

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise.

The meeting is called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:

On motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque 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

Le comité des aînés et aînées de la région d'Argyle - Paul d'Entremont

Mr. Paul d'Entremont, Coordinator of the Age Friendly Communities Project, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the completion of their project and the next steps of the committee.

Mr. d'Entremont explained the development of the action plan, the model advocated by the World Health Organization along with the projects adapted within Canada and Nova Scotia. Mr. d'Entremont also highlighted the project vision, mission and objectives and provided a summary of the outcomes and needs prioritization within the report.

Adoption of Minutes

134th Annual Council Meeting, April 8, 2014

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the 134th Annual Council Meeting of April 8, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 29, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 29, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Warden's Report

On April 9th I attended the Argyle Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting. It was well attended and the officers remained the same.

From there I went to Wedgeport for a presentation by Watts Energy on their comfit program. They are looking for twenty five residents of the Municipality of Argyle to be shareholders. There is no minimum other than one share (\$1.39).

On April 10th Council met with the board of directors of the Mariners Centre to discuss the possibility of some support to help with the cost of operations.

I also attended the presentation of awards by Waste Check to the students with the best recycling message. There were a lot of good drawings.

The arrival of our new ferry cruise ship, the Nova Star, finally took place on April 15th with boat tours open to the public on the 16th. It is a beautiful ship and we are excited for the beginning of the cruise ferry service on May 15th.

I also attended the announcement of the second phase of the climate study with the Federal government contributing \$223,000 to the project.

On Earth day, April 22nd, I attended a tree planting on the grounds of the NSCC Burrige campus.

On May 2nd our CAO and I attended a session with staff from Municipal Affairs to discuss municipal indicators. There was a good dialogue and our CAO had a few very good suggestions for improvements for the future.

Last week I was also present at two public consultation meetings on boundary review.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Donaldson reported that the annual fundraiser for the Abuptic Festival took place and they raised \$5,700.

Councillor Albright reported on policies which are being developed by the Recreation Department on healthy food choices in recreational settings. She also reported on a presentation which was made by the West Pubnico Health Club at a recent Argyle Recreation Committee Meeting and her attendance at her first UNSM conference which was very informative.

Councillor Surette reported on the ongoing work of the municipal alcohol project and indicated that the recent retreat went well and the group will be making a presentation to all councils in the future. He also reported on a Tusket sewer committee meeting where the budget was set.

Deputy Warden d'Entremont reported on a West Pubnico Sewer Committee meeting which was held last week and where the budget was set. He also noted that the committee discussed the ongoing smell at the treatment plant and have made it a priority to try and solve the problem.

Councillor Bourque reported on a meeting which was held at the East Side Community Centre regarding the local ball field. She noted that the meeting was well attended and a report will be drafted by the Recreation Department.

Warden d'Entremont reported on a meeting he attended regarding the current windmill project in Little River Harbour.

CAO's Report

Deputy Clerk Frotten reviewed the CAO's report that was circulated to Council and answered a few questions raised by Councillors. He highlighted the upcoming work in the months ahead that will be full of activities such as the summer employments beginning in the Recreation Department and the Courthouse and Archives.

Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision

FCM Board Member Expenses

Warden d'Entremont explained that the request changed slightly from the original since only 5 of the 6 municipal units agreed to participate.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council agrees, with the new information, 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 \$2,679, rescinding the motion of April 29th.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Old Pound – Pond Road

Deputy Warden d'Entremont explained that there is an old pound on Pond Road that currently has a smell due to old seaweed that has rotted and he would like to see the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works investigate the issue.

Correspondence and for Information

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Invitation

An invitation from the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia regarding a meet and greet was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal - Ch. des Jacquard

Correspondence from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding the intersection of Chemin des Jacquard and Highway 334 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was request by Council.

Yarmouth Compost Facility - Tipping Fees Increase June 4, 2014

Correspondence from the Town of Yarmouth regarding the tipping fees increase at the Yarmouth Compost Facility was circulated to Council for their information.

Financial Requests

None.

Notice of Motion by Councillors

None.

Question Period

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Deputy Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____