Present: Warden Aldric d’Entremont; Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting is called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont.

Agenda:
On a motion by Aldric d’Entremont and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc, the agenda is approved as with the addition of East Pubnico Playground under 9aiii and the Lake Vaughn Road under 7a.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:
Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions
None.

Outstanding Citizenship Award Presentation
Mr. Evan Amiraault was in attendance to receive an Outstanding Citizenship Award in recognition of his extraordinary act of heroism and quick thinking judgement on August 11, 2013. The award was presented by Councillor Nicole Albright.

Business Arising from the Minutes
The Report on Business Arising from the Minutes of March 11th, 2014 is presented to Council. CAO Muise addressed the Municipal Office Building and the Warden’s Stipend which was deferred from the last meeting.

Warden Stipend
CAO Muise explained that this item was deferred at the last meeting as there were 3 members of Council that were missing.

Councillor Surette expressed that following the discussion at the last meeting and reviewing the information presented to Council, it seemed that the average stipend was appropriate.
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to approve the increase of the Warden’s stipend to $31,764 per year effective April 1, 2014.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Report
CAO Muise summarized the financial report at February 28, 2014. He explained in detail the transfer to reserves and the calculation of the amount. He also responded to a question regarding municipal finance indicators raised by Councillor Surette at the last meeting.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the unaudited Financial Report as at February 28, 2014.

Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision
Lake Vaughn Road & the Department of Transportation
Councillor Danny Muise explained that he has received another complaint regarding the condition of this road in his district. He noted that this has been a common concern of residents recently and contacted Mr. Greg Newell of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to determine how he would like to proceed with these types of requests in the future. He explained that Mr. Newell advised him that if the supervisor was able investigate the concern, that the Councillors should contact the supervisor directly. However, if the work is of a larger scale, Council should send a letter to the Minister.

Councillor Donaldson noted that he has used a comment form on the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal’s Website and that it worked well in his circumstances.

Councillor Muise added that Mr. Newell expressed that he would also be willing to meet with Council to discuss the priorities of Council and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Council expressed by consensus to have CAO Muise contact the Area Manager of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to organize a meeting regarding this topic.

Quinan Phone Line Issues
Councillor Nicole Albright explained that at a recent meeting between the Quinan Fire Department, CAO Muise and herself, the issue of limited phones lines use during rain storms was brought to their attention. Several members of the fire department stated that during rain storms, their phone lines do not work. Having very limited cell phone coverage as well, their concern was that if there was an emergency during a rain storm, some residents may not be able to access emergency services via cell phones or land lines.
It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny Muise that Council send a letter to Bell Aliant to look into the issue of limited/compromised land line phone use during rain storms in Quinan in hopes of rectifying the problem. 

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

**Policies – First Notice**

The Pension Policy and the updated Dangerous and Unsightly Policy were presented to Council as first notice.

**Gardner’s Lane Paving**

Councillor Muise presented a request from a resident on Gardner’s Lane regarding the paving of the road, which is currently gravel. He requested that staff provide a report to Council regarding the costs of paving the road and possible funding opportunities.

Councillor Surette noted he would not be in favor of paving roads as there are a number of other projects that are more important.

*It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to request the CAO to draft a report on costing and possible funding opportunities of paving Gardner’s Lane. 
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 1 against – Guy Surette)*

**SPCA Contract**

CAO Muise gave a brief explanation of the history and highlighted the details of the final contract with the SPCA to Council.

*It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Danny Muise to approve the SPCA contract as presented. 
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**Argyle Head Road Sign**

Councillor Donaldson presented the issue of a broken road sign in Argyle Head.

Councillor Muise suggested that as it is simply a replacement of a sign, that the Councillor should call the area manager to have it replaced.

Councillor Bourque agreed with Councillor Muise and explained that she has phoned the Department regarding issues of this nature and they have responded quite quickly.

CAO Muise indicated that he will send the picture along with a request of replacement to the Area Manager of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. He also suggested making a list of all the broken or missing signs to send them all in one package.

**Trout Point Lodge – Letter of Support**

Deputy Warden d’Entremont presented a request for a letter of support from the Trout Point Lodge.
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council send a letter of support to Trout Point Lodge for their current application for funding under the Tourism Experiences Marketing Program.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

Yarmouth Airport Corporation – Request for Advance  
CAO Muise presented a request for an advance from the Yarmouth Airport Corporation. He explained the necessity of the advance due to prior years’ deficits.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation’s request to advance $100,000 towards 2014-15 operations on April 1st, 2014 and that the Airport Corporation urgently complete the budget for the 2014-15 year for Council’s consideration.  
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 1 against – Richard Donaldson)*

**Correspondence and for Information**  
Western Counties Regional Library – Minutes of December 5, 2013  
The minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library of December 5, 2013 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Financial Requests**  
**District Community Grants**

**East Kemptville Community Meeting House**  
A letter from the East Kemptville Community Meeting House requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the expenses of repairing their roof is circulated to Council.

Councillor Muise clarified that the meeting house is not registered as an official organization and questioned whether that would cause concern.

CAO Muise responded that a request from a community group has been approved in the past and an arrangement to pay for the expenses directly can be made but noted it is not the preferred procedure.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the East Kemptville Community Meeting House to help with the expenses of repairing their roof.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*

**West Pubnico Athletic Association**  
A letter from the West Pubnico Athletic Association requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the expenses maintenance and repairs to the Pubnico ball fields is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Aldric d’Entremont and seconded by Richard Donaldson to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the West Pubnico Athletic Association to help with the expenses maintenance and repairs to the Pubnico ball fields.  
*Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)*
East Pubnico Playground
A letter from the East Pubnico Playground requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the expenses of adding gravel and sand and purchasing new toys is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the East Pubnico Playground to help with the expenses of adding gravel and sand and purchasing new toys.

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

Notice of Motion
Councillor Surette reported that at a recent energy meeting, the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Yarmouth requested that the Municipality of Argyle sign the memorandum that is currently signed by the other two municipal units. He is presenting the memorandum to be brought at a future meeting.

Question Period
None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:53 pm

Recorder
Chris F rotten

Date Approved: ________________________________

Chairman/Deputy Warden ________________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ________________________________