

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**  
**134<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2013**  
**Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Warden Aldric d'Entremont; Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Roderick Murphy Jr., Lucien LeBlanc, Richard Donaldson, Kathy Bourque; Solicitor Réal Boudreau, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten

**Regrets:** Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise

Warden Aldric d'Entremont calls the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Agenda:**

On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. the agenda is approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried*

**Conflict of Interest Declaration**

Warden Aldric d'Entremont asks for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

**Presentations and/or Petitions**

La société touristique Bon Temps – Vaughan Perret

Mr. Vaughan Perret, President of la société touristique Bon Temps, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the Star Light project being led by the group.

Mr. Perret began by outlining the successes of the organization throughout the recent year and the upcoming initiative that the group will focus on. He indicated that the Star Light project will be the main focus of the group for the upcoming year and indicated to Council that he will be requesting funding assistance for the project over a two year period in the amount of 10% of the project.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting – March 11, 2014

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2014, be approved as circulated.

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

Special Council Meeting – Ferry Terminal, March 18, 2014

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 18, 2014, be approved as circulated.

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

#### Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 25, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 25, 2014, be approved as circulated.

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

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Report on Business Arising from the Minutes of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 is presented to Council. The report included an update on the Municipal Office Building.

*Report Attached*

#### Policy Approvals

Deputy Clerk Frotten noted the policies which were brought to Council at the last meeting as their first notice.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the amended Pension Plan Policy as presented.

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

It is moved Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the amended Dangerous and Unsightly Policy as presented.

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

#### **Warden's Report**

On March 17th, Alain, Brenda and I met with CDÉNE staff to discuss immigration in the Francophone communities. We will be looking at what we can do to encourage immigrants (Francophone or Anglophone) to settle in our Municipality.

Also on the 17th, I attending a dinner meeting at the Grand Hotel hosted by the Yarmouth and Area Chamber Commerce to listen to our Provincial Minister of Finance on a pre-budget tour.

Again on the same day I attended the launch of an Age-Friendly Community action plan for the Municipality of Argyle (Plan d'action: Argyle, une municipalité «communauté amie des aînés»).

On March 18th and 19th, along with the councillors that were available, I attended meetings to approve, sign and announce the terminal lease agreement. The press release took place at Yarmouth Town Hall.

On March 20th Councillor Surette and I attended a Waste Check dinner in honour of the businesses that are leaders in sorting their waste during the past year.

On the last day of March, I attended a meeting with the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia where we had good discussions and a presentation by Eel Lake Oyster Farm owner, Nolan d'Eon.

That evening I also attended board meetings of Harbourside Lodge and The Meadows.

April 2nd was the official opening of the Barrington Health Clinic. The District Health Authority has opened this clinic to provide services such as blood collection, physiotherapy, therapy and others. It also houses a Nurse Practitioner.

On April 3rd, Chris Frotten and I attended the CAO/CEO Forum in Truro. We had good discussions on how to deal with the Ivany report in preparation for our spring workshop.

Last month I also recorded an hour long interview with Eastlink for their program In Focus. The interview focused on the current work of our municipality and how we are preparing for the future. It will air April 17th at 7:00 p.m., April 20th at noon and April 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

### **Councillor's Reports**

Councillor LeBlanc reported that he met with representatives from the aquaculture and mink farmers' association at the most recent Argyle Economic Development Committee meeting. He also noted that Tuna Fest, an annual music concert held as a fundraiser for the tuna Tournament was a great success.

He also indicated that the Regional Enterprise Network Liaison Committee will be meeting to finalize the intermunicipal agreement.

Councillor Surette informed Council that he attended a Waste Check meeting and a reception diner which honoured businesses that participate in the Waste Check program. He also indicated that the municipal alcohol project is moving along well. He explained that 30 students will be gathered at Camp Peniel to discuss the the subject of alcohol and will ultimately make a presentation to Council in the future regarding the project.

He concluded by informing Council that the bridge celebrations will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> and the planning is going well.

### **CAO's Report**

Deputy Clerk Frotten reviewed the report that was circulated to Council. He indicated that the boundary review process was coming along and that the second informational video was completed and the options should be added to the website in the near future.

Councillor Muise questioned whether the public consultation meetings had been scheduled.

Deputy Clerk Frotten indicated that the schedule had yet to be determined but it was established that there would be 4 meetings in total. One in Pubnico, Wedgeport, S.A.R./Tusket and East Kemptonville. He also noted that the meetings are tentatively on the Wednesday and Thursday of two consecutive weeks.

*Report Attached*

### **Appointment of Auditors**

Council shall approve the Auditors for the fiscal period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council approve the firm of Grant Thornton as the auditors of the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

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

### **Appointment of Solicitor**

Council shall approve the Solicitor for the fiscal period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise that Council approve the firm of d'Entremont Boudreau as the Municipal Solicitors for the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2014-2015 at the same retainer fee as at present.

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

### **Report of Auditor**

Where there is no Report of the Auditor, it is deferred to a later date.

### **Council Remuneration Resolution**

A resolution should be made by Council every year to reaffirm that 1/3 of the payment shall be a non-taxable expense allowance.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque,

**Whereas** Municipal Councillors are not directly compensated for home office expenses,

**And whereas** Municipal Council may declare that up to 1/3 of Councillors' remuneration may be treated as a non-taxable expense allowance,

**Therefore be it resolved** that one-third of all remuneration paid to the Warden, Deputy Warden and members of Municipal Council in the 2014/2015 fiscal year shall be designated as a non-taxable expense allowance.

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

### **Appointment of Officers**

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approve the following list of appointments as Officers of the Municipality of Argyle be for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

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

### **Membership to UNSM and FCM**

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that membership to both the UNSM and the FCM be renewed for 2014-2015.

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

### **Other Business and for Decision**

#### Letter of Support – Eel Lake Oyster Farm

Councillor Albright indicated that the Eel Lake Oyster Farm requested a letter in support of his application to use another water way to expand his oyster farm.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Roderick Murphy to send a letter of support to the manager of navigable waters protection program for the Eel Lake Oyster Farm aquaculture site application.

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

#### Chemin des Jacquards & Highway 334 Conditions

Councillor LeBlanc explained that the Chemin des Jacquard and Highway 334 is currently in poor condition and is not wide enough for the trucks that use it to get to the Break Water Wharf. Councillor LeBlanc noted that this is not a typical request due to the use of the road and the repairs needed and requests that a letter regarding the condition of the road be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Deputy Warden d'Entremont questioned whether there would be a specific person at the local level that could receive the request.

Councillor LeBlanc explained that the local department put gravel in some holes but it was suggested by the local MLA to send the letter to the minister of the department.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the conditions of Chemin des Jacquards and Highway 334.

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

#### Second Reading – Third Party Credit Service Fee By-Law

Deputy Clerk Frotten noted that this By-Law was presented to Council for first reading at the March Regular Council Meeting and was subsequently advertised in the vanguard on March 25, 2014.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council adopt the Third Party Credit Service Fee By-Law #33.

*Motion Carried 9 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's Spring Gala

Warden d'Entremont explained that last year the municipality contributed to this event and noted that all other municipal units are doing the same this year.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to support the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Spring Gala in the amount of \$1,200.

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

### Glenwood Park Lifeguard Services

Deputy Clerk Chris indicated that the request is from the Recreation Department and proposes a two year pilot project of contracting the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Services (NSLS) and providing lifeguards at Glenwood Park during the weekends of the summer months.

Deputy Warden d'Entremont explained that he found the request very interesting due to the fact that the park was recently renovated and the municipality promotes healthy living.

Councillor Surette questioned where the funds to pay for the service would come from and whether it would be contingent on receiving the full amount of the grant request from Recreation Nova Scotia.

Deputy Clerk Frotten indicated that the funds would come from the Recreation Department's budget and the services would only be provided if the grant requested from Recreation Nova Scotia were to be approved.

Councillor LeBlanc questioned whether there was enough use of the park to provide lifeguard services.

Councillor Albright explained that the requests comes from feedback from the community and the park is used quite often.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Danny Muise that Council approves the Recreation Department's two year pilot project of providing lifeguard services at Glenwood Park for the weekends during the summer months, contingent on receiving funding from Recreation Nova Scotia.

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

### Nakile Board Member Appointment

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the appointment of Raymond Doucette on the Nakile Board.

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

### **Correspondence and for Information**

#### 2013-2014 March Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of building permits issued in March 2013 and 2014 is circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

#### Development, Building and Subdivision Annual Report

The annual report of development, building and subdivision for 2013/2014 is circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

### **Financial Requests**

None.

**Notice of Motion by Councillors**

None.

**Question Period**

None.

**In Camera**

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to recess the Annual Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

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

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Danny Muise to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Annual Council Meeting.

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

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the 4 tenders presented for the Dennis Point Sewer Extension Project be accepted and sent to be evaluated.

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

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to adjourn the Annual Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Recorder  
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman/Warden \_\_\_\_\_

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_