special Council Meeting

Aug 22nd – Federal Announcement, Colin Fraser, Dennis Point

Aug. 28th – Building Committee

Sept. 4th – Ferry Terminal Announcement

Staff Report
CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on a letter that had been drafted together with the Municipality of Yarmouth to send to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding assistance for the current frought conditions experienced in the area, recent work with internet service providers on improving rural internet service, Senior Planner Brad Fulton’s upcoming retirement, work at the airport, on his work regarding the fire dispatch service and concluded with an update on the municipal administration building.

Council asked questions regarding water assistance and dispatch which were answered by CAO Muise and Municipal Clerk Frotten.

Report Attached (18021302)

Strategic Priority Topics

East Pubnico Water Utility Project
CAO Muise presented a memo prepared by the Public Works Department to inform Council of the outcome of the Request for Quotes to hire an engineering company to support MODA staff with the design and product recommendation to improve the mechanical and electrical components of the Pumping Station.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to award the Request for Quotes to WSP Canada Inc. in the amount of $19,360 - $21,860 (excluding net HST). 
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

For Decision

Ferry Terminal Operating Surplus
CAO explained that the Town of Yarmouth was seeking confirmation that the Municipality of Argyle was foregoing any entitlement to accumulated surplus of the Ferry Terminal.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that the Municipality of Argyle relinquish any entitlement to accumulated surpluses at the Yarmouth Ferry Terminal.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Dangerous or Unsightly Committee
CAO Muise presented a memo prepared by the Public Works Department to inform Council of the outcome of the call for volunteers for the dangerous and unsightly committee.
It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the creation of the Dangerous or Unsightly Committee with the following members: David Vaux, Brenda LaGrandeur, Janine Muise, Peggy Boudreau, Hans Pfeil, John Sullivan and Kim Rowley. 
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Mariners Centre Capital Funding Request
CAO Muise outlined details of a capital funding request from the Town and Municipality of Yarmouth for the replacement of LED lighting and repairs to the roof.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve $33,333 in capital funding for the replacement of LED lighting at the Mariners Centre as a priority project, as budgeted. 
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve $21,667 towards the roof replacement needs at the Mariners Center, which would exceed our capital budget. 
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Private Road Naming Policy
A policy outlining the procedure of naming municipal streets and private roads was presented as official notice to Council. No action was requested by Council.

Capital Investment Plan Approval
CAO Muise presented the Capital Investment Plan and explained that Council had already approved year one of the plan, but he wanted to highlight other projects that were on the list for future years.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Capital Investment plan for 2018-22 as submitted to the Province of Nova Scotia. 
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Request to Relieve Taxes and Interest
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to relieve the taxes and interest on the accounts presented to Council in the amount of $1,043.30. 
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Other Business
EMO Assistance & Well Supply Upgrade Lending Program
CAO Muise and Municipal Clerk Frotten outlined details of the ongoing assistance provided by EMO to residents experiencing water shortage and the reinstatement of the Well Supply Lending Program. They highlighted the significant interest in the program due to the drought conditions and the adjustments suggested to the program; including an increase in the interest rate from 3% to 3.5%.
Council discussed the importance of offering the program but maintaining some parameters to the initial number of applicants to accept.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to approve a maximum of $15,000 in emergency water assistance expenditures to be used by EMO to assist residents facing shortages, and that the additional unbudgeted funds be taken from operating reserves, if necessary.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the Well Supply Upgrade Lending Program be reinstated with a retroactive eligibility of August 1, 2018, a maximum total lending cap of $240,000 and that the operational procedures and application forms be amended to ensure proper administration of the program and to incorporate the lending cap and revised deadlines.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the bylaw be Well Supply Upgrade Lending Program By-Law be amended to increase the interest rate from 3% to 3.5% and that this be considered the first reading of that amendment.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise that the Well Supply Upgrade Lending Program By-Law be retroactive to August 1, 2018 and have a deadline of December 31, 2019.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Green Acres Subdivision Maintenance
Councillor Murphy Jr. brought forward a complaint from residents of Birch and Riverside Drive regarding the poor condition and lack of maintenance of their road.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to request the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to review the condition of Birch Drive and Riverside Drive and provide an estimate of the cost of repairs.  
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Kemptville & District Volunteer Fire Department Capital Request
A capital request from the Kemptville & District Volunteer Fire Department for a new fire truck was reviewed. CAO Muise reminded Council that at a meeting with all of the volunteer fire departments, the departments agreed that an application-based program should be developed to deal with their capital deficiencies and inability to generate revenues.

Intermunicipal Agreement – Planning Services
The item was deferred to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

*Council recessed for 5 minutes at this time.*
Correspondence and for Information
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – K-Class Roads
A response letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the approval of subdivision on K-Class roads was circulated to Council for their information. Councillor Diggon expressed that this is an issue for two residents in his district as they cannot build on the roads.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Danny Muise work with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal on finding a solution regarding construction on K-Class roads.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Nakile Home for Special Care – Financial Statements
The financial statements ending March 31, 2018 for the Nakile Home for Special Care were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Municipality of Yarmouth – REMO
Correspondence from the Municipality of Yarmouth regarding their interest in forming a Regional Emergency Management Organization was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Municipality of Yarmouth – Expansion of Internet Services
An invitation from the Municipality of Yarmouth to participate in the possibility of internet services in the Kemptville area was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

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

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – Highway 101 Phase 2 Funding
A letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in response to the Municipality’s letter of support for Phase 2 funding for the completion of the highway between Digby and Weymouth was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Quinan Fire Department – Date of Rate Payers Meeting
A notice of the date of the Quinan Fire Department’s rate payers meeting was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Marina and Boat Launch
Correspondence from a resident expressing interest in the development of a marina and boat launch in the Municipality was circulated to Council for their information. Council chose to defer a decision on this matter to a future priority setting session.
Municipality of Barrington – Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration
Correspondence from the Municipality of Barrington regarding their concerns with respect to Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board’s decision to allow oil and gas drilling approximately 300 kms from Halifax was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

M.P. Colin Fraser – Small Craft Harbours Funding
A news release regarding the Government of Canada’s investment of $8.35 million in new funding for small craft harbours in West Nova was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Argyle Aquaculture Presentation
A presentation outlining the details of Argyle’s work in the Aquaculture industry was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

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

Update on Fire Training Facility
Pictures of the fire training facility constructed at the Wedgeport Fire Hall was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2018-19 Electoral Boundaries Commission Presentation & Information
The testimony given by Deputy Warden Muise and CAO Muise and information presented at the Elector Boundaries Commission Public Meeting on September 8th was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Quinan Fire Department Area Rate Meeting Minutes
The minutes of the Quinan Fire Department’s rate payers’ meeting of September 10, 2018 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
Community Grants

Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee
A letter from the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the maintenance of their cemetery was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee to help with the maintenance of their cemetery.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)
East Kemptville Meeting House Society
A letter from the East Kemptville Meeting House Society requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of repairing their main entrance was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to give a Community Grant of $500 to the East Kemptville Meeting House Society the help with the cost of repairing their main entrance.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Historic Church
A letter from the Argyle Historic Church requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of removing the old chimney and old stove was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Argyle Historic Church to help with the cost of removing the old chimney and old stove.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Kemptville & District Volunteer Fire Department
A letter from the Kemptville & District Volunteer Fire Department requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of repainting the inside of the hall was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Kemptville & District Volunteer Fire Department to help with the cost of repainting the inside of the hall.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

New Horizons Historical Seaside Park Association
A letter from the New Horizons Historical Seaside Park Association requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the upkeep of the cemetery 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 New Horizons Historical Seaside Park Association to help with the upkeep of the cemetery.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Green Grove Cemetery Association
A letter from the Green Grove Cemetery Association requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the upkeep of the cemetery was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Green Grove Cemetery Association to help with the upkeep of the cemetery.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)
Club Social des Îles – Events and Planning Committee
A letter from the Club Social des Îles – Events and Planning Committee requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help purchase kitchen supplies was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Club Social des Îles – Events and Planning Committee to help purchase kitchen supplies.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion**
None.

**Question Period**
None.

**In Camera**
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss Contract Negotiations.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Danny Muise to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ____________________________

Chairman/Warden ____________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ____________________________