MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, May 27, 2014
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

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, Director of Finance Marsha d’Eon 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 with the addition of Old Abram’s River Dump Site under 5f and Letter of Support – Bridge Club under 5g.

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.

Business Arising from the Minutes
CAO Muise reported to Council on the continued work of the Municipal Building Committee as well as his intention to organize a Capital Project Meeting to have Council set their priorities for capital investment.

Financial Report
None.

Other Business and for Decision
Transportation Feasibility Study
CAO Muise presented to Council the transportation feasibility study prepared by the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse. He noted that a first draft of the report was reviewed and changes were then made. He indicated that the second draft of the report included those changes and he highlighted the action items and conclusion.
Councillor Surette explained that he attended one of the public sessions in Amirault’s Hill and he indicated that he agreed with the report that there was not a need for public transportation in the Municipality of Argyle at that time.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Aldric d’Entremont that Council accept the Transportation Feasibility Study prepared by the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse. 

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Councillor Surette noted that as there was no immediate demand for public transportation in the municipality, he suggested tabling the report.

Warden d’Entremont suggested promoting the service that HOPE Dial-A-Ride provides to the community as it may have been unknown to the public. Warden d’Entremont also suggested adding the information to the municipal website.

CAO Muise noted the suggestion and indicated it would be added to the website.

Western Regional Enterprise Network Committee
CAO Muise explained that the Western Regional Enterprise Network does not currently have insurance to cover the Board of Directors. He noted that a motion of Council must be made to insure the Board under the Municipality’s insurance policy until the committee acquires their own.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve the Western Regional Enterprise Network as a sub-committee of the Municipality of Argyle.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Congratulations – Jeux de l’Acadie Par-en-Bas
Deputy Warden d’Entremont congratulated the delegation of Par-en-Bas for their participation at the recent Jeux de l’Acadie regional games in Sydney and for winning the overall banner.

Family Residency Program
CAO Muise provided background history on the Family Residency Program at Dr. Loveridge’s office and the current of lack of space at his office for the physician which he would be mentoring under the program.

He outlined the budget implications with the option of a portable office trailer which would be purchased by the Municipality of Argyle.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Danny Muise that Council approve the estimated capital budget of $35,092.00 (upset value of $37,000.00) for the purchase and site installation of a 10’ by 24’ trailer to the existing office building of Dr. Peter Loveridge in Argyle. This arrangement shall be for the duration of the rental agreement between the Municipality and Dr. Loveridge.

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

CAO Muise noted the revisions to the policy and indicated that this would serve as Council’s official notice.

Councilor Surette and Councillor Muise questioned why the department head’s authorization doubled from $2,500 to $5,000.

CAO Muise responded that the limit was increased since the previous policy was outdated and the spending amounts weren’t adjusted for today’s higher costs of materials and services.

**Abrams River Dump**

Councillor Muise explained to Council that he received a phone call from a concerned resident in Abrams River regarding the dumping of sewer waste from the West Pubnico Sewer Treatment Plant on the site of the old Abrams River Dump. He insisted that the local public should be consulted before any work is done and an explanation should be given to each resident close by.

CAO Muise explained the plan and process of removal of the dry waste from the West Pubnico Sewer Treatment Plant on the site of the old Abrams River Dump. He noted that the reason this option was chosen was to cut costs as fees were extremely high. He indicated that before any work would begin, each local resident would be contacted and all of the environmental regulations and guidelines would be followed.

Councillor Muise and Surette both indicated that other options should be considered and evaluated before using the old Abrams River Dump site.

CAO Muise indicated that he would discuss this issue further with John Sullivan, Director of the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works and advise Council of any further plans.

**Letter of Support – Bridge Club**

Warden d’Entremont explained that the Yarmouth Bridge Club was requesting a letter in support of their application to the Department of Seniors to buy tables and other equipment.

It is moved by Aldric d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council send a letter of Support to the Yarmouth Bridge Club.

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

**Correspondence and for Information**

Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report

A Waste Check Enforcement Officer Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Funding for Flood Mitigation – Dept. of Environment**

Correspondence from the Department of Environment regarding funding for flood mitigation projects was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.
Evaluation of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan – Dept. of Municipal Affairs

Correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the approval of our Municipal Climate Change Action Plan was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests

District Community Grants

Indian Sluice Seniors Club
A letter from the Indian Sluice Seniors Club requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the expenses of activities and events is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the Indian Sluice Seniors Club to help with the expenses of activities and events.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Bridge Celebrations 2014 célébrons le pont
A letter from the Bridge Celebrations 2014 célébrons le pont requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the expenses of fireworks is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the Bridge Celebrations 2014 célébrons le pont to help with the expenses of fireworks.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Grant Requests

Canadian Red Cross
A request from the Canadian Red Cross is circulated to Council. They were requesting a grant of $1 per resident for their Prepared Campaign.

Councillor Donaldson questioned whether the funding would support disaster relief in the municipality, in the Province or in the Country.

CAO Muise indicated that the funding would be used to increase their disaster response capacity in the Province.

Councillor Surette suggested deferring the grant request to the September Grants to Organizations process.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Aldric d’Entremont to defer to the September Grants to Organizations process.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)
**Société touristique Bon Temps d’Argyle**

A request from the Société touristique Bon Temps d’Argyle is circulated to Council. CAO Muise updated Council on the work of the project and noted that the society was requesting a grant of $20,000 towards their Starlight project.

Councillor Surette questioned whether the society requested funds from other municipal units.

CAO Muise responded that within the budget of the project it was indicated that the Municipality of Clare and the Acadia First Nation had contributed $3,000 each and the town of Yarmouth had contributed $80.

Councillor Donaldson, Muise and LeBlanc all raised concerns and questions regarding the project and funding application and suggested getting answers to their questions before approving any funding.

CAO Muise noted that he would try to obtain confirmation of the money received to date, whether efforts were made to contact other municipal units not listed in the budget, what benefits such a project would have on the area and what infrastructure would be built or installed for this project and forward that information to Council.

**Notice of Motion**
None.

**Question Period**
None.

**In Camera**

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the Committee of the Whole Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a Contract Negotiations, Personnel Matters and an Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property.

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

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

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

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard Donaldson to sell residential lot 8D, PID# 90021825, in the Green Acres Residential Subdivision for $12,000 and have Solicitor Boudreau proceed with the purchase and sale agreement.

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

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to have CAO Alain Muise sign the memorandum of understanding with the Green Energy Committee.

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

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:32 pm.
Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ____________________________

Chairman/Deputy Warden _______________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer _______________________