

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 25, 2016
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearing

Senior Planner, Brad Fulton, reviewed the document outlining the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law to rezone land in Tusket from Business Park (BP) Zone to Mixed Use (MU) Zone. Chief Administrative Officer, Alain Muise, provided a brief explanation of the discussions at the Planning Advisory Committee.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that the public hearing be adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting

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

Regrets: Councillors Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr. and Guy Surette.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:

On a motion by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Danny Muise the agenda was approved with the addition of Land Use By-Law Amendment under 9a of Community Grants from the Wedgeport 250th Anniversary under 11aviii and Village Friends under 11ax.

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

Active Transportation Plan - Bruce Mans

Mr. Bruce Mans, Partner and Planner with Upland Urban Planning and Design Studio, was in attendance to present to Council the draft Active Transportation Plan prepared for the Municipality. Mr. Steffen Käubler, Partner and Planner with Upland Urban Planning and Design Studio, was also in attendance.

Mr. Mans began by providing an outline of the presentation and along with Mr. Cobbler, explained the concept and benefits of active transportation, the methodology of the

planning process, their analysis of existing conditions, their public consultation work which included; 3 public meetings, 2 youth workshops, 2 school staff workshops and 1 walk and talk. Mr. Mans then presented the plan's guiding principles and concluded with its recommendations.

Council asked a few questions regarding the amount of traffic in certain communities and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal's new shoulder paving policy.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that draft Active Transportation Plan be accept as presented.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Adoption of Minutes

Building Committee Meeting – May 12, 2016

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Building Committee Meeting of May 12, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting – June 14, 2016

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 14, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 28, 2016

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 28, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise updated Council on the assessment by BRK Engineering of the condition of the Hipson Bridge and the anticipated report, the ongoing work on policy amendments.

Warden's Report

On June 22nd, I attended a meeting with Bob Hanf, President of Nova Scotia Power. He made a good presentation and left time for Q and A.

On the 23rd, I attended a UNSM regional meeting in Digby. There were some very good discussions.

Also on the 23rd and 24th, Annie and I took part in a BBQ at the airport and closing dinner at the Grand. It was good to see the airport being used with so many private planes parked there.

June 27th and 28th, Annie and I attended the graduations at PEB and Drumlin and made the presentations on behalf of the Municipality of Argyle.

July 1st, I served breakfast on the Yarmouth waterfront with Crime Prevention before joining the crowd at the Musée des Acadiens des Pubnicos et Centre de recherche for the flag raising ceremony and brought greetings from Council and staff. From there I did the cake cutting at the Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse with Roger d'Entremont.

I want to thank Councillors Bourque, Muise and Deputy Warden d'Entremont for joining me on the team for the Guerre des Clans (Family Feud) in Pubnico. We didn't win but we had fun.

CAO Muise and I attended a meeting in Clare to discuss the lack of high speed internet in many parts of Southwest Nova. This was organized by the WREN and they had a good presentation.

On the 20th, I attended the official opening of the UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Interpretative centre at The Killam building on Water St. in Yarmouth.

July 21st I took part in the opening and closing of the Argyle senior games. It was well attended. I want to thank Ginette and all of the summer staff for a job well done.

That evening Annie and I represented council at the opening of the Jody Shelley fund raising event for the Hospital Foundation. Mr. Shelly is very appreciative for all the work that is done by the volunteers.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Muise reported on complaints received regarding the condition of Chemin de la Pointe in Hubbard's Point and a letter he sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal on its condition. He requested that the Municipality send a letter supporting his. He also reported on the first building committee meeting held with community members and his attendance in the Senior Games.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to have the Municipality send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the poor condition of Chemin de la Pointe.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Deputy Warden d'Entremont updated Council on his work to attain a cost estimate to build a wall in an effort to remediate the smell on Pond Road in Pubnico.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on the public information session held for the Wedgeport wastewater system and on a meeting regarding the condition and possible options for the Wedgeport Tuna Wharf that was held earlier that day.

Councillor Bourque reported on the condition of the road leading to French Lake was repaired following a letter from the Municipality.

Councillor Donaldson reported on the continued lack of paving of Route 3 in Argyle.

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on upcoming funding opportunities through the Province for aquaculture initiatives and the Municipality's ongoing work with the Province on growing the industry.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision

Land Use By-Law Amendment

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Land Use By-Law Amendment of rezoning the presented lot in the Tuskent Business Park from Business Park (BP) Zone to Mixed Use (MU) Zone.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Fees & Penalties Policy

CAO Muise presented the draft fees and penalties policy which was drafted to include all current fees and penalties found in the various municipal policies and by-laws as well as some additions or modifications to those amounts. He noted in particular the amendment of the subdivision fee and the building permit fees.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to approve the Fees & Penalties Policy as presented.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Reimbursement for Attending Meetings and Conferences Policy

Deputy Clerk Frotten presented the draft Reimbursement for Attending Meetings and Conferences Policy; highlighting specifically the sections on not being able to reimburse for travel within the municipality, on the modified meal per diem rates, on the mileage rate following the provincial mileage rate, on the mileage removed be removed from the FCM travel expense payment and on the multiday conference loss of wages payment.

Council debated the need for the review of the policy, the specific sections highlighted by Deputy Clerk Frotten. Following the discussion, Council agreed to defer the decision to a future date to allow for more time to review the draft policy and to have a conversation once more Council members are present.

Amended Alternative Voting By-Law #32 - First Reading

Deputy Clerk Frotten presented the draft Alternative Voting By-Law #32 for first reading. He noted that the changes in the by-law reflected amendments made

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the first reading of the Alternative Voting By-Law #32 be approved.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Municipal Government Act Review Update

Deputy Warden d'Entremont brought forward a complaint from a resident regarding the weekly limit of waste that can be brought to the Solid Waste Park. He explained that the resident disagreed that the limit was weekly and did not carry over.

Council discussed the complaint and the possible review or modifications to the policy.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the proposed changes to the MGA and provide no comments.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Inspiring Content Request - YASTA

CAO Muise presented a request from YASTA for the Municipality to financially support YASTA's Inspiring Content Program which would see the creation of video assets related to the dark skies designation opportunity. Assets specific to the dark skies designation are needed to promote tourism experiences and develop new products specific to this designation.

Mr. Neil MacKenzie, YASTA's General Manager, was in attendance to answer questions raised by Council regarding the details of the funding program and how it aligns with YASTA and provincial needs.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Danny Muise to approve financial support in the amount of \$2,500 towards the YASTA's Inspiring Content Program application.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Wedgeport and District Fire Department Guarantee Resolution

CAO Muise requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting. He explained that more information was required from the Wedgeport and District Fire Department before making a recommendation.

Building Committee Recommendations

Warden d'Entremont presented the recommendations from the building committee. CAO Muise provided an explanation on the evaluation criteria determined by the committee.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the three recommendations of the building committee: the appointment of the third community member, the evaluation criteria for the decision of the location and the restriction on the search of a location to the Municipality's owned land - be approved as presented.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Dept. of Municipal Affairs - Financial Impact Notice

Correspondence from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage regarding the Municipality's application to the Recreation Facility Development Grant Program was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Clean Energy Financing Information

A comparison of building permits issued in May 2015 and 2016 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Energy East Project Update

Correspondence from Service Nova Scotia regarding consultation on proposed amendments to the Liquor Control Act was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse - AGM Invitation

A call for applications for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2015-2016 June Building Permit Comparisons

A call for applications for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Business - Update on Rural High Speed Internet Project

A call for applications for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

Community Grants

Hubbard's Point Community Centre

A letter from the Hubbard's Point Community Centre requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the general maintenance of the hall was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Hubbard's Point Community Centre to help with the general maintenance of the hall.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Nouveaux Horizons de la Baronnie

A letter from the Nouveaux Horizons de la Baronnie requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of purchasing quilting material was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Nouveaux Horizons de la Baronnie to help with the cost of purchasing quilting material.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Le village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse

A letter from the Le village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of the "Passeport Acadien" project was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Richard Donaldson to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Le village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse to help with the cost of the "Passeport Acadien" project.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Le festival de la barge

A letter from the Le festival de la barge requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of repairing a sign was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Le festival de la barge to help with the cost of repairing a sign.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Ste. Anne Parish

A letter from the Ste. Anne Parish requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of repairs and renovations to the church was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Ste. Anne Parish to help with the cost of repairs and renovations to the church.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Wedgeport Tuna Museum Quilters

A letter from the Wedgeport Tuna Museum Quilters requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of purchasing quilting material was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Wedgeport Tuna Museum Quilters to help with the cost of purchasing quilting material.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Pubnico Point Trail Association

A letter from the Pubnico Point Trail Association requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of completing phase 2 of the trail was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Pubnico Point Trail Association to help with the cost of completing phase 2 of the trail.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Athletic Association

A letter from the West Pubnico Athletic Association requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of maintaining the ball field was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the West Pubnico Athletic Association to help with the cost of maintaining the ball field.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Comité du 250e anniversaire

A letter from the Comité du 250e anniversaire requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of repairing signs was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Comité du 250e anniversaire to help with the cost of repairing signs.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Village Friends

A letter from the Village Friends requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of maintaining the ball field was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Village Friends to help with the cost of maintaining the ball field.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion by Councillors

None.

Question Period

None.

In Camera

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Richard Donaldson to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss Contract Negotiations.

Motion Carried (6 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 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

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