

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Tusket, NS 4:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Solicitor Réal Boudreau.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:

On a motion by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda was approved with the addition of Drumlin Heights Senior Girls Volleyball Team under 11ai.

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

Emergency Medical Care Inc. – Jeff Fraser

Mr. Jeff Fraser, Director of Operations with Emergency Medical Care Inc., and Jay Walker, Regional Manager for the Western Region, were in attendance to present to Council regarding the status of the Pubnico EMC base and the difference between priority and non-priority status.

Mr. Fraser provided a brief overview of the functionality of the assignment and priority system, the variables taken into account when making an adjustment and a brief history of the service in Pubnico.

Council followed the presentation by asking questions and making comments which were answered or addressed by Mr. Fraser and Mr. Walker. Council then allowed the public in attendance to make comments. In total, 12 citizens made the following comments or expressed the following concerns:

- Are calls which are responded to by Medical First Responders recorded in the data used by EMC?
- The reduction in service in the Pubnico area is concerning as it increases wait times.
- When the service changed from a private to EMC, it was promised that the status would never change.

- Rural health services have been consistently deteriorating and this is another example of that.
- Calls dispatched to Medical First Responders have increased in the Pubnico area due to the change in status.
- Is EMC looking into creating a transfer unit which would alleviate the pressure of transfers to and from hospitals?
- There are many fish and seafood processing plants in the Pubnico area that require to have a certain number of employees with first aid. These plants are finding it difficult to satisfy this requirement as employees do not want to be responsible in an emergency situation as the wait times are now longer for EHS.

Many residents also shared personal stories of the service they received prior to the status adjustment and the increased wait times since. All of the residents who spoke requested that the status of the base be reversed to what it was prior to the February 1st, 2017 adjustment.

Council recessed for 15 minutes at 7:46 p.m. Councilor Diggon did not return at the reconvening of the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Letter to EMC

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to send a letter to EMC requesting the following information: comparative wait times and comparative data of calls and health issues.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Adoption of the Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – September 12, 2017

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 12, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Audit Committee Meeting – September 25, 2017

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 25, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 26, 2017

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 26, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Councillor Diggon re-entered the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Councillor's Report

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his attendance at a meeting of the new Airport Board.

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at a Dark Sky meeting and a question which was raised regarding advising Nova Scotia Power of our dark sky designation and possibly adapting streetlights to respect it.

Councillor Surette reported on his presentation to the Commission on Effective Electoral Representation of Acadians and African Nova Scotians and congratulated the Deputy Warden and CAO on their presentation on behalf of Council. He also reported on his participation in a re-branding session of the UNSM.

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at the grand opening of the Wedgeport Point Nature Trail. She also reported on her attendance at two public engagement sessions regarding the new municipal building and her attendance at a meeting regarding the Mariners Centre expansion. She finally noted that the Yarmouth Athletic Awards Banquet was approaching and that nominations were open.

Councillor d'Entremont reported on his attendance at the banquet of the Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium. He noted it was well attended and that the event would take place in 2019.

Warden's Report

Sept.18th – YAIC

Sept. 19th – Bay Ferries meeting with Mark MacDonald

Sept. 26th – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Sept. 27th – New building plans meeting

Oct. 2nd – Building Committee Meeting

Oct 3rd – Marines Centre meeting

Warden Donaldson also reported on his attendance at the Wedgeport Fire Banquet and an informal session with Bay Ferries regarding the past sailing season.

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the progress of the design of the new administration building, work being done at the Airport Corporation with a focus on infrastructure requirements and his new role as AMANS President and their work on municipal modernization.

Report Attached (17101001)

Other Business and for Decision

Request for Relief of Taxes and Interest

A request to relieve taxes and interest of properties was presented to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to relieve the taxes and interest on the account presented to Council in the amount of \$3.36.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Award - RFP #MODA020 - Disposal System Replacement Project – Group 5 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District

CAO Muise presented a memo from the Department Public Works regarding the tender for the fifth group of systems of the Wedgeport Wastewater project.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc award Tender #MODA020, Disposal System Replacement Project - Group 5 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District, to Dennis Lively Const. & Backhoe Services Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$115,000.00 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Town of Yarmouth – Priority Setting Invitation

Warden Donaldson brought forward an invitation from the Town of Yarmouth to attend a priority setting session with the three municipal units in Yarmouth County to discuss regional priorities.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to defer the invitation from the Town of Yarmouth to participate in the regional priority session following the October 24th Joint Council Meeting.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Council then discussed another invitation received from the Town of Yarmouth to attend a public session regarding the new Arts & Culture Centre and the concern regarding

Finally, Council discussed the lack of the Town’s participation in the expansion project of the Mariners Centre in which there was no representation from the Town or the Municipality of Yarmouth at the last information meeting.

It was a consensus of the group to request that the regional priorities be added to the Joint Council meeting.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to add regional priorities to the agenda of the Joint Council Meeting on October 24th, 2017

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Award - RFP #MODA021 - Tusket Maintenance Shed Expansion

CAO Muise presented a memo from the Department Public Works regarding the tender for the expansion of the Tusket Maintenance Shed.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc award Tender #MODA021, Tusket Maintenance Shed Expansion, to Garian Construction Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$49,969.00 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

2017 Fall Grants to Organizations Allocation and Approval

CAO Muise presented the list of the 2017 fall grant to organizations requests and the associated averages of the disbursement amounts submitted by each Councillor.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the allocations for the 2017 Fall Grants to Organizations be approved as presented.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

Town of Shelburne - Doppler Radar System

Correspondence from the Town of Shelburne regarding the need for a doppler radar system in the area was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2017-2018 September Building Permit Comparisons

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

TREPA - Energy East Pipeline Memo

A memo from the Tuskent River Environmental Protection Association regarding the Energy East Pipeline was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Canadian Mixed Curling Championship - Event Final Report

The final event report of the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship held between November 13 – 19th, 2016 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

Community Grants

Drumlin Heights Senior Girls Volleyball Team

A letter from the Drumlin Heights Senior Girls Volleyball Team requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the costs associated with hosting a tournament and purchasing equipment 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 Drumlin Heights Senior Girls Volleyball Team to help with the costs associated with hosting a tournament and purchasing equipment.

Motion Carried (9 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 Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Recorder

Chris Frotten

Date Approved:

Chairman/Deputy Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
