Present: Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr., Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise; Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Warden Aldric d’Entremont.

The meeting is called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont.

Agenda:
On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved with the addition of Outstanding Citizenship Award under 9d and Eel Lake Submerged Boat under 9e.
Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration
Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont asks for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions
Comité Bridge Celebrations 2014 célébrons le pont - Corey Clamp
Mr. Corey Clamp, Chairman of the Comité Bridge Celebrations 2014 célébrons le pont, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding their work to help coordinate community events and celebrations for the new Indian Sluice Bridge which was being built between Sluice Point and Surette’s Island.

Mr. Clamp explained how the committee was created, the work that the committee was undertaking for the historic event and the timeline to the anticipated completion date of mid-June 2014. He also noted that the committee was hopeful that the Municipality of Argyle would play a role in the celebrations and help financially.

Councillor LeBlanc requested details regarding the souvenir program and celebration branded clothing.

Mr. Clamp explained that the souvenir program would be approximately 30 to 40 pages, staple bound, in color, hard cover and include photos and the history of the two bridges.

Councillor Donaldson suggested the use of the municipal historian, Peter Crowell, and the archives for the research of the history of the bridge.
Councillor Muise questioned whether there would be requests for funds made to other government levels, organizations or businesses.

Mr. Clamp explained that with the provincial and municipal grants and the revenue generated from the ads in the souvenir program, there will be enough funds to cover the cost of the activities.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Emergency Management Organization, December 4, 2013

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization of December 4, 2013, be approved as circulated.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Regular Council Meeting, January 14, 2014

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 14, 2014, be approved as circulated.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 28, 2014

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 28, 2014, be approved as circulated.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

The report on business arising from the minutes of January 28th, 2013 was presented to Council. The report included an update on the Municipal Boundary Review, the Municipal Office Building and the Grants to Organizations Policy.

**Municipal Boundary Review**

Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Frotten presented the proposed timeline drafted by the Staff committee to Council. He indicated that the committee thought it would be a good idea to go to the public twice and that the public consultations would be completed by June 30th, 2014.

Councillor Surette questioned where and how the public consultations would take place during the first round.

Deputy Clerk/Executive Assistant Frotten explained that the location and type of public consultations was yet to be determined but indicated that public meetings will be held, that social media will be used and that a specific webpage will be launched on the municipal website where the public will be able to find all the up to date information along with informational videos.

Councillor Muise questioned whether the public meeting would include the entire municipality or if there would be smaller meetings in more than one community. He
noted that he has heard from his residents that if their community is affected, they would like to have a meeting in their community.

Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Frotten explained that the committee did discuss having public meetings in the areas that were the most affected by the review and indicated that there would definitely be more than one meeting.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Danny Muise to approve the proposed schedule for the public consultation process of the 2014 boundary review.  
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Grants to Organizations Policy
CAO Muise explained that the notice to approve the policy was brought to Council at the last meeting and that they are open to approve the policy if they wish.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the revised grants to organizations policy as presented.  
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Warden’s Report
On January 15th, I attended a meeting with Greg Kerr and the other two municipal units to discuss the ferry terminal restoration.

On the 23rd, I made my yearly review of our 2013 accomplishments and a preview of 2014 agenda.

On January 28th, I attended a meeting with the Town of Yarmouth, the Municipality of Yarmouth, the Municipality of Clare and the Municipality of Barrington to discuss sharing services. Each unit has to determine what services it can share and with what other municipality.

That same afternoon, those of us that were available had a good meeting with the Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Minister Mark Furey to voice our concerns and to hear what the minister had to say.

On January 30th, I attended an Industry Cafe that was organized by Destination Southwest. All tourism stakeholders were invited from Digby to Shelburne. The purpose was to get to know each other and to recommend tourists to each other who are visiting this end of the province.

Julie Walters spoke on behalf of Nova Star Cruises and gave as much information as possible. She said that Mr. Morton spends an hour, morning and evening answering question from the public.

On February 7th, I took part in the African American History month launch and brought greetings from the council and residents of Argyle.
**Councillor's Reports**

Councillor Bourque reported on a Nakile meeting she attended regarding the renovations. She explained that they are moving forward positively and they are on budget.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on an Argyle Economic Development Committee meetings he’s attended recently and explained that the focus of the committee is currently on tourism and mink farming.

Councillor Muise explained that the Exit 33 committee does not want to overlap any tasks with the Argyle Economic Development committee and that they had prioritized a “bucket” list that was developed by the committee and indicated that good ideas and discussions are being had.

Councillor Albright reported on another priority setting meeting with the Argyle Recreation Commission. She indicated that they had prioritized 5 infrastructure renovations that would be the focus of the commission, including the tennis courts retrofit.

Councillor Surette reported that the budget of Waste Check had been stabilized as they had found additional revenue and a request for extra funding will therefore not be coming to Council. He also noted that a lot of work was underway at the ferry terminal and the in Yarmouth and Area Industrial Commission were looking to create new boards to manage the two medical clinics and the port.

He continued to report on a Waste Park meeting he attended and a concern that had arisen regarding recyclables being mixed with garbage. He also noted that he attended a Municipal Alcohol Project meeting and indicated that the RCMP, the Tri-County Regional School Board and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial are all ready to be partners.

Councillor Donaldson noted that work is being done to combine the Port of Yarmouth and the ferry terminal together and explained that that would force the Municipality of Argyle to fund wharves when there a many in the Municipality of Argyle that they do not.

Deputy Warden d’Entremont indicated that one of the bags at the West Pubnico Sewage Treatment Plant was tested to see if it was septic and was the problem causing the smell in the community and they are awaiting the results.

**CAO's Report**

CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council and answered a few questions raised by Councillors. He highlighted the West Regional Enterprise Network open house that is open to Council to attend where they can meet and greet the new board.

He indicated the Argyle Economic Development Committees have had great discussions and had not used any of the budgeted funds at that time.
He also noted a project that Roger d’Entremont, Manager of le village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse was working on to hire an employee to greet the tourists from the ferry and inform them of the Municipality of Argyle and the opportunities for tourists that were available.

*Report Attached*

**Other Business and for Decision**

**Relief of Taxes and Interest Request**

CAO Muise indicated that Staff continues to try and clean up accounts and noted that this was another request to relieve taxes and interests of an inactive account.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to relieve the taxes and interest on the accounts presented to Council in the amount of $594.09.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Community Litter Cleanup Program 2014-2015**

Deputy Warden d’Entremont indicated that this was a great program and noted that the budget is the same as last year.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council proceed with the Community Litter Cleanup Program for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, with a funding commitment of $12,600.00.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Promotional Video Request**

CAO Muise explained that the has budgeted $10,000 in the last two years on strategic initiatives and this proposal is to use those funds to produce a video by Deep Blue Media and promotional booklets in support of our strategic objectives.

He noted that once the video is completed it would be available online for anyone to watch.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to invest up to $10,000 in video and promotional booklets in support of our strategic objectives and in preparation for the return of ferry service to our area.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Outstanding Citizenship Award**

Councillor Albright detailed a story of Evan Amirault, a resident of her district, which had shown an act of bravery on August 11th, by saving a man’s life from drowning. She explained that he took his boat out to take his nephews tubing and as he drove his boat, he noticed a canoe tipped on its side. After having passed by the canoe a couple of times without any incident, he noticed a hand waving up in the water and realized that someone was in distress. He pulled up to the canoe, grabbed the hand and pulled a man into his boat.
In recognition of this extraordinary act of heroism and quick thinking judgement, Councillor Albright indicated that she would like to award Evan with an Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Councillor Muise agreed and Councillor Bourque provided the process she used to recognize her outstanding citizen.

Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Frosten explained that if Councillor Albright could provide some details regarding the story, that he would order the award and organize the ceremony and a future Council meeting.

Eel Lake Submerged Boat
Councillor Albright explained that there was a boat that was pulled into the Eel Lake during one of the recent winter storms and has caused concerns from residents and a complaint from a resident.

CAO Muise indicated that once the letter of complaint was received it was sent to the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. He indicated that since it is in the water, it is no longer the jurisdiction of the Municipality under the Dangerous and Unsightly policy.

CAO Muise suggested that Council could write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to gather their input.

Councillor Donaldson questioned the cost of removing the boat.

Councillor Albright responded that the cost proposed in a quote attached to the letter was approximately $4,200.

Councillor Surette indicated that he appreciated the concern of the resident but cautioned Council as there are many other boats in the municipality that have been abandoned and the liability of such a project if something were to happen once it would be removed.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to send a letter to the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Environment, Department of Fisheries and the Coast Guard regarding the submerged boat.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information
Yarmouth International Airport Corporation - Minutes of January 9, 2014
The Minutes of January 9, 2014 from the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Waste Check - Minutes of January 13, 2014
The Minutes of January 13, 2014 from Waste Check were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.
Nova Scotia RCMP - 2012-2013 Year in Review
The 2011-2012 Year in Review of the Nova Scotia RCMP is circulated for Council’s information. No action was requested by Council.

Order of Nova Scotia Memorandum
A memorandum received from the Order of Nova Scotia regarding nomination forms was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Commissionaires Nova Scotia - Corps Rapport
The Corps Rapport received from the Commissionaires Nova Scotia was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Société des Jeux de l'Acadie - Launch of Selection Process
Correspondence received from the Société des Jeux de l’Acadie regarding the launch of the selection process was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Feed Nova Scotia
Correspondence received from Feed Nova Scotia regarding local facts and data was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
Grant Request

Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium
A request from the Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium from December 2013 was circulated to Council. They were requesting a grant of $7,500 to help with the marketing costs of their event. Deputy Warden d’Entremont indicated that the policy of grant to organizations was revised earlier in the meeting to allow the approval of this grant request.

Deputy Warden d’Entremont questioned where the funds for the grant would come from in the budget.

CAO Muise indicated that this amount is unbudgeted and will come out of the current years’ surplus. He also explained that dealing with this request now allows Council to ask the symposium to follow the policy for next year.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette that Council approve the grant of $7,500 to the Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Notice of Motion by Councillors
Councillor LeBlanc gave notice to Council that he will be bringing the issue of street lights to the next meeting.
Councillor Donaldson gave notice to Council that he will be bringing the discussion of the Yarmouth and Area’s Industrial Commission’s combination of the Port of Yarmouth and the Ferry Terminal to the next meeting.

**Question Period**
None.

**In Camera**
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to recess the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a personnel matter.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Direction was given to the CAO in terms of contract negotiations.

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: __________________________

Chairman/Deputy Warden __________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer  __________________________