

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

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

Regrets: Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr. and Lucien LeBlanc.

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

Agenda:

On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque, the agenda was approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:

Warden Aldric 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 assessment completed by engineers of the condition of the Hipson Bridge and on amendments to a variety of policies currently being drafted by staff.

Council Priorities Progress Report

CAO Muise reported on the progress of each Council priority.

Councillor Donaldson suggested that rural internet access be added to the list as it is an important issue for many residents and it is being reviewed by the Province. CAO Muise noted the suggestion and assured that information would be gathered and shared with Council.

Other Business and for Decision

Inter-municipal Tax Sharing Agreement Amendment

CAO Muise presented an amendment to the inter-municipal tax sharing agreement between the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle which was brought forward based on a recent sale of property which was owned

by the three municipal units. He noted that the existing agreement did not indicate the tax sharing formula for

Council questioned some specifics of the agreement which were answered by CAO Muise.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the municipalities amend our tax sharing agreement to provide for the sharing or future tax revenues from properties jointly held by the parties at the time the initial agreement was signed and sold to a third party.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Scholarship Disbursement

Councillor Surette explained that subsequent to Council's decision to award a scholarship to the 2 applications received from Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, students from École secondaire de Par-en-Bas stated that they were not aware of the scholarship deadline and were requesting that their applications be accepted.

Council discussed the extraordinary circumstances which prevented the students at École secondaire de Par-en-Bas from knowing the deadline and their possible options.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to add a third scholarship this year to acknowledge the application from the student of École secondaire de Par-en-Bas, despite it being after the deadline.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Fireworks Funding Request

Warden d'Entremont presented a letter from Mayor Mood requesting funding support for Canada Day fireworks.

Council discussed the request and the fact that may fireworks take place in the Municipality throughout the summer.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to deny the funding request from the Town of Yarmouth for Canada Day fireworks due to the other fireworks that are held in the Municipality of Argyle.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Wedgeport Crosswalk

Warden d'Entremont presented a requested from Councillor LeBlanc to enter in an agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to fund the maintenance and any other necessary safety requirements of the Wedgeport Crosswalk.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the municipality enter in an agreement to fund the maintenance and any other lighting or signage that may be necessary of the Wedgeport crosswalk.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Grading and Repairing of Oak Park Road

Councillor Bourque explained that she received many complaints regarding the condition of the Oak Park Road.

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

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Wedgeport Wastewater Project - PCAP Application

CAO Muise presented an application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program and noted that a motion from Council approving the application must be attached to the application.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to approve the Provincial Capital Assistance Program application for the consulting fees of the Wedgeport Wastewater Project.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Fire Department Air Pack Purchase

CAO Muise presented a purchase request for 2 airpacks – one for the Islands and Districts Volunteer Fire Department and one for the East Pubnico Volunteer Fire Department. He noted that the request was presented to Council since the CAO requires Council approval for the acquisition of goods and services of \$10,000 or greater.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the Municipality purchase two air packs from Mic Mac Fire Safety Source Ltd. For the Islands and Districts and East Pubnico Volunteer Fire Departments.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Municipality of East Hants Response to Bill 177 - Amendments to the MGA

Correspondence from the Municipality of East Hants regarding amendments to the Municipal Government Act to introduce means to phase in the property tax related to increases in commercial assessment was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Minister of Infrastructure and Communities - Infrastructure Investments

Correspondence from the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities regarding improvements the 2014 New Building Canada Fund was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Drone Purchase and Usage

CAO Muise provided a brief explanation of the purchase and use of the drone. No action was requested by Council.

UNSM Letter Regarding Bill 177 - Amendments to the MGA

A letter sent by UNSM to Minister Diana Whalen, Chair of the Law Amendments Committee regarding the amendments to the Municipal Government Act was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Resolution Request from MP Colin Fraser

A request to proclaim the first Saturday of June as the National Health and Fitness Day was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Yarmouth County Sport Council - Track & Field Letter of Support

A letter of support for the Tusket track and field resurfacing project from the Yarmouth County Sport Council was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2016 Community Litter Cleanup Report

The 2016 Community Litter Cleanup Report was circulated to Council for their information. Council discussed the general feedback provided received from the community groups and possible options to modify and improve the program.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guys Surette to have staff review the current community litter cleanup program.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Strategic Plan Update

An update of the strategic plan was presented to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Yarmouth International Airport Corporation - Minutes of November 20, 2015, February 26, 2016, March 4, 2016 and April 6, 2016

The minutes of the November 20, 2015, February 26, 2016, March 4, 2016 and April 6, 2016 meetings of the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation's Board was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia Information Session

A poster on an information session held by the Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia at the West Pubnico Fire Hall on June 8th, 2016 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grants

Saint-Joseph's Parish

A letter from the Saint-Joseph's Parish requesting a District Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of repairs to the church was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muisse to give a District Community Grant of \$500 to the Saint-Joseph's Parish to help with the cost of repairs to the church.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion

Councillor Bourque made a notice of motion regarding a review of the garbage pickup service.

Question Period

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:48 pm.

Recorder

Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
