

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 13, 2015
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Aldric d'Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise; Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont and Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The meeting is called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:

On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise 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

YASTA & Yarmouth Curling Association - Rick Allwright

Mr. Rick Allwright, Group Sales with the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding hosting the 2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships.

Mr. Allwright explained the background, financial and tourism impacts, legacy and broadcast exposure of the event and answered a few questions from Council.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting, December 9, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise provided an update on the work of the municipal administration building review committee, the completion of the study of the Montague Road and the completion of the removal of the boat which was submerged in Eel Lake.

Warden's Report

This being the first council meeting of the New Year, I want to say thank you to council and staff for the professional way that you represent the people of Argyle. The cooperation between council and staff is outstanding.

I enjoyed having breakfast with staff and family on Christmas Eve, holiday spirit at its best.

Looking forward to another busy and productive year.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Surette reported on a recent fire association meeting he attended and the issue of overgrown trees and branches which prohibits fire departments from reaching some properties.

Councillor LeBlanc highlighted the upcoming 2nd annual lobster dip challenge which would be held at the Tuna Museum.

CAO's Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council; reporting on the beginning of Dr. Charelle d'Eon's practice at the Centre de santé A.M. Clark Health Centre, upcoming economic committee meetings and the tax sale ad which was published in the recent vanguard.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision

Nakile Board Member Appointment

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the nomination of Garth Davis as a Director on the Nakile Board.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Argyle Recreation Commission Strategic Plan

Natalie Surette d'Entremont, Active Living Coordinator with the Municipality of Argyle, presented the Argyle Recreation Commission's new strategic plan.

Mrs. Surette d'Entremont provided a history of the commission's work and the beginning of the strategic planning process. She explained the vision, mission, critical issues and goals of the plan along with strategies to increase participation in recreation activities and improve access to recreation infrastructure.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the Argyle Recreation Commission's Strategic Plan.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Municipal Strategic Plan Update

CAO Muise presented an update of the municipal strategic plan. He noted the completed and ongoing objectives and spoke on the objectives which were not yet begun.

Société Touristique Bon Temps d'Argyle - Video Request

CAO Muise presented a letter from the Société Touristique Bon Temps d'Argyle requesting the Municipality to fund a French tourism video and explained the possible options.

This item was deferred until budget deliberations.

Wedgeport Wastewater System Project Update

CAO Muise briefly explained the background of the project and highlighted the options of centralized systems which were studied by engineers in the past. He explained that all of the centralized options were too costly but noted the possibility of using a decentralized option which was working in other municipal units and would potentially qualify for funding from other levels of government.

He noted that staff was currently studying the option and determining details regarding the funding model and construction phases.

Electric Charging Stations

CAO Muise presented a letter from the Nova Scotia Electric Vehicle Highway Services regarding the availability of free electric vehicle charging stations to municipal units.

Council discussed the matter and expressed their interest in determining potential locations but indicated they wished to review the locations and other relevant financial information before making a final decision.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to request suggestions from each area, through community groups and organizations, regarding potential locations which would be interested in installing an electric vehicle charging station (3 in total), have the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works review and choose the most suitable locations based on the criteria and bring them to Council along with other relevant financial information.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Attendance at Energy Conference

Warden d'Entremont provided information regarding an upcoming renewable energy conference in Halifax and probed the interest of Council on attendance.

This item was deferred to the Committee of the Whole Meeting as more information was needed.

Letter of Support – Lobster Industry License Plate

Warden d'Entremont presented a letter from the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce requesting Council to support the concept of lobster license plates which could promote and support the lobster industry.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Lucien Leblanc to send a letter of support to the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the concept of lobster license plates.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Water Quality Monitoring Program – Carleton/Tusket River Watershed

Mr. Brad Fulton, Senior Planner with the District Planning Commission, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the Water Quality Monitoring Program – Carleton/Tusket River Watershed Committee.

Mr. Fulton explained the history of water monitoring in the Carleton/Tusker River and noted that the Department of Environment began looking into establishing a volunteer driven monitoring program in October 2012. He indicated that in October 2014 consensus from the group was to proceed with the establishment of a partnership initiative to be coordinated by a multi-stakeholder, municipally supported, steering committee and that they wished for the Municipality of Argyle to participate with a Council member on the Steering Committee.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to appoint Warden Aldric d'Entremont to the Water Quality Monitoring Program Steering Committee and as this committee would be a business matter, mileage would be reimbursed.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

2014-2014 December Building Permit Comparison

The 2013-2014 December building permit comparison was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grants

Apartment Nova

A letter from the residents of Apartment Nova requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of purchasing new furniture is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Western Regional Housing Authority for the residents of Apartment Nova to help with the cost of purchasing new furniture.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion by Councillors

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

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

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

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

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that based on the confidential recommendation by YASTA, the Municipality of Argyle approve its contribution to the 2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to sign the easement agreement with Nova Scotia Power for a Black Pond Road lot in exchange for a one-time fee of \$3,200.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to to sell industrial lot #24, PID# 90087610, in the Tusket Industrial Park and have Solicitor Boudreau proceed with the purchase and sale agreement.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____