



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025

**Council Members Present:** Warden Nicole Albright, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier, Councillor Malcolm Madden, Councillor Greg Foster, Councillor Darryl LeBlanc, Councillor Kathy Bourque, Councillor Glenn Diggdon, and Councillor Racheal Surette

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor Gordon Boudreau

**Staff Present:** Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Operational Services Kyle Boudreau, Director of Protection Services René Jeddry, and Executive Assistant Chantalle Newell

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**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Warden Nicole Albright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with regrets from Councillor Gordon Boudreau.

**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 Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve the agenda with the addition of 12 E Council Community Grant for District 9, Tusket Cemetery.*

***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

*Councillor Bourque declared a conflict for the Holy Family Parish Cemetery Grant.*

**4. Presentation – Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia**

Erika Rolston, Executive Director of Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia was in attendance to present to Council. The Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia (RCFNS) is a federally registered charitable organization dedicated solely to supporting rural communities across the province. With nearly 25 years of experience, the foundation focuses on grant-making, convening, and fund development to address the unique challenges faced by rural populations. As a charity, RCFNS can issue tax receipts, hold land, and manage financial tools that benefit rural initiatives. The foundation currently manages several funds, including the Ukrainian Nova Scotia Resettlement Fund, the Joan Feynman Climate Change Fund, and the Rural Nova Scotia Pride Fund—each designed to address specific needs in rural areas such as refugee support, environmental action, and community inclusion.



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A major focus of the presentation was the Dave Gunning Zero Hunger Fund. This fund began by supporting school meal programs and has since evolved to help stock in-school “free stores” with food and essential supplies for students and their families. In 2023, \$100,000 was granted through the fund, including support for schools in the Municipality of Argyle, with the goal of doubling their contribution this year. Any municipal contribution made to the fund will be redirected back to schools within that municipality. The foundation is actively fundraising through municipal grants, corporate sponsors, and public donations. RCFNS invited Argyle Council to consider supporting the Zero Hunger Fund by providing individual and corporate awareness for the campaign, considering providing a financial contribution, or by hosting a community concert.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**a. May 15, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

By consensus, the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 15, 2025, were approved as presented.

**b. May 22, 2025 – Special Council Meeting Minutes**

By consensus, the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on May 22, 2025, were approved as presented.

**6. Recognizing Argyle – Council Announcements**

Councillor Bourque extended congratulations to the East Pubnico Fire Department and the Women’s Auxiliary for another successful annual lobster supper. She noted the significant amount of preparation involved over several days and thanked them for their continued dedication to the community. Councillor Bourque also congratulated Angelina Lutz and Alyssa Leblanc on receiving the Lieutenant Governor’s Excellence Award in Education, recognizing their outstanding achievement.

Deputy Warden Saulnier provided an update on the wind farm development in the Wedgeport and Little River Harbour area. He noted that work is well underway, with access roads nearing completion. Over the summer, there will be significant traffic in the area as approximately 30,000 tons of gravel are being trucked to the Plymouth Pit, where two cement plants have already been erected. The base for each of the 12 windmills will be poured, totaling about 10,000 square meters of concrete. Councillor Saulnier acknowledged that the increase in traffic has already prompted concerns from residents in the Plymouth area and advised that this level of activity is expected to continue through the summer months.

Councillor Madden congratulated Bryden Surette for winning a silver medal in precision machining at the Skills Canada competition in Regina. He also recognized Noel Babin of Eel Brook, who has been serving at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa. Councillor Madden extended best wishes to all students, teachers, and school staff for a safe and enjoyable summer as the school year comes to an end.

Councillor Diggon reported that the Westside Improvement Society has been actively involved in community beautification, including work on the triangles near the village, la Butte a Gracie area, and reinstalling banners along the sidewalk. He also noted that private individuals have cleared trees at the intersection of Highway 3 and Highway 335 in Pubnico, improving visibility and safety at a location known



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for past accidents. Additionally, Councillor Diggdon delivered Community Litter Program cheques to local organizations and shared that all recipients expressed their appreciation for the support, with Councillor Diggdon emphasizing the municipality's gratitude for their efforts.

Warden Albright reported attending the East Kemptville Betterment Society's Spring Fun Day, noting the strong turnout of volunteers, especially the encouraging presence of young volunteers. Additionally, she highlighted the efforts of the Belleville and Friends community group, which has expanded beyond its original mission of installing community signs to now include initiatives like a free pantry located by the church mailboxes. Warden Albright expressed pride in the group's commitment to supporting those in need within the community.

**7. Warden's Report**

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

**8. Committee Reports**

Councillor LeBlanc provided an update on the Mariners Centre, noting that interviews for a new CEO are currently underway and progressing well, though a final decision has not yet been made. He also mentioned that similar progress is being made with the airport, where the CEO position is expected to be filled by September, with further announcements to come.

Councillor Saulnier reported attending a Waste Check meeting, along with Councillor Madden, where they received an update on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Gus Green indicated that the municipality could expect between \$200,000 to \$350,000 in funding through the program, which Councillor Saulnier noted as a significant contribution.

**9. 7-day Notice**

**a. Article C21 – Travel and Expense Reimbursement**

Council received 7-day notice on the amendments to the travel and expense reimbursement policy. When the policy was last updated, there was a section regarding ineligibility that was not transferred to the new policy, therefore, that is the amendment.

**10. For Decision and Discussion**

**a. Demolition Request**

Council is being asked to consider a demolition request in accordance with the Dangerous and Unsightly Policy. The Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator has carried out the necessary steps to lead to this recommendation of demolition.

*It is MOVED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to issue an order to demolish the residential structure located at 2894 Highway 334, and that the demolition be completed by July 31, 2025, and the costs of the demolition constitute a lien against that property under section 507 of the Municipal Government Act.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission Member**

It was noted that the original Council representative serving on the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission is in a conflict of interest and can no longer serve on the committee. As a result, Council will need to appoint a new member. Warden Albright indicated that the current member is open to trading committee appointments with another councillor.

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to appoint Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier to appoint Councillor Racheal Surette to the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Management Board.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Note that Councillor Darryl LeBlanc shall submit his resignation to the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Management Board to allow for Councillor Racheal Surette's appointment.*

**c. By-Law 42 – Short Term Accommodation Marketing Levy**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc to approve By-Law 42 Short Term Accommodation Marketing Levy as presented.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**d. Chemin de la Pointe Hubbards Point – Councillor Greg Foster**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Greg Foster and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to write a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works thanking them for the recent paving that was carried out, in front of the Hubbard's Point Community Centre, and request that the new pavement be extended as far as the fire hole (Civic #201 Chemin de la Pointe) with CC to Colton LeBlanc.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**e. Mosquito Control Programs – Councillor Greg Foster**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Greg Foster and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to have staff contact the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and other municipalities in Nova Scotia to see how they deal with the mosquito problem through their integrated pest management strategy (IPM).*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**f. Municipal Advertising – Councillor Malcolm Madden**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to have staff explore avenues to better communicate information to our residents.*



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**11. For Correspondence and Information**

**a. Argyle Newsletter**

The Municipal Newsletter was attached to the agenda for viewing.

**b. Letter from Minister Smith re: ADA**

Council received a letter from Minister Smith that summarized a meeting that was held between his department, the Warden, Deputy Warden, and CAO.

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to post the letter from Minister Smith to the Municipality's Facebook page.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**c. Department of Protection Services 2024 Year End Report**

Director of Protection Services, René Jeddry prepared a report for the year ended 2024 for Council.

**d. Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Letter of Thanks and Newsletter**

The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation wrote a letter of thanks to Council for their donation this year and provided a copy of their newsletter.

**12. Financial Requests**

**a. Council Community Grants for District 4**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Greg Foster and SECONDED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon to approve a Council Community Grant in the amount of \$700 for Par-en-Bas Seniors Club des Aines.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Councillor Kathy Bourque declared a conflict of interest and refrained from voting on the next item.***

*It is MOVED by Councillor Foster and SECONDED by Councillor LeBlanc to approve a Council Community Grant in the amount of \$700 for the Holy Family Parish Cemetery.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b. Council Community Grants for District 6**

*It is MOVED by Councillor Darryl LeBlanc and SECONDED by Councillor Kathy Bourque to approve a Council Community Grant in the amount of \$700 for the Argyle Historic Church.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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c. Council Community Grants for District 7

*It is MOVED by Councillor Kathy Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to approve a Council Community Grant in the amount of \$700 for Laurel Hills Cemetery.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

d. Council Community Grants for District 8

*It is MOVED by Councillor Glenn Diggdon and SECONDED by Councillor Racheal Surette to approve a Council Community Grant in the amount of \$700 for the Pubnico and Area Garden Club.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. Council Community Grant for District 9

*It is MOVED by Councillor Racheal Surette and SECONDED by Councillor Malcolm Madden to approve a Council Community Grant in the amount of \$400 for Tusket Cemetery.*

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

14. Question Period

15. In-Camera

*It is MOVED by Councillor Bourque and SECONDED by Councillor Racheal Surette to go in camera at 8:06 p.m.*

a. Section 22:2 (da)

The Council returned to regular session at 9:13 p.m. and no motion was made.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair



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Clerk/Recorder

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