

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
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, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: None.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont.

Agenda:

On a motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette, the agenda was approved with the addition Courthouse Road Condition under 7f.

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

None.

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise updated Council on the public consultations regarding the municipal administration building review and on the assessment by engineers in April or May of the Hipson Bridge.

Administration Building Review - Consultation Feedback Report

CAO Muise outlined the report summarizing the feedback received during public consultations on the future of the public administration building.

Council discussed the results of the consultations; specifically the consensus to build a new administration building. They also discussed the possibility of visiting local buildings that were built in the recent past and the use of the building committee to coordinate the next steps.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to accept the Consultation Feedback Report as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to have the building committee begin the process of choosing a location and determining a design for a new administration building.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Council Priorities Progress Report

CAO Muise reported on the progress of each Council priority.

Financial Report

Director of Finance d'Eon summarized the financial report at March 31, 2016 and 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, 2016 of almost \$143,034.

It is moved by Aldric d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the unaudited Financial Report at March 31, 2016.

Motion carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision

Community Hall Capital Project Grant Program

Deputy Clerk Frotten highlighted the amendments made to the Community Hall Capital Project Grant Program. He noted the clarification in the funding structure of the program, the addition of an appeal process and the addition of the halls willingness to contribute to the project as an evaluation criteria.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the amended Community Hall Capital Project Grant Program as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Track and Field Funding

CAO Muise explained the proposed funding allocation for the upgrades to the Tusket track and field facility as discussed at the most recent joint council meeting.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to allocate \$200,000 towards the upgrades of the track and field project, and that the project proceed upon confirmation of 50% funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments, and that Federal Gas Tax funds be utilized for this project, to the extent possible.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Nomination

Deputy Warden d'Entremont read the nomination of Marcel Pothier from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Board.

It is moved by Aldric d'Entremont and seconded by Guy Surette to accept the appointment of Marcel Pothier as the representative for the Municipality of Argyle on the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Draft Operating Budget and Highlights

CAO Muise presented to Council the draft operating budget for their information and review and noted the highlights of the substantial changes in revenues and expenses. He reviewed each major revenue and expense line items and provided a brief explanation of the variances.

Councillor Donaldson left the meeting at this time.

Council discussed the possibility of increasing the amount budgeted for District Community Grants as a larger number of requests are being received.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Nicole Albright to increase the District Community Grants from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the upcoming budget, with the limit of \$500 to remain the same.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Council followed with questions regarding the Mariners Centre budget and other specific expenses.

Capital Investment Plan and Draft Capital Reserve Budget

CAO Muise reviewed the Capital Investment Plan and the draft capital reserve budget for their information and review. He provided detail on the capital projects which were being budgeted for, including upgrades to the Tuskent sewer treatment plant, the track and field resurfacing project, the wind energy initiative, West Pubnico sewer upgrades, the Wedgeport wastewater system project and the Hipson Bridge repairs.

Courthouse Road Conditions

CAO Muise presented an e-mail from a resident which was sent to him regarding the poor condition of the Courthouse Road.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the poor condition of the Courthouse Road.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

WREN Newsletter #1

A WREN newsletter was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Recommended Comments on the Proposed Changes to the Building Code

The recommended comments on the proposed changes to the building code was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Canada Legacy Society - Cyrille LeBlanc

Correspondence from Cyrille LeBlanc on the Municipality's participation in the Canada Legacy Society was circulated to Council. No action was requested by Council.

4 Year FCI Summary

A 4 year summary of the Financial Condition Indexes was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

None.

Notice of Motion

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 Personnel Matters.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

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

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:36 pm.

Recorder

Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Deputy Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
