

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018  
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Calvin d'Entremont.

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 Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque, the agenda was approved as circulated.

*Motion Carried*

**Conflict of Interest Declaration:**

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

Warden Richard Donaldson and Councillor Kathy Bourque declared a conflict of interest with item 7e West Pubnico Golf & Country Club Financial Request.

**Presentations**

Civil Air Search and Rescue Association - Ginette Gaudet

Mrs. Ginette Gaudet, zone commander with the Civil Search and Rescue Association (CASARA), was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the Civil Search and Rescue Association.

Mrs. Gaudet introduced the association, explained the regions throughout Canada, their search and rescue work, the services they offer and their recent activities.

*Presentation Attached (18042401)*

**Council Priorities Progress Report**

As Council had not yet approved their priorities for the year, there was nothing to report.

**Financial Report**

Director of Finance d'Eon presented a summary of the financial position and summarized the financial report at March 31, 2018 which was indicating an anticipated surplus at fiscal year-end. She noted that a variety of positive variances in the revenues such as managerial services to the airport, investment income, and in the expenses in many departments which resulted in the anticipated surplus of \$196,363.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the unaudited Financial Report at March 31, 2018.

*Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

*Financial Report Attached (18042402)*

### **Strategic Priority Topics**

None.

### **For Decision**

#### UNSM Priorities

Council discussed the list of priorities presented by the UNSM and those they considered were the most important to the Municipality.

Council also discussed the issue of poor internet service in the municipality and the work the municipality should do to lobby service providers and other levels of government to find a solution.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette that the following three priorities be delivered to the UNSM along with the reasons why they were selected:

1. Solid waste system and extended producer responsibility.
2. Improved rural internet service.
3. Age friendly places/seniors.
4. Police services.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

#### Provincial Ban on Plastic Bags

Council further discussed the request from the Western Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority to support a ban of plastic bags in the Province.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette that

**WHEREAS** single-use plastic bags are a world-wide source of persistent and widespread pollution on land and in the sea; and

**AND WHEREAS** markets for plastic film recycling (including single-use plastic bags) are limited and costly where they do exist; and

**AND WHEREAS** a province-wide ban in Nova Scotia is an important step in educating Nova Scotian's to use reusable products rather than disposable ones;

**THEREFORE** Be It Resolved That:

The Municipality of Argyle supports a province-wide ban on single-use plastic bags, provided that the ban is part of a province-wide strategy and promotional campaign to reduce the use of all single use plastic products.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

### Overtime Policy

Municipal Clerk Frotten presented the Overtime Policy for approval.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the amended Overtime Policy as presented.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

### Fire Inspection Policy

Municipal Clerk Frotten presented the Fire Inspection Policy for approval.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to approve the Fire Inspection policy as presented.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

### West Pubnico Golf & Country Club Financial Request

Council briefly discussed the financial request from the West Pubnico Golf & Country Club.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to defer the decision on the West Pubnico Golf & Country Club's financial proposal to the budget process.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

### 2018 Council Priorities

Council's draft priorities for 2018 were presented. CAO Muise provided some background information on the top priorities discussed at the workshops and Council debated, in particular, the inclusion of the Wedgeport Wastewater project and the East Pubnico Water Utility project.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to defer the decision on the priorities until the next meeting to allow staff time to gather more details on the Wedgeport Wastewater Project and East Pubnico Utility Project.

### May Committee of the Whole Meeting Reschedule

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to cancel the May Committee of the Whole Meeting.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

### Destruction of Documents

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that

**WHEREAS** the documents and records of the Municipality of the District of Argyle as set out in the Affidavit of Chris Frotten, Municipal Clerk, sworn to on the 24th day of April, A.D., 2018 are no longer required;

**AND WHEREAS** according to the said Affidavit the said documents and records have been personally examined by the said Clerk and he has determined that there is nothing of value therein and that the said documents and records do not include any documents or records which are exempt from destruction pursuant to Section 3 of the Destruction of Documents By-Law;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the said documents and records as set out in the said Affidavit of the said Clerk be forthwith removed and archived or destroyed.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Temporary Borrowing Resolution - New Administration Building Project

CAO Muise explained that the temporary borrowing resolution was required for the FCM Municipal Green Fund application.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution (File No. 2018/19-1) for the new administration building.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Other Business**

Discretionary Expenses - Budget 2018-2019

CAO Muise presented a draft operating budget and a table of discretionary expenses to Council. He noted the impact of some projects on the budget and the possible revenue streams that could be used.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to defer conversation on the discretionary expenses to budget deliberations.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Correspondence and for Information**

Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Agreement

A press release regarding Canada and Nova Scotia making significant investments that will improve the lives of Canadians was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Housing Nova Scotia Business Plan

Housing Nova Scotia's business plan was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia

Information from the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia on offshore drilling was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion**

None.

**Financial Requests**

None.

**Question Period**

None.

**In Camera**

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss an Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright 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 Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to authorize CAO Muise to counter the offer of the request to purchase Lot 20 (PID# 39802402).

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to authorize staff to begin negotiations of a development agreement with Medatron Solutions, pending the sale of the property.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to authorize staff to begin negotiations of a development agreement with Ocean Pride and/or its affiliate.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Recorder  
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman/Deputy Warden \_\_\_\_\_

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_