

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Warden Aldric d'Entremont; Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting is called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont.

Moment of Silence

Agenda:

On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque, the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:

Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation - Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin

Mrs. Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin, Managing Director of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding their current capital campaign to raise 25% of the cost of a new CT Scanner and Medication Management System.

Mrs. Sweeney-Goodwin explained the various funding partners which help contribute to the foundation, details on the two new pieces of equipment which the foundation is contributing \$754,000, the current initiatives underway to raise funds and highlighted the upcoming projects which will help towards the Enhancing Health Care Campaign.

Councillor LeBlanc questioned how the percentage of inpatient days is calculated.

Mrs. Sweeney-Goodwin explained that the statistics come from the District Health Authority.

CAO Muise asked when the monies would be needed from Councils.

Mrs. Sweeney-Goodwin explained that the equipment has already been purchased therefore the monies can be provided as soon as they would be available.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Financial Report

Director of Finance d'Eon summarized the financial report at March 31, 2014. She explained the large variances and CAO Muise explained in detail the transfer to reserves and the calculation of the amounts.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that 130,000\$ of the March 31, 2014 surplus (unaudited) be transferred to capital reserve, with 100,000\$ restricted to the repair and reconstruction of the tennis courts in the Municipality.

Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Aldric d'Entremont that 50,000\$ of the March 31, 2014 surplus (unaudited) be transferred to operating reserve without restriction of use.

Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the unaudited Financial Report as at March 31, 2014.

Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision

Western Regional Enterprise Network – Intermunicipal Agreement

CAO Muise explained that the presented document has been reviewed by the Province and by the Regional Enterprise Network (REN) Liaison Committee. He noted that it outlines the roles and responsibilities of the REN and those of each municipal unit, along with the funding formula.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that Council approve the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Western Regional Enterprise Network as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Submerged Eel Lake Boat

Councillor Albright updated Council on the submerged boat in the Eel Lake. She noted that an environmental assessment was done in and around the submerged boat and no contaminants were found. She indicated that the Department of Environment and the Coast Guard are currently in the process of finding the owner.

FCM Board Member Expenses

CAO Muise indicated that the request was from the Municipality of Digby. He noted that they sent a request to the municipal units within the WREN region if they wished to participate in supporting an elected official from the WREN region to sit as a director on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board.

Councillor Muise indicated that if the Council wished to participate, it would in no way ensure that the chosen member would be elected at the conference.

CAO Muise agreed and explained that the group of interested parties would agree on a member before the elections and if the member would be elected, the group would share the expenses.

Councillor LeBlanc indicated that he spoke to Jimmy McAlpine from the Municipality of Digby regarding this request and believed that it would be a valuable position to support.

Councillor Donaldson agreed with Councillor LeBlanc but questioned whether or not the rest of the municipal units in the Province would look negatively upon the group if they would try to elect a director from this region of the province.

Councillor LeBlanc questioned how long the agreement would be for.

CAO Muise indicated that the agreement would be for one year.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council agrees to participate in supporting an elected official from the WREN region to sit as a director on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board up to the amount \$2,250.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Dennis Point Sewer Extension – Tender Approval

This item was deferred until after Council's planned In-Camera session.

Correspondence and for Information

Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report

A Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Waste Check - Minutes of March 10, 2014

The minutes of the Waste Check Board Meeting of March 10, 2014 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal - Road Sign Replacement

Correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding the replacement of a road sign was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Municipal Affairs

Correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the creation of the new department was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

Grants Request

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation

A request from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation is circulated to Council. They were requesting a grant of \$31,070 towards the purchase of a new CT Scanner and Medication Management System.

Councillor Surette questioned whether Council should make a motion regarding this request now or wait until after the budget deliberations.

CAO Muise indicated that the budget is 95% complete and suggested that Council could take the amount of the request from the operating reserves and increase the transfer from the reserves in the upcoming budget.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the grant request from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation in the amount of \$31,070 towards the purchase of a new CT Scanner and Medication Management System.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss an Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property & Contract Negotiations.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to sell residential lot #9, PID# 90325184, in the Tusket Industrial Park and have Solicitor Boudreau proceed with the purchase and sale agreement.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny to sell industrial lot titled "Lot", between lot #24 and #26, PID# 90087628, in the Tusket Industrial Park and have Solicitor Boudreau proceed with the purchase and sale agreement.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Aldric d'Entremont to have CAO Muise and the solicitor authorize the signature of the easement with Watts Wind Energy.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Aldric d'Entremont and seconded by Richard Donaldson to accept the revised funding formula presented by the CAO for the Dennis Point Sewer Extension Project.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 1 against – Lucien LeBlanc)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Danny Muise to accept Aberdeen Paving Ltd. as the successful proponent for the Dennis Point Sewer Extension Project.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 1 against – Lucien LeBlanc)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council task the CAO to meet with the DHA representatives and Doctor Loveridge to determine space requirements for the family resident for the community of Argyle.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:53 pm

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Deputy Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS
Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Tusket, NS 8:00 p.m.

Present: Warden Aldric d’Entremont; Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Finance Marsha d’Eon and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The Special Council Meeting – Grants to Organizations is called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont.

Agenda:

On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque, the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:

Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Grants to Organizations Allocation and Approval

Council was asked to allocate funds to the organizations which requested municipal assistance through the Grants to Organizations program. CAO Muise explained that the average of all of the individual allocations of each Councillor was calculated and the result was presented to Council for their discussion. Council discussed a number of the requests and amended the allocations accordingly.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve grants to organizations totaling \$77,000 to various organizations (list attached).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to adjourn the Special Council Meeting – Grants to Organizations at 9:15 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Deputy Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____