

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson, Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Kathy Bourque and Glenn Diggdon; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon, Director of Public Works Hans Pfeil and Recorder/Municipal Clerk Eilidh Canning.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33p.m. by Deputy Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette that Council, in accordance with subsection 22(2) clause (a) of the Municipal Government Act, the agenda is approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – February 12, 2019

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 12, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Update on Mariner Center Expansion Meeting

Deputy Warden Danny Muise advised of the meeting of the 9 that will be occurring Thursday, February 28th. Warden Donaldson advised council that he had a meeting with mayor Pam Mood, and they discussed how councils are to get together and decide what decisions are to be made regarding the Mariner Center expansion. CAO Muise then advised that the motion still stands to have a meeting with the other Municipalities and AFN to discuss and provide their feedback on the Mariner Center Expansion.

Club Social des Iles – Emergency Funding Request - \$5165.85

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the policy be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Statements – January 31, 2018

CAO Muise gave council a synopsis of the financial statements and explained the budget overages and surpluses for each area of the budget.

Councillor Guy Surette asked if a resident pays their tax bill via 12 equal payments, will they incur interest? CAO Muise advised that it depends on when the payments are made, but the 16% interest per annum interest rate still applies. He did advise that every situation is different.

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to accept the unaudited Financial Report at January 31, 2019.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

Tax Reliefs

CAO Muise completed a synopsis of the tax relief attachment to the agenda and advised council that they typically approve the full amount each year.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque so moved that the total relief of taxes amount of \$11,524.88 be approved.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Doctor Recruitment – Alternate Member

Warden Richard Donaldson advised council that an alternate member is needed for the Doctor Recruitment committee. He prefers someone take his place as the primary member, and he become the alternate member. Meetings are usually late afternoons, at approximately 4pm. Nicole Albright advised that she will be the alternate to this committee. The next meeting is at 4pm Thursday, February 28th, 2019 at the Hebron Complex.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to appoint Nicole Albright as the primary and Richard Donaldson for the alternate member of the Doctor Recruitment committee.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

RFD – Recreation Department Summer Employee Budget

CAO Muise reviewed the additional pilot project that has been presented on the RFD Summer Employment attachment from Recreation Director, Ginette D'entremont.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that council approve the budget total \$84,005.87 as presented.
Motion (6 in favour, 0 against)

Municipal Admin Building

Deputy Warden Danny Muise advised council that there is a building committee meeting on Thursday, February 28th. There will be decisions made after that meeting. CAO Muise advised council that they need to approve the minutes as attached to the agenda.

It is moved by Warden Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to allow for amendments to approve the building committee meeting minutes from February 19, 2019 as amended.
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Low Income Tax Exemptions for 2019

CAO Muise advised council that what is required of them is to endorse the tax exemption policy for this year, as opposed to the proposed budget of \$19,000.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to proceed with tax exemptions applications for 2019-2020.
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Approval of Procurement Policy

CAO Muise advised council that 7 days notice of the policy change was provided to council on February 14th, 2019.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to approve amended Policy C11 – Procurement, as written February 14, 2019.
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

YMCA

Councillors Nicole Albright and Danny Muise attended a meeting where financial information was given and questions were asked to the meeting attendees how they felt about the YMCA moving to the Mariner Center. The YMCA is in dire circumstances with regards to their finances. YMCA's biggest revenue stream is membership, and fundraising. They've been experiencing shortfalls each year for several years. YMCA would like to have a presentation to council and provide a formal proposal for funding. YMCA's proposal will cover the next 3-5 years and will be sent to the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle. Currently, the YMCA owns the existing building on Main Street, and they also manage the day to day maintenance and operations of the building. They are on board for having an aquatic center at the Mariner Center expansion. Councillor Albright also advised that council

needs to keep in mind that the expansion isn't concrete at the moment and is still in discussions. Council confirmed interest in a presentation from the YMCA.

CAO Muise then advised that part of the bridge funding conversation has to be surrounding funding fairness, and uniform population and assessment. This will reflect the funding that should be provided by the Town of Yarmouth, the Municipality of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle. Council agreed.

Waste Check Financials January 2019

No action required, for information.

Library Funding

No action, for information.

Western REN CEO Report Q3

No action, for information.

Inspection Report – Audit – Yarmouth County Solid Waste Management Authority

No action, for information.

Minutes from most recent AMFFA meeting

No action, for information.

Joint NSHA / DHW Steering Committee Member Request

No action, for information.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to endorse Jim MacLeod as Joint NSHA / DHW Steering Committee member.

Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Requests

District Community Grant Request of \$500 – Nouveaux Horizons de la Baronnie

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve a \$500 District Community Grant to Nouveaux Horizons de la Baronnie for social events.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera at 7:40PM.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

In-Camera - Airport Contract Negotiations Presentation

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Recorder
Eilidh Canning

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____