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

Regrets: Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise and Richard Donaldson.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting is called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Warden Aldric d’Entremont.

Agenda:
On a motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc, the agenda is approved with the addition of a Request for Letters of Support under 6c. 
Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:
Warden Aldric d’Entremont asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.
None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions
Operation Cat SNIP – Eileen Coady
Mrs. Eileen Coady, President of Operation Cat SNIP, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding their program which provides spay and neuter services for cats in the Yarmouth area. Mrs. Freda Perry, Director of Operation Cat SNIP, was also in attendance.

Mrs. Coady explained the service provided by the organization and its comparison to other areas in the Province, statistics regarding cat population, the application process and the needs and costs of the organization. She noted the fundraising initiatives throughout the year as well as all of the volunteers who help with the organizations. Mr. Coady concluded the presentation by presenting the grant request of $1,500 being made to Council under the grants to organizations policy.

Business Arising from the Minutes
The Report on Business Arising from the Minutes of February 11th, 2014 is presented to Council. CAO Muise addressed the Municipal Boundary Review and the information that will be added to a webpage which will be launched on March 3rd, 2014.

Financial Report
CAO Muise summarized the financial report at January 31, 2014. He continued to anticipate a surplus at fiscal year-end but indicated that the surplus on the financial report will not be the surplus at year-end as there are still projects to be completed. He also
notable variances, specifically the tennis court retrofit project which will only take place in the next fiscal year and a transfer to the reserves which has balanced the total revenues.

He explained that on the side of expenses, the civic sign project was less expensive this year as there seemed to be less need for the signs. However the special airport funding request which was approved most recently by Council, the tipping fees for garbage disposal and some tourism initiatives caused those items to be over budget.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the unaudited Financial Report as at January 31, 2014.  
Motion carried (6 in favour, 0 against)  
Financial Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision

RCMP Update

Mr. Michel Lacroix, Commander Staff Sergeant of the Yarmouth Rural RCMP Detachment, was in attendance to present to Council the detachment’s annual report and update of the RCMP. Mrs. Peggy Boudreau, Senior Safety Coordinator and Mr. Steven Clatter, Crime Reduction Analyst were also in attendance.

Mr. Clatter began the presentation by presenting himself, gave a brief overview of his duties as a criminal reduction analyst and examples of his work in the area.

Mr. Lacroix continued the presentation by reporting on the personnel at the detachment, the operation and priorities of the detachment, the noteworthy investigations and local statistics. He indicated his intention to begin his annual plan for 2014/2015 and requested input from Council to complete his plan.

Mrs. Peggy Boudreau reported on the senior safety program which is entering its 2nd year. She indicated the presentations, meetings and functions held during the year as well as the clients to date and other relevant information such as revisits and referrals to the RCMP and other agencies. She noted that the program is beginning to get a good reputation and they are now receiving a good number of referrals.

2014 Low Income Exemption Application

CAO Muise explained that no changes were made to the program from last year and indicated the cost of the program is approximately $12,000. He noted that Staff expected more applications with the new staggered system, but did not see a significant increase.

He noted the staggered levels of income to be eligible for the exemption:

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It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that Council approve the Low Income Exemption application for 2014-2015 as circulated.  
*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

Request for Letters of Support
Warden d’Entremont explained that he had received a request to send a letter support for the nomination to the Order of Nova Scotia of Jean Melanson, former Warden of the Municipality of Clare.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council send a letter of support for the nomination to the Order of Nova Scotia of Jean Melanson, former Warden of the Municipality of Clare.  
*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

CAO Muise explained that the village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse is submitting an application for funding to install a historical post office in the village and are requesting a letter of support for the project.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that Council send a letter of support for the post office project to the Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse.  
*Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)*

**Correspondence and for Information**

**Mariners Centre Meeting Request**
Correspondence received from the Mariners Centre Management Board regarding a request to meet with Council was circulated to Council for their information.

Warden d’Entremont expressed that Council should meet with the management board to get an explanation of their funding request.

CAO Muise noted that the letter indicated that the board wanted a meeting with Council rather than a formal presentation.

Councillor Surette suggested requesting their financial information before the meeting and expressed that they should meet at the municipal office.

It is the consensus of Council to direct the CAO to organize a meeting with the board.

**Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board - 2014 Municipal Boundary Review**
Correspondence received from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board regarding the 2014 municipal boundary review was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Financial Requests**
None.

**Notice of Motion**
None.
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 contract negotiations.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:34 pm

Recorder
Chris Froten