

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 14, 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 meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:

On a motion by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont the agenda was approved with the movement of Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy Update to item 9a1.

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

Western REN Land & Asset Database - Erika Rolston

Mrs. Erika Rolston, Economic Development Officer, Communication Lead with the Western Regional Enterprise Network (WREN), was in attendance to present to Council regarding their land and asset database.

Mrs. Rolston provided an overview of the WREN's website, the services they offer and the land and asset database they have available online.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – October 10, 2017

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 10, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 23, 2017

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 23, 2017, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor d'Entremont reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Legion in Pubnico.

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at committee meetings and events during the last month, the Remembrance Day ceremony in Tusket, at the play, *La nouvelle vision* in Tusket and the UNSM Fall Conference. She also noted that a new fire chief, Johnathan LeBlanc, was elected in Eel Brook and work would be beginning on a new fire hall.

Councillor Surette reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Surette's Island and the UNSM Fall Conference.

Deputy Warden Muise reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Day and ceremony and reception in Wedgeport, the UNSM Fall Conference and the invitation from the Eel Brook fire department to participate on the new fire hall committee.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Day ceremony and reception in Wedgeport and on the ongoing work of the Wedgeport wastewater project. He noted that there was a lot of interest in the project now that construction had begun.

Councillor Bourque reported on her attendance at a number of committee meetings and community events, at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Legion in West Pubnico where she laid the wreath on behalf of the municipality and the UNSM Fall Conference.

Councillor Diggdon reported on his attendance at the municipal building public consultation, the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Legion in West Pubnico and a cannabis legalization session.

Warden's Report

Oct. 2nd – Building Committee

Oct. 10th – Council

Oct. 13th – Pubnico Spirit Award Ceremony

Oct. 16th – YAIC meeting

Oct. 17th – YASTA meeting

EMO advisory meeting

Oct. 23rd – Council Meeting

Oct. 24th – Joint Council Meeting

Oct. 25th – Health Authority

Oct. 26th – Building Design

Oct. 30th – Meeting Dr. Saeme

Nov. 1st – Waste Park

Nov. 3rd – Steering Committee

Nov. 3rd – Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov. 6th – Airport Meeting

Nov. 6th – DPC Meeting

Nov. 6th – Building Committee

Nov. 7th – 10th – UNSM

Nov. 11th – Remembrance Day Ceremony

Staff Report

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the progress of the Wedgeport Wastewater Project, the ongoing sessions on the legalization of cannabis and its impact on the municipality, the progress on the design of the new administration building, his work as AMANS President and the ongoing assessment of one of the runways at the Yarmouth Airport.

Council asked questions on the adjustments being made at the Airport. Deputy Warden Muise also reminded Council and the public that an affordable housing survey was still open and that more responses were needed.

Report Attached (17111401)

Other Business and for Decision

Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy Update

CAO Muise explained a new property assessment form which updated the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy. He noted that the new form was presented to Council at the last meeting.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that the amendment to the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy be approved as presented.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

YASTA Event Funding Request

CAO Muise explained that a bid for a potential event was being submitted by YASTA. He noted that due to the competitive nature of the bid process, the event name and amount being requested could not be revealed until the bid process was complete.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to commit to one third of the required contribution to secure a bid for a prospective event, and that the event and the amount be ratified via motion once the bid process is completed.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Yarmouth Curling Club Emergency Funding Request

A request for decision regarding emergency funding for the Yarmouth Curling Club was presented to Council. CAO Muise explained that if Council chose to approve this request, they would do so in contrary to their current policy.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that Council amend their grants to organizations policy to reflect their interest in assisting in emergency capital project regardless of location, provided that it met the interests of council.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

New Administrative Building - Budget Estimates

CAO Muise presented the budget estimates for the new administrative building which were developed in August and the architects needed an approved budget. He explained that the budget was a little higher than explained during the initial public consultation as the building was a little larger than anticipated and costs had risen.

Council questioned the budget gap and the potential reasons of having to revisit the budget.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to set a capital budget of \$2,400,000 to \$2,750,000 on the construction of our new administrative building, and that amount includes landscaping and professional fees for the project.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Award - RFP #MODA022 - Hipson Bridge Site Investigation and Detailed Design

CAO Muise presented a memo from the Department Public Works regarding the tender for the site investigation and detailed design of the Hipson Bridge.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon award Tender #MODA022, Hipson Bridge Site Investigation and Detailed Design, to SHM Canada Consulting Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$38,888.23 (net HST included).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Award - RFP #MODA023 - Disposal System Replacement Project – Group 6 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District

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

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette award Tender #MODA023, Disposal System Replacement Project - Group 6 - Wedgeport Wastewater Management District, to Russel Spinney Excavating for a Total Tender Price of \$169,045.00 (net HST excluded).

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Shine the Light on Woman Abuse

Council discussed having a purple light installed to shine a municipal building to raise awareness of men's violence against women.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to have a purple light installed to shine on the Archives to raise awareness of men's violence against women.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Request to Relieve 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 Kathy Bourque to relieve the taxes and interest on the account presented to Council in the amount of \$977.21.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Dissolution of the Yarmouth-Argyle District Planning Commission

Warden Richard Donaldson explained that at the last District Planning Commission meeting, it was moved to dissolve the commission.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise that CAO and staff enter into negotiations for a new Intermunicipal Agreement with the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth for the provision of planning and GIS services regionally.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Council Committees

The list of committees approved in November 2016 was presented to Council. Municipal Clerk Frotten requested Councillors to send changes to him to update the list.

Solar for Community Buildings Program

CAO Muise noted two locations within the municipality that were approved under the Solar for Community Buildings Program and the work of the Green Energy Committee in managing the project.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to accept the solar project at 180 Rock Road in Lower West Pubnico and 897 Highway 335 in West Pybnico and request a recommendation from the Green Energy Committee on how to move forward.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Wastewater Capital Request

Councillor Diggdon explained a request from a resident to connect to the West Pubnico Wastewater System but that there was no lateral installed. CAO Muise added that there was no specific reason as to why the lateral was missing and concluded that upon review of the by-law, he was recommending that the municipality correct the issue. He also noted that, as it could have been interpreted as contrary to the by-law, he chose to bring it to Council rather than to the West Pubnico Wastewater Committee.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that the capital cost of installation of the lateral on Civic 1266 on Highway 335 be considered a capital addition and general maintenance of the wastewater system, and therefore covered under West Pubnico Waste Water capital budget, and that the remaining costs be paid by the resident in accordance with the by-law.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information

2017-2018 October Building Permit Comparisons

A comparison of building permits issued in October 2016 and 2017 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Cannabis Consultations Presentation

The presentation from the cannabis consultation sessions hosted by the Department of Municipal Affairs was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Town of Clark's Harbour – Process for Adoption of Resolutions

A letter from the Town of Clark's Harbour regarding their support of the Municipality of the District of Barrington's suggestions to amend the UNSM resolutions process was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western Counties Regional Library Annual Report

The Western Counties Regional Library's 2016-2017 Annual Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

Community Grants

East Pubnico Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

A letter from the East Pubnico Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary requesting a Community Grant of \$500 to help with the purchase of supplies for their fire department was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to give a Community Grant of \$500 to the East Pubnico Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to help with the purchase of supplies for their fire department.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Council discussed the date of the next meeting as it would fall close to the beginning of the lobster fishing season. It was consensus to cancel the November 28th Committee of the Whole Meeting and add financial statements to the Regular Council Meeting of December 12th.

Question Period

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____