

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
142nd ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Zoom 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise, Deputy Warden Nicole Albright, Councillors: Calvin d'Entremont, Gordon Boudreau, Glenn Diggon, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson, Ted Saulnier, Guy Surette; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Scott Surette, Solicitor Réal Boudreau, and Executive Assistant/Recorder Chantalle Newell.

Also present was Reid Shepherd, Project Planner for WSP.

Public Hearing

The public hearing portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

- a. Application for Development Agreement to enable a sawmill operation

WSP Planner, Reid Shepherd outlined the development agreement application as attached to the agenda. The Land Use By-Law does not permit sawmills as an as-of-right use within the Coastal Community Zone, but they are considered a permitted use through a development agreement application, which is the purpose of this public hearing. WSPs recommendation to council is for Council to give second reading and approve the Development Agreement Application of the subject site at 333 Highway 335 (PID 90062399) to allow for a sawmill use in the Coastal Community Zone.

Attachment 041201

142nd Annual Council Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order

The 142nd Annual Council Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

- a. Agenda

On a motion by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright the agenda is approved as circulated.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

- b. Conflict of Interest Declaration

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

3. Presentation – none.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2022

It is moved by Councillor Surette and seconded by Councillor Bourque to approve the March 24, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – March 29, 2022

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the March 29, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as circulation.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

5. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Letter of support sent to HOPE Dial a Ride

No action. For information.

b. Letter of support sent to Wedgeport Wind Farm LP

No action. For information.

6. Appointment of Auditors

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve the firm of Grant Thornton LLP as auditors of the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

7. Appointment of Solicitors

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to approve the firm of d'Entremont Boudreau as Solicitors of the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

8. Appointment of Officers

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggon and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the enclosed list of appointments as Officers of the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

9. Membership to NSFM and FCM

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to approve Council's membership to NSFM and FCM for the Fiscal year 2022-2023.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

10. Councillor Reports

Councillor Surette: attended a Special Industrial Commission meeting regarding the clinics. He was at the TVSC and they installed the pump in the well. He indicated that the members of the club were smiling ear to ear. He also attended the AGM at le Club Sociale des Iles, and attended regular MCEC meetings. He met with the municipal fire inspector, Mitch Colburn and Mr. Thibeau, they did the St. Joseph Church fire inspection. Councillor Surette mentioned he was quite impressed with Mr. Colburn's work and wanted to recognize him for that.

Deputy Warden Albright: attended an Active Transportation amendment workshop. She mentioned there will be an AT Open Houses one on April 25th and April 26th. She attended MCEC meetings and indicated they are still waiting on their funding application. They are moving forward with the fundraising firm hiring. She mentioned that in speaking with politicians, they indicate that is important. Meeting with fundraising last night, working on fundraising plan. She met with the Community Group in Belleville for signs, and said they have a Grants to Organizations application in.

Councillor Donaldson: attended usual committee meetings, policy committee meeting at the land fill, transfer stations to go over some policies that will be coming forward for approval – things like safety equipment and vacation.

Councillor Bourque: regular council meeting, industrial meeting, Nakile, Library. She mentioned the Community Hall is having difficulty as there are leaks, she would like to thank the Women's Auxiliary for donation \$5000 towards the hall, which will be a huge help.

Councillor d'Entremont: He advised all residents that spring has arrived and they should go on the trails in Pubnico Trail and the trail in Comeau's Hill that have art on them from Alva d'Entremont and enjoy the fresh air.

Councillor Diggle: WP Fire Dept Rate Payers, NS Federations of Municipality meeting on Zoom, working with different agencies to get housing for an individual, put up spring banners, met with new residents moving in, getting calls of people with COVID that are isolating so he started delivering food to residents. Had a chat with the manager of HOPE Dial a Ride regarding resident questions.

Councillor Saulnier: Lots of stuff going on in the public, attended active transportation and indicated residents are excited to attend.

Councillor Boudreau: trying to raise money for Nakile, going from business to business in Wedgeport. Down and out for a month and a half, so hasn't been out much.

11. Warden's Report

Warden Muise reviewed his report attached to the agenda.

Attachment 041202

12. Staff Report

CAO Muise reviewed the staff report as attached to the agenda.

Attachment 041203

13. Notice to Council

a. Article C39 – Community Litter Policy Amendments

CAO Muise outlined the amendments to this policy and advised Council that this is just considered their seven day notice for the amendments and it will be brought back up at the next Council meeting.

14. For Decision

a. Approval of Second Reading of the Development Agreement Application to enable a sawmill at 333 Highway 335.

It is moved by Councillor Richard Donaldson and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque that Council:

- Give second reading and approve the proposed development agreement as generally contained in Attachment A of the staff report provided by WSP to allow for a sawmill use on the subject site at 333 Highway 335 (PID 90062399);
- Require that the agreement be signed by the property owner within one year, or any extension thereof granted by Council on request of property owner, from the date of final approval by Council and any other bodies as necessary, including applicable appeal periods, whichever is later; otherwise this approval will be void and obligations arising hereunder shall be at an end.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

b. Lyme Disease Awareness Month

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to defer this item until the next meeting.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

c. Building Official Vehicle Tender

Warden Danny Muise outlined this request. The Building Officials are requiring another vehicle and a tender was put out for it with one offer received.

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to accept the proposal as circulated.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

15. For Discussion

a. Correspondence sent to Premier Houston regarding Proposed Provincial No-Resident Property Tax and Deed Transfer Tax

16. Correspondence and for Information

a. Visual Heritage Project

17. Financial Requests – None.

18. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motions by Councillors

Councillor Surette brought up the topic of meeting in person. He suggested that Council try a Hybrid approach. Councillor Diggdon would like to bring up the lack of doctor recruitment in the Pubnico area. CAO Muise indicated that staff would bring this up after the Doctor Recruitment Meeting.

19. Question Period – None.

20. In Camera – None.

21. Adjournment

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion Carried. (9 in favour, 0 against)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant/Recorder

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____