Present: Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr., 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: Warden Aldric d’Entremont and Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Councillor Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:
On a motion by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr., the agenda is approved with the addition of Pubnico Sewer Connection under 7i and Sites under 7j. Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:
Councillor Donaldson asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions
Tidal Energy Industry in Atlantic Canada – Alan Howell
Mr. Alan Howell, Policy Analyst with the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Mrs. Sandra Farwell, Director of the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Energy were in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding tidal energy in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Howell presented the opportunities for tidal energy in Nova Scotia, the current tidal energy projects in the Province and the makeup of these projects, the benefits of tidal energy, the research and regulations on tidal energy and the future of tidal energy.

Council asked questions regarding the state of the industry and the amount of projects up and running and what the typical opposition from the public was to development projects in the industry.

Approval of Audited Financial Statements
Mrs. Gloria Banks and Mr. Chris Ellis, both Chartered Accountants with Grant Thornton, were in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the audited consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2015.
Mrs. Banks explained to Council that they had previously met with the audit committee and provided a detailed explanation of the audited financial statements. Mrs. Banks proceeded to review the financial statements and answer questions asked by Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council accept the recommendation by the audit committee to accept the audited consolidated financial statements and the unaudited non-consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2015 as presented.  
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

CAO Muise provided an update on the work of the municipal administration building review committee, private roads and the review of the dangerous or unsightly policy and the buy local component of the procurement policy.

**Financial Report**

Director of Finance d’Eon summarized the financial report at August 31, 2015. She indicated an anticipated surplus at fiscal year-end. She noted the considerable positive variance in the building permit revenues and a variety of positive variances in the expenditures which resulted in the anticipated surplus.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to accept the unaudited Financial Report at August 31, 2015.  
*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

*Financial Report Attached*

**Other Business and for Decision**

**Orders to Demolish**

CAO Muise presented a request for decision for two orders to demolish; one at 89 Nicholas Road in Wedgeport and one at 2778 Highway 334 in Lower Wedgeport. He provided a brief history of the process used to reach the orders to demolish and explained the parties involved in the process.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Danny Muise to approve, in accordance with section 3.4 of policy C13 regarding dangerous or unsightly premises, the orders to demolish the properties at 89 Nicholas Road, Wedgeport and 2778 Highway 334, Lower Wedgeport and begin the tender process for the demolition and clean-up work.  
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Phone Service in Quinan**

Councillor Albright explained to Council an issue of inadequate phone line service in the Quinan area during periods of rain or a storm.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Guy Surette that a letter be sent to Bell Aliant stating our concern with the issue of residents in Quinan not having phone service during times of rain and asking them to find a possible solution.  
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*
French Lake Beach
Councillor Bourque reported on the run-down condition of the French Lake Beach and a request from the residents to have it cleaned and have a load of sand added so that it can be properly used.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright to direct staff to determine the cost of cleaning the Pubnico Lake Beach and add a load of sand.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Request for Relief of Taxes and Interest
CAO Muise explained the request for the relief of taxes and interest presented was part of the ongoing work by the tax department to correct problem accounts.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. approve the tax and interest relief in the amount of $5575.92 as presented.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Procurement Policy Amendment Approval
CAO Muise presented the recommended amendment to the procurement policy as requested by Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque to approve the recommended amendment to the procurement policy as presented.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Road Sign Translations
Councillor Bourque presented a request from residents to obtain an update from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal on the proper translation of signs which had not been completed yet.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal encouraging them to continue translating signs.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

EMO Special Events Checklist
CAO Muise presented a checklist developed by the EMO Advisory Committee to allow community organizations to self-assess their special events in respect to safety and emergency coordination.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the EMO Special Events Checklist.

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)
Grants to Organizations - Fall Requests
Councillor Donaldson noted the council averages and Council discussed the amounts.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the fall grants to organizations as presented.
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Pubnico Sewer Connection Requests
CAO Muise presented a request from the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works to approve a connection to the West Pubnico Sewer to a property in Pubnico which is in excess of 150 feet from the road.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright to approve the connection of a property in Pubnico, PID# 90326802, to the sewer, which is in excess of 150 feet from the road.
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Sites
Councillor Surette brought forward a request from the Festival de la Barge to add their chapel tourism site added to the tourism signage.

CAO Muise indicated that staff would look into gathering information.

**Correspondence and for Information**

**Letters of Response – MV Farley Mowatt Sinking**
Correspondence from the Premier’s office regarding the sinking of the MV Farley Mowatt was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Tax Comparison Report August 2014 to August 2015**
A tax comparison report from August 2014 to August 2015 prepared by the tax department was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**New GTF Community Energy Policy**
The new gas tax fund community energy policy was circulated to Council for their information. CAO Muise highlighted the section on municipal building retrofit and new construction projects. No action was requested by Council.

**Memo – Municipal Vehicle Tender**
A memo from the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works regarding the tender for a municipal vehicle was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

**Nova Scotia Lotteries and Casino Corporation Community Activity Update**
An update from the Nova Scotia Lotteries and Casino Corporation on community activity was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.
Experience of Argyle – November 12, 2015
Deputy Clerk Froten informed Council that the Experience of Argyle event would be held on November 12, 2015 and more information would be distributed at a later date. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
District Community Grants

**West Pubnico Health Club**
A letter from the West Pubnico Health Club requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help purchase new equipment is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the West Pubnico Health Club to help purchase new equipment.
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Paroisse Sainte-Famille**
A letter from the Paroisse Sainte-Famille requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of a new fence is circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the Paroisse Sainte-Famille to help with the cost of a new fence.
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Mount Pleasant Cemetery**
Councillor Donaldson explained that a letter from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with maintenance costs would be circulated to Council and was requesting approval upon receipt of the letter.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give, upon receipt of a written request, a District Community Grant of $500 to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery to help with maintenance costs.
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee**
Councillor Donaldson explained that a letter from the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with maintenance costs would be circulated to Council and was requesting approval upon receipt of the letter.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give, upon receipt of a written request, a District Community Grant of $500 to the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee to help with maintenance costs.
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*
**Notice of Motion**
Councillor LeBlanc reported on interest in his community regarding completing their trail system and noted that he would be bringing a request forward at a future meeting.

Councillor Surette presented a request from tourism stakeholders regarding whether banners that had been placed on power poles in the past could be placed at tourism locations during the summer months.

**Question Period**
None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:13 pm

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: __________________________________________
Chairman/Councillor Donaldson ____________________________
Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ____________________