



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

Council Members Present:

Warden Nicole Albright, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier, Councillor Malcolm Madden, 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, Director of Finance Marsha d'Eon, and Executive Assistant Chantalle Newell

1. Call Meeting to Order

Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 and Conflict of Interest Declaration

It is MOVED by Councillor Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Presentation – West Pubnico Golf

Alex Nickerson, the president of the West Pubnico Golf Association made a presentation to council via zoom to provide more information on their large capital funding request. The West Pubnico Golf Course, opened in 1968 as a public 9-hole course, expanded to 18 holes in 1991, and became a nonprofit association in 2009. It offers inclusive access to golf for all ages, including a robust junior program with free memberships and lessons for youth under 15. The facility also serves as a community space for social events and winter activities in partnership with Argyle Recreation.

Under new leadership since 2022, membership has grown from 226 to a projected 370 in 2024, with 2024 being the most successful financial year in the course's history. Revenues increased to \$487,000, with a \$100,000 surplus.

The Association is seeking long-term capital funding to address aging infrastructure, reduce operating costs, and complete essential repairs, including:

- Maintenance building repairs (\$74,000 in total)
- Cart path construction
- Equipment upgrades



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- Bridge repair
- Bunker reconstruction and tee box upgrades

Future plans (2025–2027) aim to enhance course quality and positioning for provincial and national tournaments. Without funding, the course risks declining conditions and reduced community engagement.

It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Racheal Surette to approve a capital grant in the amount of \$30,000 per year over three years beginning in the fiscal year 2025-2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Review of Grants to Organizations

It is MOVED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Grants to Organizations for 2025/2026 as presented in the amount of \$59,500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to approve a Community Hall Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Glenwood Hall for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Capital Reserve Budget

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to approve the Capital Reserve budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to approve the Tangible Capital Assets budget as presented for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Operating Fund Income Statement to March 31, 2025

It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to transfer \$100,000 of the 2024-2025 operating surplus to the capital reserve, for a total transfer to the capital reserve of \$550,000 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is MOVED by Councillor Malcolm Madden and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to accept the operating fund income statement to March 31, 2025.



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8. Operating Reserve Budget

It is MOVED by Councillor Racheal Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to approve the operating reserve budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. For Approval

a. Article C57 – Veterans Banner Policy

It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the Veterans Banner Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

11. Question Period

12. In-Camera

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair

Clerk/Recorder