

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
134th ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillors Danny Muise, Roderick Murphy Jr. and Richard Donaldson.

Warden Aldric d'Entremont calls the 135th Annual meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Agenda:

On motion by Guy Surette 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

Friends of TNR - Rowena d'Entremont

Mrs. Rowena d'Entremont, member of Friends of Trap, Neuter and Return, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the group's work in the community to spay and neuter cats and reduce the population of stay and feral cats.

Mrs. d'Entremont explained the process used to trap, neuter and release the cats, the ways in which in the community can help the group, the recent fundraisers done to raise money and the successes they have had to date.

Adoption of Minutes

Emergency Management Organization – September 3, 2014

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization of September 3, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Emergency Management Organization – January 7, 2015

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization of January 7, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting – March 10, 2015

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 31, 2015

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 31, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Montague Road

CAO Muise updated Council on the work done by staff to assess both requests regarding the Montague Road. He noted that staff would be gathering information to support Council's decision whether to own the road or not and the conditions under which each option would be acceptable. He indicated that a review of the current school board and garbage collection service provider policies was completed and some preliminary cost estimates and scenarios were determined but that no decision was requested from Council as more detailed information was required.

Warden's Report

On March 16th, I attended announcements by MP Greg Kerr: one at the Eastside Community Centre and the second one at the Legion Branch 66 in West Pubnico.

The following day we had a meeting with Minister Glavine at the rural RCMP Headquarters to discuss the funding arrangement for the Senior Safety coordinators. It was a good meeting and he seemed to understand our concerns. We will be awaiting his remarks.

On the 23rd, I was present for the launch of the Thundermaker exhibit at the Yarmouth library. This exhibit has travelled to Disneyland in California and was also part of the ceremonies at the Olympics in Vancouver.

I attended the Dragons Den at the Salle Père-Maurice-LeBlanc. The projects were very good and one of the Dragons was our own Charlene Le Blanc, as an entrepreneur.

That same day I attended a Green Energy briefing and discussions on the Airport agreement.

On the 26th, I was present at a Hospital Foundation event to celebrate their success in reaching their fundraising goal for 2014. Doug and Elaine Thistle were honored for their donation of \$205,000, as a way to give back to the community that supported them for many years.

On March 27th, I attended the regional UNSM meeting in Digby which was a very good meeting.

On April 7th, I took part in the 2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship announcement at Mariner's Centre. This will be a great event for the region.

On April 8th, we had more announcements by MP Kerr: one in Quinan and two in Wedgeport at the Tuna Museum.

CAO Muise and I attended the CAO/ CAO workshop at Oak Island Inn On April 9th and 10th. It was a very good workshop and our CAO was one of the presenters and did an awesome job.

We had what I would call another successful Volunteer banquet on the 10th of April. Thank you Ginette and your team for a job well done.

On the 11th, Annie and I were guests at the annual supper in Amirault's-Hill where they honour their volunteers that give so much of their time for the betterment of the St. Famille parish. It was a nice function and well attended.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor LeBlanc mentioned that April 19th-25th was education week.

CAO's Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council reporting on the provincial budget and the ramifications on municipal units and government departments that relate to municipal work such as the closure of local land registry offices, the Western Regional Enterprise Network, the work of the economic development committees, the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission, the Yarmouth Airport and the upcoming programs in the Recreation Department. He also updated Council on the recovery of the Waste Water Operator and the posting of the Facilities Maintenance Coordinator position which would be full time as it would serve as a back-up to the Waste Water Operator.

Report Attached.

Appointment of Auditors

Council shall approve the Auditors for the fiscal period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that Council approve the firm of Grant Thornton as the auditors of the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2015/2016.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Appointment of Solicitor

Council shall approve the Solicitor for the fiscal period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont 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 2015/2016 with an increase of the retainer fee from \$4,000 to \$4,800.

Motion Carried (6 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 2015/2016 fiscal year shall be designated as a non-taxable expense allowance.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Appointment of Officers

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approve the presented list of appointments as Officers of the Municipality of Argyle for the fiscal year 2015/2016.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Membership to UNSM and FCM

Council shall approve that the membership to both UNSM and FCM be renewed for 2015/2016.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette that membership to both the UNSM and the FCM be renewed for 2015/2016.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Other Business and for Decision

Waiver for Semi-Detached Commercial Buildings

CAO Muise presented a planning report for Council's consideration from the District Planning Commission for proceeding to move to a Public Hearing on the amendment of semi-detached commercial building. He explained that Council had a policy (Policy A-2) whereby Council stated its intention to regulate lot sizes and yard setbacks to promote orderly development. He noted that Policy A-2 stated that different standards may apply to different types of development and also included an intention to apply reductions and

waivers, so there was no need to adopt any new policy to accommodate the proposed By-Law amendment.

He indicated the amendment to the Land Use By-law could simply add the new waiver from side yard requirements in cases where the technical legal Building Code requirements can be satisfied.

He concluded that Council could give first reading and set a date for the required Public Hearing prior to second reading (adoption).

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Nicole Albright to give the amendment its first reading and set a public hearing for a future meeting.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Airport Agreement Approval

CAO Muise presented to Council the final draft of the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation inter-municipal agreement which included the solicitor's comments. CAO Muise noted the important aspects of the agreement such as the funding percentages, total funding amount and the board structure.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to approve the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation inter-municipal agreement as presented, authorize the CAO and the Warden to sign the agreement on its behalf and to arrange for proper filings and signatures of the partners.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships Funding Approval

CAO Muise noted that Council had previously made a motion to support the event at the amount requested by YASTA, however did not make a motion regarding the exact amount as YASTA requested that it remain confidential until the announcement. He explained that now that the event had been awarded to YASTA, Council could ratify the motion with the exact amounts.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council support the 2017 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships in the amount of \$2,500 for the next 3 years, with a total of \$7,500.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's Spring Gala

Warden d'Entremont explained that the hospital foundation was requesting sponsorship for the gala again this year and that last year the municipality contributed to the event. He also noted that all other municipal units were doing the same that year.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to support the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Spring Gala in the amount of \$1,200.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Locations

Community Development Officer, Charlene LeBlanc, presented a request for decision regarding the proposed locations of the electric vehicle charging stations provided by the Nova Scotia Electric Vehicle Highway Services.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approves to pay for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station at Tuna Museum in Wedgeport, the Red Cap Restaurant in Pubnico, and Carl's store in Tusket, at a cost of up to \$3,600.00.

Motion Carried (5 in favour, 1 against - Guy Surette)

Western Regional Enterprise Network – Conclusion of Start-Up Committee

CAO Muise explained that the work of the WREN start-up committee had concluded and a motion from Council was necessary to finalize its work.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to terminate the Western Regional Enterprise Network Start-Up Committee under the Municipality of Argyle.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

2014-2015 March Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of building permits issued in March 2014 and 2015 was 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 2014/2015 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western Counties Regional Library – Minutes of November 30, 2014

The minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library Board Meeting of November 30, 2014, were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western Counties Regional Library March 2015 Report

The Western Counties Regional Library's March 2015 Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture - Letter of Response

Correspondence from the Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture regarding the Municipality's interest in aquaculture development in the region was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Municipality of Barrington – Notice of Public Hearing

A notice from the Municipality of Barrington regarding a public hearing for a land use by-law amendment was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Green Energy Committee – Public Consultation Sessions

An ad regarding the public consultation sessions for the proposed wind turbine project of the Green Energy Committee was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Green Energy Committee – Wind Project Overview

An information sheet regarding the proposed wind turbine project of the Green Energy Committee was 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 Guy Surette to recess the Annual Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss an acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Annual Council Meeting.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to accept the offer of \$26,400 for lot #8, PID# 90325176, in the Tuskat Residential Park and have Solicitor Boudreau proceed with the purchase and sale agreement.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

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

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
