

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**  
**Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Regrets:** Councillors Nicole Albright and Roderick Murphy Jr.

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

**Agenda:**

On motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont 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**

None.

**Adoption of Minutes**

135<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Meeting, April 14, 2015

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that the minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Meeting of April 14, 2015, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 28, 2015

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 28, 2015, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Special Council Meeting – Grants to Organizations, April 28, 2015

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting – Grants to Organizations of April 28, 2015, be approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

### Dangerous or Unsightly – Order to Remedy

As this item included legal implications, it was tabled for in camera.

### **Warden's Report**

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, I had breakfast at the Grand with Jamie Baillie and others to discuss local issues.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, I attended an information session with the Nova Scotia Tourism Association at the Mariner Centre. Later in the afternoon, I attended a meeting with representatives from Avalon Rare Metals. They are proceeding with testing and will be doing a feasibility study. Production is still a few years away if they decide to reopen the tin mine.

I attended the Hospital Gala again this year and it was a great success.

April 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended two public consultation sessions for our COMFIT project. The meetings were held in Overton and were well attended.

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, I attended the annual Yarmouth County Sports Hall of Fame supper at the Grand. Argyle had some inductees who were part of a girl's hockey team.

Last week, from May 6 to the 8<sup>th</sup>, I took part in the UNSM spring workshop at White Point. We started out with a rural caucus meeting where we discussed topics from VIC closures to clear cutting good wood that is used for generating power. The first presenter was Don Mills, CEO of Corporate Research Associate, who spoke on the Ivany Report, a year after being published. Next was Rhonda MacDougall, Manager of External Relations with the NSBI which explained they are now getting involved with fisheries and aquaculture. We also heard about aquaculture, flood mitigation and community engagement strategies and a session on E-Voting. All presentations were very interesting, the best program I have ever seen.

Councillor LeBlanc arrived at this time (6:35 PM).

### **Councillor's Reports**

Councillor Surette reported on an EMO Advisory Committee meeting where emergency plans for large community events was discussed. He indicated that a document by EMO would be prepared which could be used by organizing committees.

### **CAO's Report**

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council; reporting on the current work of the economic development committee: signage, aquaculture and value adding to fish exports. He also reported on community sessions on the green energy committee's COMFIT which a few Councillors attended, the completion of the airport corporation and the budget.

Councillor Leblanc requested an update on the Wedgeport wastewater project.

CAO Muise indicated that research was still ongoing regarding the pilot project in Richmond County and that a report would be presented to Council in the current fiscal year.

*Report Attached.*

### **Other Business and for Decision**

#### Directional Signage By-Law – First Reading

Community Development Officer, Charlene LeBlanc, was in attendance to present the Directional Signage project recommended by the Economic Development Committee. She explained the details of the project, noted the intersections which were to be a part of the project and indicated that the first step of this project was to create a by-law which she was presenting to Council.

CAO Muise noted that the Municipality wanted to ensure that they did not assume the responsibility of all signs on all roads, therefore specific intersections and language was added to the by-law. CAO Muise also indicated that a design would be developed with the tourism stakeholders during the by-law approval process.

Council asked questions regarding the placement and costs of the signs which were answered by Community Development Officer LeBlanc and CAO Muise.

Solicitor Boudreau recommended one typographical addition and including a provision regarding the replacement of the signs after their 10 year lifespan.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to approve the first reading of the Directional Signage By-Law.

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

#### Repairs to Recreational Infrastructure – Tender Approval

CAO Muise presented the tender results for repairs to the Tusket and Wedgeport ball fields. He noted the 2 amendments from the original tender document and the reasons why those items were removed.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to proceed with the award of the tender to d'Entremont's Excavating in the amount of \$25,728.00 plus applicable taxes, for the repairs to the Tusket and Wedgeport ball fields.

*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

### **Correspondence and for Information**

#### 2014-2015 April Building Permit Comparisons

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

### **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 Legal Advice Eligible for Solicitor-Client Privilege.

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

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont 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 Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Richard Donaldson that the order to remedy the property on 5500 highway 3 dated September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be carried out according to the municipal by-law and part 15 of the Municipal Government Act by the later of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 or the availability of a contractor to complete the work.

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

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Recorder  
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman/Warden \_\_\_\_\_

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_