

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque and Glenn Diggdon; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillors Calvin d'Entremont and Roderick Murphy Jr.

The meeting is called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:

On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright the agenda is approved with the addition of Recommendation from Regional Council under 9d.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Richard Donaldson asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

Housing Nova Scotia – David Brewster

Mr. David Brewster, a Case Worker with Housing Nova Scotia, was in attendance to present to Council regarding the Housing Nova Scotia's programs and services.

Mr. Brewster presented a brief history of Housing Nova Scotia, its current programs and services, their eligibility criteria and the usage statistics for Yarmouth County.

Presentation Attached.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – December 13, 2016

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 13, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise provided an update on the Welcome Pole Banners project and the Hipson Bridge report.

Water Upgrade Lending Program By-Law – Second Reading

CAO Muise presented By-Law No. 38 which was in respect of the water upgrade lending program. He noted that the By-Law had received first reading at the last meeting on December 13, 2016.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give Second Reading to By-Law No. 38 – By-Law respecting the water upgrade lending program.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

PACE Program

CAO Muise explained the energy efficiency program that can be provided by Council through a By-Law which would be administered by Efficiency Nova Scotia.

Council discussed the necessity of this program and consensus was to table the decision to a later date.

Warden's Report

Very little official Council business over the Christmas break since our late Council meeting on Dec.13th , 2016.

Jan. 4th – EMO meeting that honoured the volunteers for there hard work during the past summer and fall drought.

Jan. 9th – Building Committee Meeting.

Jan. 10th – Town Hall Joint Council Meeting.

Councillor's Reports

None.

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the reduced assistance to residents facing water issues, the Building Committee's publishing of a request for proposal from property owners interested in selling their property and two open positions that were recently closed and will be going into the interview process.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision

Middle East & Lower East Pubnico Water System Project - Evaluation of Proposals

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to award the RFP of the Middle East & Lower East Pubnico Water System Project to ABLE Engineering Services Inc.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Spring Gala

Warden Donaldson presented a sponsorship request from the Yarmouth Hospital Spring Gala.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette to sponsor a table at the Yarmouth Spring Gala.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Alternate Member – Western Regional Enterprise Network

Councillor LeBlanc explained that the Western Regional Enterprise Network was requesting that each municipal member designate an alternate representative in the case the regular representative was not available.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to designate Guy Surette as the Municipality of Argyle's alternate member.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor LeBlanc noted that the Municipality of Barrington recently requested to become a member of the Western Regional Enterprise Network.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette to accept the request from the Municipality of Barrington to become a member of the Western Regional Enterprise Network and that the be added to the inter-municipal agreement.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Recommendations from Regional Council

CAO Muise explained the recommendations the came from the most recent Regional Council Meeting.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to accept the recommendations of the Regional Council Meeting on January 10th, 2017.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Yarmouth International Airport Corporation – Minutes of February 26, March 4, April 6, May 27, June 17, July 12, September 22, October 4, October 2016 and November 17, 2016

The minutes of the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation's February 26, March 4, April 6, May 27, June 17, July 12, September 22, October 4, October 2016 and November 17, 2016 meetings were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Carleton River Watershed Area Water Quality Monitoring Project

A description of the Carleton River Watershed Area Water Quality Monitoring Project was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2015-2016 December Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of the 2015-2016 December building permits was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Argyle Municipal Fire Fighters' Association - Minutes of November 6, 2016

The minutes of the Argyle Municipal Fire Fighters' Association's November 6, 2016 meeting were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

None.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting / Notice of Motion by Councillors

None.

Question Period

A member of the public questioned if a financial cap was established on the potential purchase of property for the new municipal administration building.

CAO Muise indicated that no financial cap had been established at that time.

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 a Personnel Matter.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

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

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____