

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Calvin d'Entremont, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Municipal Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Deputy Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon, the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:

Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions

Tusket River Environmental Protection Association - Virginia Smith

Mrs. Virginia Smith and Mr. John Sollows, members of the Tusket River Environmental Protection Association (TREPA), were in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding by-laws and policies to protect shoreline buffer zones on the municipality's rivers, lakes and the ocean.

Mrs. Smith highlighted Council's role in protecting the shorelines and explained TREPA's suggested policy of no development 40 feet from the high-water mark on any lake, river or body of water to any structure or developed portion of a lot. She noted actions individuals could take to help with this,

Presentation Attached (17062701)

Comité d'action de parent de Wedgeport – Terrilee O'Connell

Mrs. Terrilee O'Connell, with the Comité d'action de parent de Wedgeport, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the action committee's progress to date on their push for a new school in Wedgeport.

Mrs. O'Connell explained the current dilapidated state of the Wedgeport School, the committee's work gathering information and building a case for a new school, their work in providing media with the information and their upcoming meeting with the Minister of Education.

Council asked questions regarding the catchment area of the school, the priority of the school among others and the communication with the department regarding the reasons why a new school has not been built.

Presentation Attached (17062702)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise updated Council on the work being done to assess whether there was a municipal use of the rarely used Nakile van and the gathering of information on garbage costs.

Senior Safety Program Evaluation

Councillor Surette brought forward the evaluation of the Senior Safety Program.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to have the Senior Safety Program evaluated by Staff and have the report presented back to Council.

Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Council Priorities Progress Report

Deputy Warden Muise presented the progress of Council's priorities. CAO Muise highlighted the ongoing work on the Wedgeport wastewater project which was moving along with 27 confirmed participants.

Other Business and for Decision

Nakile Board Member Appointment

Mr. Raymond Doucette, Nakile Board Chair, submitted an appointment to the Board of Directors.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to accept the nomination of Aubrey Hillyard as a Director on the Nakile Board.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Council Meetings - Summer Adjournment

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council adjourn for the summer but reconvene if deemed necessary by the Warden and CAO.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Letter to the Minister of Education – Wedgeport School

Council discussed the need for a new school in Wedgeport and the ownership of the existing school if a new school was built at another location.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council send a letter in support of a new school in Wedgeport to the Minister of Education.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

HOPE Thank You Letter

A thank you letter from HOPE regarding Council's support of their new building was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Health and Wellness - Cancer Unit Response Letter

A response letter from the Department of Health and Wellness regarding Council's letter in support of a cancer unit in Yarmouth was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western Counties Regional Library – Minutes of March 16, 2017

The minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library's meeting of March 16, 2017 were circulated to Council. No action was requested by Council.

The Red Couch Tour

Information on the Red Couch Tour which was visiting the municipality on July 7, 2017 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Pubnico Point Trail Association Letter

A letter from the Pubnico Point Trail Association thanking everyone for their support was circulated to Council for their information. Councillor d'Entremont updated Council on the incredible community support received by the trail association and the future work on the trail. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - Communication Response Letter

A response letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the recent communication issues was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

Community Grants

West Pubnico Athletic Association

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

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

Motion Carried (8 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 costs of maintaining the trail and completing phase 2 was circulated to Council.

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

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

East Pubnico Playground

A letter from the East Pubnico Playground requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with purchasing new pea gravel and repairing boards of the sandbox was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the East Pubnico Playground to help with purchasing new pea gravel and repairing boards of the sandbox.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Pubnico Light Monument Society

A letter from the Pubnico Light Monument Society requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the cost of installing temporary bathrooms was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Pubnico Light Monument Society to help with the cost of installing temporary bathrooms.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

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 (8 in favour, 0 against)

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

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to direct the CAO to pursue negotiations with the developer discussed In Camera.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Recorder

Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Deputy Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
