

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Nicole Albright.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:

On a motion by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Danny Muise the agenda was approved with the addition of Streetlight Request Decision under 91 and Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium Grant Request under 11b.

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

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting - August 9, 2017

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 9, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise provided an update on the progress of the green cart weekly pick-up request and on the discussions with Nakile on the possible municipal uses for their underutilized bus.

East Pubnico Playground

Councillor Bourque brought forward a request for assistance from the East Pubnico Playground following a public meeting held with various local organisations. She expressed that the committee was losing volunteers and was having difficulty maintaining the playground.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette for staff look at ways that the Municipality can help the playground committee, or the community, maintain the playground.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor's Reports

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his participation at a community meeting in Comeau's Hill regarding the Comeau's Hill Beach. He invited Council to the grand opening of the Wedgeport Nature Trail and congratulated everyone involved in making the Tuna Tournament another great success.

Councillor Diggon reported on his attendance at a variety of festivals, activities and fundraisers throughout the summer. He thanked local volunteers for their hard work organizing local events and expressed his gratitude to Council for supporting community halls and local groups.

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at a meeting of a new group which helped welcome immigrants to the municipality and on a session he attended at the municipal office with the Canadian Housing Federation. He also noted his participation in the Labour Day Picnic and the Tuna Tournament.

Councillor Murphy thanked Councillor LeBlanc for his participation in the community meeting in Comeau's Hill and his participation in the Tuna Tournament.

Warden's Report

None.

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on Aquaculture, the rejection of another application to ACOA to resurface the track and field and the need to reevaluate funding options, the decertification of one of the runways at the Yarmouth Airport and the new applications to the Water Supply Lending Program.

Council questioned the timeline for the repairs needed at the East Pubnico Water Utility, requested clarification on the housing meeting and an update and explanation for the public on the Water Supply Lending Program.

Report Attached (17091201)

Other Business and for Decision

By-Law #37 Wedgeport Wastewater District Amendment – Second Reading

The first reading was given August 9, 2017.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council adopt the amendments to By-Law #37 Wedgeport Wastewater District.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

By-Law #36 Directional Signage Amendment - Second Reading

The first reading was given August 9, 2017

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that Council adopt the amendments to By-Law #36 Directional Signage.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Request for Relief of Taxes and Interest

CAO Muise provided a brief summary on the request. He explained to Council the difficulty with taxing trailers which was the reason for the largest amount.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to relieve the taxes and interest on the account presented to Council in the amount of \$1689.48.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Civic Sign Budget

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to approve the Director's request to increase the Civic Sign Program budget to allow the Department of Public Works to continue the program to the end of the fiscal year and that the "Civic Sign Program" budget be increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Comeau's Hill Public Beach Area Lease

Councillor Murphy explained a difficult situation which arose with the Comeau's Hill and Little River Harbour Recreational Association and the removal of existing assets at the Comeau's Hill Beach area. He noted that another committee interested in maintaining the area had been formed but was not registered and the lease with the Department of Natural Resources was expiring at the end of September. He requested that the municipality assist the new organization attain the lease.

Council discussed the transition of the lease from one committee to the other, in which Solicitor Boudreau provided some insight, and questioned the liability coverage responsibility of the area.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to assist a new community organization, which was interested in maintaining the Comeau's Hill Beach area, attain the lease for the property from the Department of Natural Resources.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Sewer Connection Request

CAO Muise presented a request from the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works to approve a connection to the West Pubnico Sewer from a property in Pubnico which was in excess of 150 feet from the road.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the connection request of property PID# 90080334, which is in excess of 150 feet from the road, to the West Pubnico Sewer.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Award - RFP #MODA015 - Tusket Falls Brewing Company - New Disposal System

CAO explained the upgrade to the Tusket wastewater system needed for the brewery being constructed in the Business Park. He noted that the user would be funding 1/3 of the upgrade and the Gas Tax Fund would be funding for the remaining 2/3.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to award Tender #MODA015, Tusket Falls Brewing Company – New Disposal System, to Gary Belliveau Const. & Excavation Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$43,528.65 (net HST included).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Award - RFP #MODA016-019 - Disposal System Replacement Project - Groups 1 to 4 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District

CAO Muise presented a memo from the Department Public Works regarding the tenders for the first group of systems of the Wedgeport Wastewater project. He explained that the cost per system was slightly higher than anticipated as no local contractors had bid.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. award Tender #MODA016, Disposal System Replacement Project - Group 1 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District, to Dennis Lively Const. & Backhoe Services Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$93,000.00 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. award Tender #MODA017, Disposal System Replacement Project - Group 2 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District, to Gary Belliveau Const. & Excavation Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$109,836.00 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette award Tender #MODA018, Disposal System Replacement Project - Group 3 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District, to Dennis Lively Const. & Backhoe Services Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$104,000.00 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. award Tender #MODA019, Disposal System Replacement Project - Group 4 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District, to Spinney Excavating for a Total Tender Price of \$81,521.00 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Dept. of Health and Wellness - EHS Priority Status

A letter of response from the Dept. of Health and Wellness regarding the priority status of the EHS priority status was presented to Council. Municipal Clerk Frotten noted that EMC had been invited to present to Council on October 10th.

No action was requested by Council.

Commission on Effective Electoral Representation of Acadian and African Nova Scotians

CAO Muise provided some clarifying information on the upcoming consultation with the commission on effective electoral representation of Acadian and African Nova Scotians.

Council discussed the need to make a presentation on behalf of Council and discussed the position they should take.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to authorize Deputy Warden Danny Muise to present, on behalf of Council, to the commission on effective electoral representation of Acadian and African Nova Scotians and confirm Council's original position presented in 2012.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Tax Exemption Status Removal Request - Sluice Point Community Hall

Councillor Surette explained that the members of the Sluice Point Community Hall were aging and were having difficulty maintaining the hall. He noted that the committee sent out a survey to the community and it was agreed that the hall should be sold. He

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the request from the Sluice Point Community Hall to remove them from the tax exemption list.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

East Pubnico Streetlight Request

Councillor d'Entremont requested an update on the request for a streetlight in East Pubnico. CAO Muise explained that a letter was submitted outlining the safety concerns at the intersection, which satisfied the safety criteria of the policy. He noted that the streetlight request was approved and would be ordered.

Correspondence and for Information

2017-2018 August Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of building permits issued in August 2017 and 2018 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Municipality of Yarmouth - Doppler Radar System

Correspondence from the Municipality of Yarmouth regarding the need for a doppler radar system in the area was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to send a letter in support of the Municipality of Yarmouth's request to have a Doppler Radar System installed in Southwest Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development - Wedgeport School

A letter from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in response to Council's support for a new school in Wedgeport was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Yarmouth Area Community Fund 2017 Newsletter

The Yarmouth Area Community Fund's 2017 newsletter was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Community Hall Capital Project Grant Update

An update on the progress of the community halls who received a capital project grant in 2017 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

New Administration Building - Design Brief

A design brief of the new administration building was circulated to Council for their information. CAO Muise conveyed some comments from residents and updated Council on the information sent to the architects. No action was requested by Council.

Affordable Housing Meeting Notes - August 26, 2017

Notes taken at a meeting with the Canadian Housing Federation regarding affordable housing was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

New Administration Building - Design Survey Results

The results of a design survey regarding the new administration building was circulated to Council for their information. CAO Muise highlighted some of the comments regarding the design of the new municipal building received through a survey. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

Community Grants

East Side Community Centre

A letter from the East Side Community Centre requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the purchase of a dehumidifier was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the East Side Community Centre to help with the purchase of a dehumidifier.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

L'Association de la Chapelle de l'Île Surette

A letter from the Association de la Chapelle de l'Île Surette requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with repairs and the upkeep of their chapel and grounds was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Association de la Chapelle de l'Île Surette to help with repairs and the upkeep of their chapel and grounds.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Paroisse St.-Joseph

A letter from the Paroisse St.-Joseph requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the repairs of their emergency exits was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the Paroisse St.-Joseph to help with the repairs of their emergency exits.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

École Pubnico-Ouest Foyer École

A letter from the École Pubnico-Ouest Foyer École requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to assist with their fundraising efforts was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the École Pubnico-Ouest Foyer École to assist with their fundraising efforts.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Grant Request

Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium

An request from the Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium for a grant of \$7,500 to assist with the 2017 Sea Kayak Symposium was circulated to Council. Municipal Clerk Frotten explained that this request was already anticipated and included in the Special Events budget which was approved by Council in May.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to provide a financial contribution in the amount of \$7,500 to the Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Society to assist with the 2017 Bay of Sea Kayak Symposium.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

None.

Question Period

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____