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

Regrets: Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont; Councillors Roderick Murphy Jr., Lucien LeBlanc and Kathy Bourque.

The meeting is called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Warden Aldric d’Entremont.

Agenda:
On motion by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Danny Muise the agenda is approved as circulated.
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
None.

Adoption of Minutes
Regular Council Meeting, November 10, 2015
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2015, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 24, 2015
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Richard Donaldson that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 24, 2015, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes
CAO Muise updated Council on the Municipal Administration Building Review and on the request to take ownership of the Montague Road.
Dangerous or Unsightly Policy
CAO Muise presented the updated policy including the addition of a clear definition of “dangerous or unsightly” and “derelict vehicle”, the order of priority, community inspections, and a site visit checklist.

Council discussed the possibility of the policy adding too many properties on the list which would limit Staff’s ability to deal with each situation properly.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to approve the Dangerous or Unsightly Policy as presented.

Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

Welcome Pole Banners
Deputy Clerk Frotten presented the preliminary information provided to Council regarding the cost per unit and cost scenarios of purchasing and installing welcome pole banners. He did note that there was still some information to come forward.

Council discussed the possibility of having Nova Scotia Power install the regular banners and ensuring that Nova Scotia Power be contacted before installing anything on their poles.

Hipson Bridge Condition
Councillor Surette explained that the report conducted in 2009 was very well done but would like to see a similar report re-done to get updated information.

Warden’s Report
Nov. 11th I attended Remembrance Day ceremony in Pubnico and Wedgeport and brought greetings from council and staff.

On the 12th and 13th, I attended CDENE meetings in Halifax.

Nov. 18th I took part in the Admin. Building committee meeting, which was already reported on. That afternoon I attended the Patchwork Pals donation of quilts to four associations that they will be using for fund raising. Keep up the good work Pals.

On the 19th, I attended Experience Argyle at Salle Pere Maurice, it was well attended and very well organized. Thanks to all who made this event a huge success, the food, the entertainment and CAO Muise's presentation.

Nov.25th, I travelled to the Old Orchard Inn with Mayor Mood for a reception put on by Nova Scotia Health Board in conjunction with their regularly scheduled meeting.

I also attended the Investment Readiness session at the Grand Hotel, put on by the WREN on the 26th of November.

I attended three Christmas tree lighting ceremonies and brought greetings from council, staff and residents of Argyle.
Finally on December 4th, Charlene and I travelled to the Shelburne Community College Campus for an open house to meet with staff from Fisheries and Aquaculture and people from the industry.

The department is ready to do some testing of our waters around our coast.

On behalf of Argyle Council, staff and myself personally, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year and remember the Reason for the Season. Keep Christ into Christmas.

Councillor’s Reports
None.

Staff Report
CAO Alain Muise reviewed his report that was circulated to Council; reporting in particular on the aquaculture work happening in the Municipality.

Report Attached.

Other Business and for Decision
East Kemptville and Quinan Fire Towers
CAO Muise explained that the Province was looking to remove the two remaining fire towers in East Kemptville and Quinan. He noted that Staff did not see a use for the towers however has approached Bell to see if they could be used for cell towers.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to decline ownership of the East Kemptville and Quinan fire towers.  
Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

Request for Relief of Taxes and Interest
CAO Muise presented a relief of taxes and interest request from the finance department.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to relieve the taxes and interest of property #01069209, # 01291998 and # 05128641 in the amount of $700.49.  
Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

Yarmouth International Airport Corporation - Recommended Governance Changes
CAO Muise reviewed the Yarmouth International Airport Corporation’s Board approved document on its governance change and explained that they recommended and requested each Council’s endorsement.

Council discussed the function of the board and whether changing the governance would help improve its efficiency and decision making.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to endorse that the new governance body of the Airport Corporation be led by 3-5 business professionals,
carefully selected and evaluated by the funding partners using a pre-determined criteria of skillset.

Motion Carried (4 in favour, 1 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright that a new Regional Subcommittee of Councils be created, including the Acadia First Nations, if they are willing, with the dual role of oversight/advisory for the Airport Board, and to create and execute a Memorandum of Understanding amongst 4 strong units to commit to collaboration and partnership in the projects that matter most for the region.

Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information
2014-2015 November Building Permit Comparison
A comparison of building permits issued in November 2014 and 2015 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
None.

Notice of Motion by Councillors
None.

Question Period
None.

In Camera
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property.

Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Nicole Albright to accept the offer by Acker & Doucette Surveying Inc. of $4,500 on lot #23, PID# 90087602, in the Tusket Industrial Park and have Solicitor Boudreau proceed with the purchase and sale agreement at our expense.

Motion Carried (5 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ________________________________

Chairman/Warden ________________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ________________________________