



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Council Members Present:

Warden Nicole Albright, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Greg Foster, Councillor Darryl LeBlanc, Councillor Kathy Bourque, Councillor Glenn Diggon, and Councillor Racheal Surette

Absent with Regrets:

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, and Executive Assistant Julie Atkinson

1. Call Meeting to Order

Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Invitation to Stand and Move

Warden Nicole Albright reminded Council that they are permitted to stand and move as they need to during the meeting. This is an initiative by Argyle Recreation which normalizes movement in meetings.

3. Approval of Agenda

By consensus, the agenda was approved as amended with the addition of item 7. Councillor's Report.

4. Presentation – Siemens Canada – Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations

Deputy CAO Scott Surette was present via Zoom to give a brief history on why the study was done. A couple of years ago we were looking at replacing one of the Municipality's vehicles and going the EV route as there could potentially be some funding. Argyle received funding via the Low Carbon Community Fund to support a study around EV vehicles and forming a plan. Siemens was the successful contractor for the project. The goal of the study was to look at the current fleet and develop a plan to replace them as they come to their life expectancy, with also looking at what types of charging stations are needed within the Municipality.

Giles Counsell from Siemens joined Council via Zoom to give a presentation on EV and Charging Stations. He presented the electric vehicle replacement options for over a 10-year period, as the current vehicles reach their life expectancy. The total cost for vehicles and chargers is around \$389,771.

Councillors had questions regarding the EV vehicles, their life expectancy, their resale value, and the ways they can charge.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. October 10, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

By consensus, the October 10, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

b. November 7, 2024 – Swearing-In Ceremony Minutes

By consensus, the November 7, 2024, Swearing-In Ceremony Minutes were approved as amended with the deletion of the invitation to stand and move.

c. November 15, 2024 – Special Council Meeting Minutes

By consensus, the November 15, 2024, Special Council Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

6. Recognizing Argyle – Council Announcements

Councillor Glenn Diggdon shared that the West Side Improvement Society put up their buoy tree at Dennis Point Wharf and the tree lighting will be tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. The gingerbread house at the muse as well as the flagpole tree has been put up and the lighting of it will be on November 27, at 6 p.m. He thanked the volunteers who set these up every year for all of us to enjoy. He also wished the fishers a safe and prosperous season.

7. Councillor's Report

Councillor Greg Foster gave a brief report on events taken place since the election. One of the events he attended a book launch on the history of Abram's River, the book is called "Abram's River: Then & Now" written by Austin Saulnier and edited by Lisa LeBlanc-Fiander. Austin Saulnier is not receiving any sort of profits from this book, the proceeds from the sales will be going to the Abram's River Community Hall as well as the Tusket Archives.

It is MOVED by Councillor Greg Foster and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to send a letter of thanks to Austin Saulnier for compiling the written history of Abram's River.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Warden's Report

The Warden's Report for November 2024, was attached to the agenda, there were no questions on this report.

9. Committee Appointments

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to appoint the following Council members to committees as follows:

- Councillor Kathy Bourque, Councillor Greg Foster, and Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier be appointed to the **Planning Advisory Committee**.
- Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier be appointed to the **Accessibility Advisory Committee**.
- Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Malcolm Madden and Councillor Glenn Diggdon be appointed to the **Fire Committee**.
- Warden Nicole Albright, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and Councillor Kathy Bourque be appointed to the **Recreation Commission**.



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- Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Malcolm Madden, and Councillor Greg Foster be appointed to the **Tusket Wastewater Committee.**
- Councillor Kathy Bourque, Councillor Glenn Diggon and Councillor Racheal Surette be appointed to the **West Pubnico Wastewater Committee.**
- Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and Councillor Gordon Boudreau be appointed to the **Wedgeport Wastewater Committee.**
- Councillor Kathy Bourque be appointed to the **Easter Pubnico Water Committee.**
- Councillor Malcolm Madden be appointed to the **Municipal Alcohol and Substance Abuse Committee.**
- Councillor Gordon Boudreau be appointed to the **Carleton River Steering Committee.**
- Councillor Greg Foster be appointed to the **Mariners Center Board.** Councillor Darryl LeBlanc was appointed to this board at the Special Council Meeting on November 15, 2024.
- Warden Nicole Albright and Councillor Greg Foster be appointed to the **Mariners Center Expansion Board.**
- Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Greg Foster and Councillor Racheal Surette be appointed to the **Yarmouth and Area Industrial Commission.**
- Councillor Darryl LeBlanc be appointed to the **Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association.**
- Councillor Gordon Boudreau and Councillor Kathy Bourque be appointed to the **Joint Police Advisory Committee.**
- Warden Nicole Albright be appointed to the **Physician Recruitment Committee.**
- Warden Nicole Albright be appointed to the **Community Navigator Oversight Committee.**
- Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier, Councillor Malcolm Madden be appointed to the **Western Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority**, with Councillor Racheal Surette appointed as the alternate.
- Councillor Kathy Bourque be appointed to the **Western Counties Regional Library Board.**
- Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and Councillor Kathy Bourque be appointed to the **Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park Board.**
- Councillor Racheal Surette be appointed to the **Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee.**
- Councillor Darryl LeBlanc be appointed to the **Yarmouth International Airport Corporation**, with Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier as the alternate.
- Warden Nicole Albright, Councillor Glenn Diggon and Councillor Racheal Surette and be appointed to the **Regional Emergency Management Authority.**
- Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Kathy Bourque and Councillor Glenn Diggon be appointed to the **Nakile Home for Special Care Board.**
- Councillor Malcolm Madden be appointed to the **Community Housing Options Initiative Through Collaboration and Engagement.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. 7-day Notice – None.

11. For Decision and Discussion

a. Acceptance of Consolidated Audited Financial Statements

CAO Alain Muise presented the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements and stated that the detailed Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements were presented at the Audit Committee.

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONED by Councillor Greg Foster to accept the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Canada Community Building Fund - Municipal Funding Agreement

This fund is what used to be called the "Gas Tax" which has expired, this is a new agreement needing to be signed.

It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to endorse the Canada Community Building Fund Contract.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Provincial Order - Code of Conduct

Councillors discussed what if somebody makes a claim against a counselor that is false that is knowingly vexatious or intentionally lying intentionally lying against a councillor there is a third-party investigator that would have to come in and investigate the complaint. Councillors will have to hire somebody to be that third party investigator. The provincial code of conduct doesn't address the vexatious claims so we are looking at possibly amending our own policy as well in order to add more language around that.

It is MOVED by Councillor Racheal Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque that the provincial code of conduct be adopted by the Municipality of the District of Argyle, and that staff be instructed to develop policy to reflect the new legislation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Letter of Support for the Planning and Development of Upgrades to the Beach Area in Glenwood Provincial Park

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to send a letter of support for the planning and development upgrades to the beach area in the Glenwood Provincial Park.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Relief of Taxes Request - Multiple AANs

It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to relieve the taxes for the following AAN #s 05249538, 01068296, 08551081, 02022206, 01063545 amounting to \$89.12.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Wedgeport Windfarm Update - Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier

Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier reported on the Wedgeport Windfarm Project. This Wind Farm would bring in \$700,000 of income for the Municipality. Some cons that were raised were the flicker, the look of the windmills and the noise. This is a big project and has been delayed by a year. There was an ongoing project that wasn't complete, and the company wanted to complete that project before starting this project. The roads and foundations are set to be completed this summer, and windmills should be starting to be installed by Spring of 2026.

g. Policy Amendment Request - Presentations to Council - Warden Nicole Albright

Warden Nicole Albright feels as though presentations for Council should be brought up at the following meeting so that all presentations can be properly discussed with time to think about what was presented.

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to enable staff to amend the policy regarding the presentation and the Council Procedure Policy as discussed and bring to Council for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h. Appointment of Sheep Valuer

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Greg Foster to appoint Arnold d'Eon as the sheep valuer for the Municipality of Argyle.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. Request to Re-Establish Fishing Advocacy Group

It is MOVED by Councillor Greg Foster and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to appoint Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to the Fishing Advocacy Group.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. For Correspondence and Information

a. Correspondence from Honourable Kent Smith, Minister, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Council received correspondence from Honourable Kent Smith, Minister, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture regarding the letter that Council had sent reaffirming their support for the ADA. Councillors had questions as to its significance and requested additional information in the form of orientation on the matter.

b. Rules of Order and Meeting Processes Training Opportunity

Council received information on a Rules of Order and Meeting Processes training opportunities happening in December.

c. Financial Management for Elected Officials Course

Council received information on a Financial Management for Elected Officials course happening in January.

d. Library Funding Review Committee Update

Council received an update from the Library Funding Review Committee (LFRC) meeting that was held on August 29, 2024.

e. Election Statistics

Council received a detailed report from Intellivote providing the election statistics.

f. Acadian Group AA Open Meeting

Council received an invitation to the Acadian Group AA Open Meeting on Friday, November 29, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

g. Open House - Redevelopment of Former Highschool - 52 Parade Street

Council received an invitation to Open House: Redevelopment of Former High School - 52 Parade Street Wednesday, November 27, from 7pm to 8.30pm, at the Town Hall.

h. Guide for Nominations - Coronation Medal

Council received a nomination guide for the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

13. Financial Requests – None.

14. Agenda Topics for the next meeting/Notice of Motion by Councillors

15. Question Period – None.

16. In-Camera – None.



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17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder

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