

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday February 11, 2020
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise; Deputy Warden Guy Surette; Councillors Glenn Diggon, Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr., Richard Donaldson, Kathy Bourque, and Calvin d'Entremont.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director Public Works Hans Pfeil and Municipal Clerk/Recorder Lori Murphy.

Regrets: Lucien LeBlanc
1 member of the public present

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:

On a motion by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda was approved with addition of a financial request 13 (e)

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Diggon added a financial request

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.
None declared

Presentations

Linda Gallagher-Splash Park

Linda Gallagher, Phil Mooney and Jessica Trask presented on the rationale behind the splash park. In their research, the Mariners Center seems the best fit for the splash park. They will need financial support down the road. Will be looking at both Provincial and Federal funding.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Nicole Albright to send a letter of support to the Splash Park committee

Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Documents Attached (2020021101)

Adoption of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2020

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the January 28, 2020 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes be approved with corrections.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillors' Report

Councillor Diggon: Participated in fund raiser for kids act. Pubnico lost last WW2 Vet last week. Attended the Yarmouth hospital radiothon. Thank you to the West Pubnico fire hall comfort center volunteers. Thank you to the Municipality for helping the community to purchase the generator so the fire hall could open.

Councillor Bourque: Attended Nakile board meeting, attended meeting with Colton LeBlanc, attended the 3 units meeting, YMCA meeting, attended sewer meeting in West Pubnico. Thank you to volunteers during the power outage.

Councillor Surette: Attended waste check meeting, Yarmouth county solid waste meeting, 3 units meeting, Yarmouth county solid waste park met with cold water lobster to talk about their proposal to get a grant from federal government to try to retrieve ghost gear at the bottom of the ocean. This would be a two-year project. Attended meeting with Colton LeBlanc. Wanted to express a thank you to NS Power regarding the restoration of power in Surette's Island for a fund raiser to shingle the church.

Councillor Donaldson: Attended Waste park meeting, Abuptic festival planning is well under way

Councillor Murphy: Nothing to report

Councillor Albright: Attended Nakile board meeting, doctor recruitment meeting, recreation sub-committee meeting, Committee of the whole, meeting with Colton LeBlanc, attended the Consolidation discussion meeting and YMCA meeting

Councillor d'Entremont: Attended meeting with the 3 units

Warden's Report

Warden Muise reported that he attended the following meetings:

January 15-Nakile board meeting

January 21-Went to Concession with Hans for a tour of a Herz wood chip boiler system. I certainly wasn't impressed for a couple reasons. The system we saw was for residential and the cost for that size runs in the range of close to \$90,000, plus he said you would also need a source of alternate heat. The only up side I saw was the cost to operate compared to electric or oil.

January 22-Attended starlight/bontemp meeting.

January 23-Did Facebook live with Alain to talk about the new administration building

January 24-Attended lunch and learn. Discussion on how to deal with violence in the workplace

January 27-Meeting with members of Wedgeport legion. Organizing a service at the Tuskent monument in commemoration of the liberation of Holland

January 28-Committee of the Whole

February 3-Attended the launch of the trail guide at the Pubnico trail. Also attended meeting with MLA Colton LeBlanc

February 4-Meeting regarding funding and future of the YMCA followed by facilitated discussion regarding consolidation

February 6-Radiothon for Yarmouth hospital

February 10-Waste check board meeting in Clare

February 10-Meeting with Municipal Affaires reps, three CAO's, wardens, mayor and Allister Surette re: further discussion on consolidation. Meeting was held in Church Point at Université Sainte Anne

Staff Report

CAO Muise gave a brief highlight of the staff report attached to these minutes. Tender package for new admin building was released. Lots of inquiries. Rural Internet press release from Develop NS and Argyle was not included on this round. Attended the first consolidation meeting with Province and other units regarding regional government. Mayor, Warden's and CAO's attended a second meeting regarding the logistics of consolidation. CAO Muise will call a special meeting with Council once he has details from the Province. CAO Muise highlighted some changes to the revised LUB/MPS. Will be brought to Council for review.

Councillor Donaldson expressed concerns about Vegetation buffer in the LUB. Department of Environment already has legislation to protect the vegetation.

Report Attached (2020021102)

Strategic Priority Topics

Priorities progress update

Warden Muise highlighted some areas of the report

For Decision

Low Income Exemption

CAO Muise explained the exemptions and the suggested changes to the policy. Staff to look into raises in CCP and Old age pension and how that will affect the tax exemptions. Article C16-Tax exemption policy will be on next meeting for decision.

Motion tabled

Article P36 Storm & Hazardous Conditions Policy

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Article P36 Storm & Hazardous Conditions Policy be accepted as presented

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Article C11 Procurement Policy

CAO Muise highlighted certain changes to the policy. Director of Public works described the addition of section 9-disqualification clause. It is a protection clause.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson that Article C11 - Procurement Policy be accepted as presented

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Community Litter clean-up program

Warden Muise gave a brief overview of the program

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that the Community litter incentive be approved and embedded in the 2020-21 operational budget at a budget of \$22,000, enabling up to 110 Kms of clean up at \$200 per kilometer for qualified organizations.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that CAO be authorized to develop a community litter incentive policy for future years to be brought to Council's approval prior to August 31, 2020.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Sewer Connection request

CAO Muise explained the details of the request. Director of Public works explained the by-law exemption attached to this development. Design cost will be incurred by the developer.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approves the motion to create an exemption to the multi-unit development on Franks Road as per By-Law #30 Part 4 Section 4 (ii) in order to create a suitable connection.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council authorizes the CAO to proceed with the lateral upgrade on Manhole #14 on Franks Road and use funds from the West Pubnico Sewer Operations budget to cover all/2/3rds estimated construction costs.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Letter to DTIR – Active Transportation Plan

CAO Muisse explained that the recommendations detailed in the letter is a result of the active transportation report that was previously approved by council.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approves the letter be sent to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

YMCA request – Building assessment request

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council support the YMCA Yarmouth request for financial support for their facility condition assessment, to a maximum of \$13,333, being one third of \$40,000.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Roderick Murphy Jr. excused himself from the meeting and did not vote on this motion

Notice Period – Municipal Policy

Article C4 - Grants to Organizations Policy

CAO Muisse highlighted the amendments to the policy. Applications will now be completed online. Grants to organizations and Community Hall grant applications will be completed online. Community grants will not be an online application. Staff is asking Council to bring community grants requests to the clerk two days prior to council meeting so they can be verified that rules are met. Council agrees to remove the provision in the policy regarding a required presentation if the ask is \$10,000 or over. Policy will now state that anything over \$10,000 will require a presentation.

Article C37 – Community Halls Grant Program

CAO Muisse reviewed the policy. Council agrees that no presentation is required by Community halls applying for a grant.

Correspondence and for Information

Guide for land use planning for economic development

No action, for information.

Financial condition indicators

No action, for information.

CAO Muisse explained why tax base is highlighted in yellow on the document. We don't have control over market rates. All Yarmouth County is in yellow.

Active Transportation budget

No action, for information.

YMCA letter

No action, for information.

Internet for NS Initiative

No action, for information.

Argyle Municipal Fire Fighters' Association Minutes Dec 2020

No action, for information.

Community Navigator Activities

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

District Community Grant - Le Village Historique Acadien

It is moved by Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve a community grant of \$500 for Le Village Historique Acadien

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant – Friends of the Island

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderic Murphy Jr. that Council approve a community grant for \$500 for the Friends of the Island

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant – Indian Sluice Seniors Club

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approve a community grant of \$500 for the Indian Sluice Seniors Club.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant - Hubbard's Point Community Centre

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr that Council approve a community grant of \$500 for the Hubbard's Point Community Centre

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

District Community Grant - Ladies Auxiliary of West Pubnico Fire Department

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that Council approve a community grant for \$500 for the Ladies Auxiliary of West Pubnico Fire Department

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Councillor Donaldson would like Information on bi-annual tax bills and the process that Municipality of Barrington uses compared to how we do it. Staff will present the pros and cons of each option at future meeting.

Question Period

Argyle head citizen expressed concerns about Rural Internet press release. Does council know how many people or homes are effected by not having internet. Is there a timetable

for the next phase of the roll out? CAO has access to numbers on who doesn't have it and who has it but it's not good. Will add information on FB site.

In Camera - Negotiations

It is moved by consensus to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss negotiations at 8:36PM.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Consensus to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:26PM.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the CAO extend the airport funding Agreement to March 31, 2020

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that a new Airport agreement must be negotiated by April 30, 2020

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by consensus to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:28p.m.

Recorder
Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____