

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 10, 2019
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Danny Muise; Deputy Warden Guy Surette; Councillors Nicole Albright, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Diggdon, Lucien LeBlanc, Richard Donaldson, and Calvin d'Entremont.; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, and Municipal Clerk/Recorder Lori Murphy.

Regrets: Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr

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

Agenda:

On a motion by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the agenda was approved.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared at the time.

Presentations

None

Adoption of Minutes

Special Council Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2019

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the August 19, 2019 minutes of the Special Council Meeting, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Infrastructure has been contacted as per Councillor Bourque's request. Staff is currently working on a date for a representative to attend a special meeting with Council to discuss a number of road and maintenance issues affecting our Municipality.

Councillors' Report

Councillor Diggdon attended Pubnico & Areas Charter Nights supper at Lyons Hall, Aboriginal Days at Museum Acadian, Mariners Center Management meetings, July 1 celebrations at Musée des Acadiens and Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-

Écosse, Clare meetings for Congrès mondial 2024, Airport meeting, EMO meeting and West Pubnico Fire Department meeting

Councillor Kathy attended East Pubnico Fun morning, July 1 Celebrations at Musée des Acadiens and Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse, Meeting in Clare for Congrès mondial 2024, Industrial Commission meeting Aug 29. Also attended Memorial event during Wharf rat rally at Maple Grove. There will be a BBQ for staff of Nakile on Friday Set 13. Board member are cooking and serving the staff at Nakile

Councillor Lucien mentioned that the Wedgeport Tuna Tournament was a very successful event again this year and congratulated the organizing committee and the participants.

Councillor Guy, in lieu of listing his meetings and commitments, wanted to thank all EMO staff, NS power staff and lines men, on behalf of residents of the municipality of Argyle

Councillor Richard attended Various committee meetings mentioned by other councillors and attended numerous activities at Abuptic festival

Councillor Nicole attended meetings for doctor recruitment. A new Community Navigator has been hired - Rebecca Rose. Attended EMO meeting Sept 4, and Eel brook fire dept meeting

Councillor Calvin attended Various festivals. Bay of Fundy Sea kayaking symposium is back this year, and will be held Sept 13-15. There will be a fund-raiser dinner at the West Pubnico Legion to support this event.

Warden's Report

June 10 & 11 - CDENE Halifax

June 12 - choice housing committee

June 12. Attended Argyle historical AGM

June 13. Special council meeting

June 15. Attended recreation department function East Pubnico bike park

June 17. Group of 9, Mariner expansion

June 18. YASTA AGM

June 18. YMCA AGM

June 19. Nakile board

June 20. Library board

June 20. Special council meeting

June 24. CDENE MEETING Tusket

June 24. Group of 9 special meeting

June 25. Provincial government Announcement at Yarmouth hospital re: funding for doctor recruitment

June 25. Interview with Franck from France – regarding the present and future state of our French language

June 25. Committee of the whole

June 26. Par-en-bas Graduation
June 27. Drumlin graduation

July 1. Canada day celebrations, SAR, West Pubnico and Wedgeport
July 10. Université sainte Anne - funding announcement by Federal MP Melanie Joly, Ministre of Tourism , Official Languages and Francophone. Announcement and round table discussions
July 10. Star Acadie.
July 13. Greeted heartland tour at école par en bas
July 13. Volunteered at VON pig roast.
July 13. Attended Peter Crowell's retirement party
July 15. Meeting with Clare re: Congrès mondiale 2024
July 16. Veterans place. Unveiling their new van
July 17. Attended function in Pubnico - mini trivia.
July 23. Meeting group of 9, re Mariner centre
July 23. Joint council - Department of Lands and Forestry presentation on deer population.
July 25. YIAC - Joint agreement
July 29. Meeting re: Mariner centre manager
July 31. Reception for exhibition opening

August 1. Open house at Nolan d'Eon oyster farm
August 1. Seniors games closing, école par-en-bas
August 1. Nakile carnival celebrations 30 yrs
August 2. Village historique acadien, 20 year anniversary
August 7. Garden party Yarmouth. With lieutenant governor
August 13. Meeting with MLA Churchill and MP Fraser
August 15. Village 20th Anniversary
August 19. Special Council Meeting
August 23-25. Shediac NB closing congrès mondial

Sept 4. Waste park meeting

Staff Report

The Staff Report is attached to the minutes for consideration. CAO Alain Muisse goes over some highlights including- EOC/EMO activated in Yarmouth for Hurricane Dorian. Some significant tree damage, and power is slowly being restored. Tusket and West Pubnico sewage plants made out well in the storm due to lower rain than anticipated.

Ian Everett has been selected as the administration building project manager. The tender to move the existing residential home and the construction of a public road will be issued in the coming weeks.

Mariners center expansion-No funding decision shall be made federally or provincially until after the federal election. The final version of the Mariners Center Vision shall be released soon.

Airport corporation- there is an outstanding funding agreement that has not been signed. The agreement has been extended twice, and is currently past the second extension.

The Sea cucumber appeal was dismissed favoring the Municipality's decision to approve the development agreement with the developer. The appellants have 30 days from the date of the decision to submit an appeal of the UARB's decision.

Human Resources: Vaughn d'Entremont has returned to work officially. Lori Murphy has commenced her position as Municipal Clerk during Eilidh's leave, and Kim Rowley is adjusting in her new role as Deputy Clerk.

CAO Muise has reached out to the Municipality of Barrington and have agreed to cross train our wastewater staff on each of our larger systems in both Barrington and Pubnico. We feel this is a proactive way to lower the risk of any sudden staffing changes in the future.

Report Attached (19091001)

Strategic Priority topics

None

Other Business and for Decision

Article P35 – Driver Abstract Policy and Release Consent Form-Notice provided August 22, 2019

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Driver Abstract policy and release consent form as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

UARB Decision of Appeal - Sea cucumber processing plant – **not for motion**

Presuming no further action on this item, the Municipality and the developer shall sign off on the Development Agreement as well as the Purchase and Sale Agreement. There was a suggestion by CAO Muise that reaching out to residents, at an appropriate time, to determine if they are interested in joining a sub-committee with the municipality and the developer, in the interest of keeping positive communication around this development, and a way for residents to raise concerns.

Road Signs in Municipality of Argyle

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette to have Warden reach out to the board representatives from the CAPEB include CDNA to organize a joint meeting with council and the board to discuss road name changes and other matters related to CMA 2024.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Notice Period – Municipal Policy

a. Dangerous or Unsightly Policy

There are considerable changes to this policy, that allow for a grant and long-term loan option for qualified residents. CAO Alain Muise explained the reasons for the proposed amendments, and how the policy would work for existing and new 'offenders' to the policy. Council wants the CAO to include wording to address transitional properties and repeat offenders. The Council is in favor of the approach but requires additional work. CAO Muise to bring the policy back to Council at a future meeting with revised wording.

Correspondence and for Information

Unightly Vessel in Wedgeport – Councillor LeBlanc

No action, for information.

Councillor LeBlanc gives Council a background on this item. Approximately 10 years ago, a pleasure vessel was hauled up at its current location. As there were no homes in the area in the past, this was common practice by some boatowners. Subsequently, the land has now been purchased and further developed for beautification and a view of the ocean. Unfortunately, that boat remains on land and is in the view of the residents. Residents are requesting it removed. Neighbours consulted with boat owner, but boat owner can't afford to move it. The landowners don't feel they should pay to move it.

CAO Muise explains that if it is a dangerous or unsightly issue, the law would enable us to remove it, but the bill to remove is attached as a lien on real property (land), thus, it would be billed to the landowner. We cannot remove the property and bill the boat owner at this time. Council would have to provide additional authority to staff in order for staff to address it in an alternative manner.

It is moved by Lucien Leblanc and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont to Instruct staff to investigate all sides of this issue including landowners, boat owner and removal process and bring back to Council for decision.
(8 in favour, 0 against)

Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative

No action, for information.

Western Regional Enterprise Network August Newsletter

No action, for information.

Wedgeport Tuna Tournament – Thank you letter

No action, for information. Great event and well attended

Kemptonville Bicentennial Society – Thank you letter

No action, for information.

Financial Requests

None

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion

Last year of Collections contract for waste, curb-side pick up. Currently in year 5 of 5. Will either extend current contract by one year or have multi year new contract. Reach out to Municipalities of Barrington and Yarmouth to see where they are in their contracts.

Question Period

None.

In Camera – Airport negotiation

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and Guy Surette to go in-camera to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel matter at 7:53PM.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:12 PM.

Recorder
Lori Murphy

Date Approved: _____

Chairman/Warden _____

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _____