

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday July 9th, 2020
Zoom 4:30 p.m.

Special Council Meeting

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

Regrets: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:31p.m. by Warden Danny Muise

Agenda:

On a motion by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr the agenda was approved with addition of 5F

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

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

None declared

Presentations

None

Adoption of Minutes

Special Council Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2020

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the June 23, 2020 minutes of the Special Council Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Unsightly Garbage bins

Councillor LeBlanc has heard from residents regarding garbage bins that are close to the road. Feels it is a safety issue because of proximity to the road.

CAO Muise suggested using our Solid Waste By-Law to regulate these bins. Regulate the kinds of things that are acceptable as it relates to solid waste. It would be possible to amend the existing by-law to further regulate the type, and distance from road etc. Enforcement would be as it is with other bylaws, on a complaint system. All councillors are in agreement that each councillor have a look in their district to see if this is an issue in other areas

For Decision

Love Yarmouth Campaign

Warden Muise explained the request. The Chamber of Commerce looking for financial support for the buy local campaign. They are asking MODA for \$2000 to support this initiative. Policy already in place to consider buy-local.

CAO Muise explained that the Municipality already has policy for buying local

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to approve the request for \$2000 to support the buy local initiative.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Western REN Inter-Municipal Agreement

Warden Muise briefly explained the request. Councillor LeBlanc mentioned that not much has changed in the agreement. Mostly housekeeping changes.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the Western REN Inter-Municipal Agreement

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Municipal Consultation Workbook

CAO Muise attended the morning session meeting on Code of Conduct. Council can comment on certain aspects of the document. Warden Muise suggested that if anyone wants to submit responses to do so. CAO Muise will not submit anything to the Province.

No Motion made

Request for Decision - Inter-Municipal committee for Aquatics Centre

Warden Muise explained that Mariners Centre Steering Committee met but without a mandate no decisions can be made. Deputy Warden Surette informed councillors that it was a good meeting. Steering committee looking to break into two groups. One committee would look at bridge funding to keep YMCA going and another committee to advance the Mariners Centre Aquatic project. Councillor.

Might be able to make this meeting convenient for other councillors who are non-voting members to attend the meeting, using video conferencing as a tool.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council approve the YARGYLE2024 committee be approved as a subcommittee of Council, and with the mandate, principles and objectives described as attached.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

(Attachment 0907001)

Intelivote

Warden Muise explained that council has already approved an electronic election for 2020. CAO Muise explained that Intelivote will run the electronic election and municipality will pay them to scrub the electoral list. They will apply their controls and provide us with a tidier list.

Deputy Warden Surette asked if it was possible to use paper ballots at advance polls.

CAO Muise explained that it is possible to add a paper ballot. Still waiting for the Province to come out with protocols on how to run a safe election. There are deadlines in September for advertising on how to vote. Hoping protocols will be out before then. Likely create a poll environment in designated areas for those who do not have internet. They can have a helper use electronic voting system. Will have reduced number of polls due to safety issues from COVID. The Municipality will have mobile or stationary electronic voting stations.

Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr agrees with an option to have paper ballot due to issues with internet in his area.

Signing this contract with Intelivote does not change the option to have a paper vote.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson that Council approve the agreement with Intelivote.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Request to Town of Yarmouth-Mariners Centre water

CAO Muise explained that REMO has been working to provide water options for the residents and the town of Yarmouth requires a request to use the Mariners Center for the distribution of water for our residents.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr and seconded Lucien LeBlanc by that Council approve the request to utilize the Mariners Centre for the distribution of water.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Speed limit reduction sign in Eel Brook

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to lift the motion on the table from June 9, 2020

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Residents are asking to reduce the speed limit from the Church in SAR to bridge to Eel Brook from 60km to 50km. Warden Muise has a petition from the residents in that area. Asking for staff to send a letter to TIR requesting a reduction to speed limit and include the petition

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette that Council send a letter to TIR and MLA to reduce the speed limit in SAR from 60 kms per hour to 50 kms per hour between the causeway at the SAR church to the bridge just north of the existing Fire Department.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 2 against)

Correspondence and for Information

YMCA-Letter

No action, for information.

NSFM COVID-19 Lost revenue report

No action, for information.

CEO report

No action, for information.

MOLP-Signed certificate

No action, for information

Councillor Diggdon asked how tax collections have been going. CAO Muise explained that things are still strong for payment of taxes. No real up-take at all in our tax relief program. May not see financial impacts of COVID until next year.

Congres Mondial Acadien 2024

No action, for information

Water Shortage Letter-Municipality of Yarmouth

No action, for information

Deputy Warden Surette asked CAO where we are with water issues. REMO has been working to secure the West Pubnico water for non-drinkable water supply. Will be open soon, No date yet. Mariners centre will be open for water distribution as well. Two or three people at each location when it's open and will be following protocols. Drinking water will be made available. Coupon program is being worked out for drinking water.

Well-lending program provides low interest loan to those who require a new well or add equipment to existing well. Asking for patience because we cannot deliver everything in the way that we used to.

Councillor Donaldson worried that bottled water supplied will be abused as in the past. CAO Muise explained that the coupon method is controlled.

Municipality of Barrington-Letter of Thanks

No action, for information

Bid Evaluation

No action, for information

Vacant Position-Board of Western Regional Housing Authority

No action, for information

This position is for the public. Will be finding a suitable candidate to bring to Council.

Financial Requests

Community grant requests each for \$500

Council decided to make one motion for all community grants listed. Each grant listed is for \$500.

Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Kemptville Bicentennial Society
Abrams River Schoolhouse Society
East Pubnico Social Action Committee
Club Social des Iles
West Pubnico Fire Protection Association
Nakile Community Trail project
Comeau's Hill Beach Committee
La Roche de Saint Pierre trail
Pubnico & Area Lions Club
East Side Community Centre
Saint Gabriel Cemetery
Seal Island Church Society
Le Village Historique Acadien
Patchwork Pals
Quinan & District Volunteer Fire Department
Eel Brook & District Fire Department
Pubnico Point Trail
St. Joseph's Parish
Indian Sluice Seniors Club
Eglise Sainte Famille
Le festival de la barge
Twin Village Social Club
Club des Audacieux
West Pubnico Golf Club Association

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr and seconded by Kathy Bourque to provide a \$500 community grant to each of the grants listed

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Councillor LeBlanc clarified that the significant change made to the Western REN Inter-Municipal Agreement was they added an independent member of the community to the audit committee.

Question Period

None

CAO Muise explained that Grants to organizations deadline is July 15. The ultimate deadline for grant applications is September 15 but due to this being an election year, Council is unable to make a decision on those applications until after the election. Council only budgeted for 10K for clubs to go to one applicant and it has been awarded.

If Council receives another applicant from a club this year a decision will have to made to accept this year or defer it to next year.

In Camera

Airport

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to recess the Special Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss Airport at 5:48PM.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by consensus to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 6:49PM.

Recorder

Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____