

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 20, 2019
Tusket, NS 4:00 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise; Deputy Warden Guy Surette; Councillors Nicole Albright, Richard Donaldson, Kathy Bourque, and Glenn Diggon, Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Recorder/Municipal Clerk Eilidh Canning, Executive Assistant Kim Rowley

Regrets: Councillors Lucien Leblanc, Roderick Murphy Jr and Calvin d'Entremont

The special in camera meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council, in accordance with subsection 22(2) clause (a) of the Municipal Government Act, the agenda is approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

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

None declared.

Mariner Centre - Capital Expansion Resolution

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright to accept resolution number 2019-01 as presented and is now open for discussion.

Whereas that the Mariners Center is a regional asset providing recreational, economic, social and health benefits to the Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Municipality of the District of Argyle (Municipal Units of Yarmouth County);

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County are committed to their collective responsibility to cast vision, mission and strategy for the Mariners Center;

Whereas the Town and Municipality of the District of Yarmouth are currently the co-owners of the Mariners Center, and that the Municipality of the District of Argyle provides annual operating funding to support the operation of the Mariners Center;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County recognize the need for infrastructure replacement for recreational services delivered in the County in the area of aquatics and fitness;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County desire a regional approach to replace aquatic and fitness centers for the benefit of the County;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County also desire an expansion in recreational services such as an indoor/outdoor track and field, and a fieldhouse for indoor sports options for our residents;

Whereas the Municipal units of Yarmouth County collectively agree that the Mariners Center is the ideal location for an expansion of this nature;

Whereas a funding application outlining all desired Mariners Center expansion options shall be submitted to the Governments of Nova Scotia and Canada through the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program” for consideration for financial support;

Whereas early projections indicate the total estimated costs for the expansion could be up to 40 million dollars;

Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County seek Federal and Provincial funding of up to 28 million, being a 70% share of the project;

Whereas the Municipal units of Yarmouth County are committed to funding up to 12 million dollars to cover their 30% municipal share of the Mariners Center expansion;

And Whereas the Municipal Units of Yarmouth County is committed to a full public engagement, after a funding application is approved, to further inform the project,

Now therefore be it **resolved** that

1. The Municipality of **Argyle** agrees that the proportion of operational and capital funding for the Mariners Center expansion be expressed via written agreement, and shall be based on a blended formula of Population, Uniform Assessment and Equal shares resulting in the following percentages:

Town of Yarmouth	28.77%
Municipality of the District of Argyle	32.43%
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth	38.80%

The Municipality of **Argyle** agrees that the funding formula shall be updated every five years, upon the availability of new census population data from Statistics Canada

2. The Municipality of **Argyle** supports the funding application for the \$40Million Mariners Center expansion, the Municipal portion being up to 30% of the project cost, up to \$12,000,000, regionally.
3. Although the project budget may be as high as \$40 million, that the Municipality of **Argyle** are committed to reducing the capital costs where practical and appropriate to arrive at the same or similar infrastructure.
4. Once a funding application is approved by the Provincial and Federal Government, the Municipality of **Argyle** agrees to undertake a comprehensive public engagement process, alongside its regional partners,
5. The Municipality of **Argyle** commits to open, respectful and transparent engagement with its regional partners and stakeholders through the implementation of the expansion project.

6. The Municipality **Argyle** is committed to a capital fund-raising strategy, either as lead, or as support, and in collaboration with community stakeholders engaged in this project.
7. The Municipality of **Argyle** is committed to a sponsorship strategy in support of operations, either as lead, or as support, and in collaboration with community stakeholders engaged in this project.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright to accept resolution number 2019-01 as presented.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

Question Period

None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Councillor Guy Surette to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 4:42 PM.

Recorder
Eilidh Canning

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____