

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Council Chambers, Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor Richard Donaldson

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Warden Danny Muise.

2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Declaration

a. Agenda

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

Motion Carried. (8 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 – Natalie d'Entremont – AT Plan

Natalie d'Entremont, Director of Recreation Services is presenting the Active Transportation plan. The Municipality hired WSP to revise the existing 2016 Active Transportation Plan. Natalie indicated that they held workshops, open houses, and online surveys. She mentioned the open house that was held at Plymouth was well attended, with a letter of support for some of the infrastructure from that group of people. There were over 200 people engaged for the public engagement piece involving the survey given out.

Natalie is presenting changes for council to consider. For the 0-5 year plan, they are recommending signage be installed on trails, developing marketing materials to promote active transportation opportunities in Argyle, investigate the opportunity to have an all-day posted speed limit sign of 50 km/h in the Plymouth School District, Investigate the opportunity of reducing the posted speed limit along Argyle Sound Road and along Trunk 3 from Argyle Head Road to Argyle Sound Road, invest in new paddling infrastructure and promoting it, work with NSPW on the 103 Highway Argyle Interchange Project (Glenwood, Drumlin exit), conduct a pilot project to provide a complete sidewalk connection between Chemin de l'église and Eglise paroissale catholique Saint-Pierre, create a functional plan for an AT connection along Route 334 between Plymouth School and Newell Road, create a plan for an AT connection along Route 308

between ESPB and the Argyle Township Court House & Gaol, create a functional plan for the extension of the asphalt sidewalk ending at Abbotts Harbour road to Ecole Pubnico-Ouest.

Long Term Projects include preparing a detailed design for the Chemin de l'église project, the Plumouth School and Newell Road project, the ESPB and Argyle Court House project, the sidewalk in West Pubnico and Ecole Pubnico Ouest Project, prepared a detailed design to provide a more direct connection at the rail trail for DHCS students and staff.

Some ongoing projects are to continue building and installing furniture for AT users, host regular AT event, resurface the Rail Trail in East Pubnico, Resurface the rail trail from Tusket to the Western Municipal Boarder, place bike racks at important civic addresses.

Natalie identified the sources of funding that is available for Active Transportation.

Natalie is looking for Council to pass this presentation, which is on the agenda for decision later on.

Natalie's presentation is attached.

4. Adoption of Minutes

- a. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2022

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to approve the September 27, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- a. Correspondence to Premier Houston

A letter was sent to Premier Houston regarding negative comments in the media about the CAT Ferry, signed by the Warden.

6. Councillor Reports

Deputy Warden Nicole Albright reported on her attendance of the following meetings: Elemental Energy, Audit Committee, and Doctor Recruitment, where she mentioned there are still deficits in Doctor's in our area. The committee is still working on recruitment and retention, and getting feedback from doctors that have stayed here about what is working and what is not. She also reported on her attendance of the Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee meeting where they talked about upcoming budget and what may be needed. She mentioned a request will be coming to council for funding. They agreed to hire a firm for governance, and are recruiting for fundraising chair person. Deputy Warden also wanted to report that Halloween on the Trail for Recreation will be happening at the Trail in Belleville at 6 p.m. on October 26, 2022.

Councillor Kathy Bourque reported on her attendance at the Western County Regional Library, Audit Committee meeting, and Nakile meeting. She mentioned there are now 2 community signs up, one in Lower East Pubnico, and one in Pubnico Head going to East Pubnico. She thanked everyone for their support. She also reported on a little boy diagnosed with leukemia in her

district, and that the community has raised over \$30,000 by fundraising for the family. Councillor Bourque mentioned one more fundraiser at the Hipson Bridge on Saturday.

Councillor Guy Surette reported on his attendance at the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission Meeting, and the Mariners Centre Expansion Steering Committee. He mentioned that after talking to Don Houston, he called about potholes on the Chemin de Bouleaux, they were fixed and within 2 days they were holes again. Councillor Surette brought up an in-camera item to be discussed at a later time.

Councillor Gordon Boudreau reported on similar meetings attended, such as the Nakile meeting, the Department of Transportation meeting, and a Personnel meeting for Nakile. He also reported on his attendance for two potential wind farm projects. He indicated he is working with our Deputy CAO and residents to look at getting funding for new bleachers for the ball field in Wedgeport.

Councillor Calvin d'Entremont reported for YASTA. He mentioned that yesterday was the last passing for the CAT, and there were around 40,000 passengers for the first year back after three years, which he considers to be a success. He reported on cruise ships that arrived in Shelburne, that brought some tourists to our area.

Councillor Glenn Diggdon said a Thank you to Jill and Todd Brannen going around on behalf of Love Atlantic with churches, giving out thank you cards to people in the community.

Councillor Ted Saulnier reported it was quiet in his district at the moment, but there is a lot of buzz about the windmills in community with the different presentations.

7. Warden's Report

Warden Muise reviewed his report attached to the agenda.

8. Staff Report

Deputy CAO Surette reviewed the staff report as attached to the agenda.

9. For Decision/Discussion

a. Active Transportation Plan

It is moved by Councillor Ted Saulnier and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve Active Transportation plan as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

b. Cyber Security

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to hire Grant Thornton to conduct a Cyber Security Audit for the Municipality of the District of Argyle.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

c. Organizational Chart and Forward Steps

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the classification of full-time Accounting Clerk, replacing the current part-time Administrative Assistant position.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

d. By-Law 30 Tusket Wastewater – Amendments Second Reading

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier approve the second reading of the Tusket Wastewater By-Law Amendments.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

e. By-Law 35 – Repeal – Addition First Reading

It is moved by Councillor Guy Surette and seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the first reading of the addition to By-Law 35 Repeal.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

f. Letter of Support

It is moved by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont and seconded by to Councillor Glenn Diggon provide a letter of support to la societe touristique bon temps

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

Warden Muise also asked to provide a letter of support to the Pubnico Legion, Abrams River School House Society, and Village Friends.

It is moved by Councillor Glenn Diggon and seconded by Councillor Guy Surette to provide a letter of support to the above noted organizations.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

g. Service Exchange Survey

Council has had a meeting regarding this survey. CAO Muise explained this is part two of the survey. He consulted with the Municipality's staff to put together responses for this survey. CAO is looking for a motion from Council to submit the survey answers.

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve the survey answers as presented.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

h. Fall Grants to Organization

It is moved by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to remove the Kings Lake Estates grant application from the Fall Grants to Organization program and consider it elsewhere.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Glenn Diggon to approve the Fall Grants to Organizations amounts as presented and have staff divide the

remaining \$1100 amongst the groups in Argyle.
Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

10. Correspondence and for Information

- a. NSFM Monday Memo

11. Financial Requests – District Community Grant Requests

- a. Laurel Hills Cemetery

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Councillor Calvin d'Entremont to provide a District Community Grant in the amount of \$500 to the Laurel Hills Cemetery.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

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

13. Question Period

14. In Camera

It is moved by Councillor Kathy Bourque and seconded by Deputy Warden Nicole Albright to go in-camera at 8:35 p.m.

After discussion regarding contract negotiations ended, council came to consensus to move back to the regular meeting to adjourn.

15. Adjournment

It is moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Ted Saulnier to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Motion Carried. (8 in favour, 0 against)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantalle Newell, Executive Assistant/Recorder

Date Approved:

Chairman/Warden

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer
