

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

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

Regrets: Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr. and Lucien LeBlanc.

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

Agenda:

On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Aldric d'Entremont, 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 and Acadian Shores Tourism Association – Neil MacKenzie

Mr. Neil MacKenzie, General Manager of the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding YASTA's initiatives and projects for the upcoming year.

Mr. MacKenzie presented YASTA's mandate and provided an update on Music by the Sea, industry product development, marketing activities and partnerships and their marketing efforts in print, online, at tradeshow and through branding. Mr. Mackenzie concluded by explaining how they measure success with room nights sold individually and through group sales and with visitation statistics.

Report Attached.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Montague Road

Deputy Clerk Frotten provided an update to Council regarding the Montage Road. He indicated that John Sullivan, Director of Property Inspection and Public Works, and himself met with Elaine of Amiro & Surette Excavation. He explained the possible ownership and maintenance options to Council but noted further information would be gathered and formally presented to Council at the next meeting.

CAO Muise provided an update to Council regarding the municipal building review. He noted that work was underway to simultaneously assess the size of a new building and its cost and the cost of renovations of the current building. He explained that this information would be made available to Council and the public through a website dedicated to the building review.

Financial Report

Director of Finance d'Eon summarized the financial report at February 28, 2015. She indicated an anticipated surplus at fiscal year-end. She noted the considerable positive variances in the revenues and a variety of positive variances in the expenditures which resulted in the anticipated surplus as at March 31, 2015 of almost \$200,000.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the unaudited Financial Report at February 28, 2015.

Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision

2015 Curb-Side Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste Tender

CAO Muise presented a memo prepared by the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works regarding the 2015 Curb-Side Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste Tender. CAO Muise noted that there was 1 bid and that it represented a 6% increase for the first year and a 3% increase for the following 4 years.

Council discussed whether it would be prudent to pursue more bids next tender process and questioned whether a weekly pick-up of the green bins in the summer months could be sustainable to eliminate the problem of insect infestations.

CAO Muise noted the request and would report to Council at a future meeting.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve the awarding of the 5 year tender for curb-side collection and transportation of source-separated waste to Wasteco Ltd.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Tax Exemption Policy Approval

CAO Muise explained that this policy was presented to Council at the previous meeting and is set for approval if Council so wished.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Tax Exemption Policy as presented.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report, Feb. 2015

The Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report of February 2015 was circulated to Council. No action was requested by Council.

Samuel de Champlain Anniversary

An article regarding the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain was circulated to Council. This item was forwarded to YASTA. No action was requested by Council.

Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission Board Meeting - January 19, 2015

Minutes of the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission's January 19, 2015 Board Meeting were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grants

Kemptonville District Volunteer Fire Department

A letter from the Kemptonville District Volunteer Fire Department requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help purchase new gear is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Kemptonville District Volunteer Fire Department to help purchase new gear.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Hubbard's Point Community Centre

A letter from the Hubbard's Point Community Centre requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help cover the costs of their annual "Soirée de la Mi-Carême" event is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Aldric d'Entremont to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Hubbard's Point Community Centre help cover the costs of their annual "Soirée de la Mi-Carême" event.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Abrams River Wharf Association

A letter from the Abrams River Wharf Association requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help replace ladders 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 Abrams River Wharf Association to help replace ladders.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

La Cabane – Girl Guides

A letter from La Cabane – Girl Guides Group requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with their program expenses is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Aldric d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to La Cabane – Girl Guides Group to help with their program expenses.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Athletic Association

A letter from the West Pubnico Athletic Association requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with maintenance and repair costs of the ball field is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the West Pubnico Athletic Association to help with the maintenance and repair costs of the ball field.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

East Pubnico Playground

A letter from the East Pubnico Playground requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help purchase new equipment is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the East Pubnico Playground to help with the cost of replacing and purchasing equipment.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

East Side Community Centre

A letter from the East Side Community Centre requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help replace windows is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the East Side Community Centre to help replace windows.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a Personnel Matter and Contract Negotiations.

Motion Carried (7 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 (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Aldric d'Entremont and seconded by Danny Muisse to approve, in principle, a multiyear Intermunicipal funding agreement for the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation, subject to legal review.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to contribute a onetime grant of \$46,429 to the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission to settle Intermunicipal accounts payable, and to request that the Commission utilize those funds to repay the Municipality of Argyle.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright that the CAO be authorized to amend the Intermunicipal agreement regarding the former Corporate Services Corporation between the Municipality of Yarmouth and Argyle, resulting in a decrease in amount owing from the Municipality of Yarmouth of \$27,305.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise that a onetime grant of \$84,087 be provided to the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission, and to request that the Commission utilize those funds to repay amounts owing to the Town of Yarmouth.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Aldric d'Entremont and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:09 pm

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Deputy Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____