MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
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, Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.

The meeting is called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Warden Aldric d'Entremont.

Agenda:
On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont the agenda is approved with the addition of Senior Housing under 9g.
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
Sou’West Nova Transit – Renata Tweedy
Mrs. Renata Tweedy, Manager of Sou'West Nova Transit, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding their not for profit transportation system.

Mrs. Tweedy provided an overview of the service including the background, the type of vehicles used, the user fees, the reimbursement costs, the hours of operation and the funding partners. Mrs. Tweedy explained in detail the volunteer driver program which highlighted the reasons to volunteer and the benefits and challenges of the service.

Council asked questions regarding the volunteer base, fundraising efforts, the service’s employee structure, the service’s start up process and the general age of volunteers.

Adoption of Minutes
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization meeting of October 7, 2015, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)
Regular Council Meeting – December 8, 2015

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 8, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO Muise updated Council on the Municipal Administration Building Review and on the Hipson Bridge.

Administration Building Survey Update

CAO Muise provided an update to Council regarding the results of the Administration Building survey. He noted that 150 people had responded and indicated public meetings would be organized by staff but encouraged all Councillors to host public meetings in their districts which staff would gladly support.

Council discussed the appropriate time to release the preliminary survey results and how many public meetings should be hosted at large.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson that the survey results be updated and published once a week.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to amend the motion by striking out the word "once a week" and inserting the word "first" before “the” and “on January 26th, 2016” after “published”.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 2 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson that the first survey results be updated and published on January 26th, 2016.

Motion Carried (6 in favour, 2 against)

Warden’s Report

On Dec. 15th, I attended the first meeting of the three Yarmouth County municipal units to discuss and set priorities of regional projects that we have been working on. It was a very good exercise and at the follow-up meeting on Jan. 5th, we set our priorities.

On Dec. 16th, I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Consulate building on Main St. in Yarmouth.

Dec. 21st, I took part in a Legacy committee meeting in Annapolis Royal with Premier McNeil and MP Colin Fraser. We wanted to give an update on where we are and what we are looking for from them.

I did a short interview for Eastlink on volunteerism. They interviewed the political leaders and later they will be interviewing some volunteers and will be doing a one hour program during Volunteer Week.
**Councillor's Reports**

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at the Quinan Fire Department’s award ceremony. She indicated they were very pleased to receive their municipal medals.

Councillor Muise reported on his attendance at the EMO Advisory Committee meeting and the discussion they had on the upcoming year’s priorities, which included a training exercise. He noted that Council was invited to try to participate in training exercises as it provides valuable information on Council’s role during an emergency.

Councillor LeBlanc reported on the Yarmouth Curling Club hosting the under 11 provincial jamboree and were looking for items to place in a welcome bag.

Councillor Surette reported on Argyle’s participation in regional meetings with the three Yarmouth County Council’s. He noted there were great discussions and the three priorities which were established by the group.

**Staff Report**

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

*Report Attached.*

**Other Business and for Decision**

**By-Laws for Second Reading**

Deputy Clerk Frotten reviewed the Interpretation, Building, Penalties and Tax Exemptions By-Laws for amendment and the Annual Payment of Council By-Law for repeal.

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Regional Priority – Recommendation from Regional Council Meeting
CAO Muise presented the motions which were approved at the regional council meeting on January 5th and which were requested to be ratified by each municipal council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to accept the following motions made at the Joint Council Meeting on January 5th, 2016.

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

Moved by Guy Surette, seconded by Trevor Cunningham that the Yarmouth International Airport Runway Retrofit be the number 1 regional infrastructure priority and that this be recommended to the respective Councils for approval.

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

Moved by Ken Langille, seconded by Phil Mooney that the track and field project be removed from the list and referred to the three Councils for implementation as a joint Council project.

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

Moved by Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Madeleine Daues that the Ferry Terminal New Construction be the number 2 regional infrastructure priority.

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

Moved by Jim MacLeod, seconded by Danny Muise that the Mariners Centre Expansion be the number 3 regional infrastructure priority.

*Motion Carried Unanimously.*

Crosswalk Request
Councillor Surette explained that Highway 334 was repaved and a request from the municipality had to be made to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to repaint the crosswalk.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to approve the repainting of the crosswalk on Highway 334 at the intersection of Ditcher Road.

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

Active Transportation Plan - Successful Proponent
CAO Muise presented a memo outlining the winning proponent of the active transportation plan tender.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to award the Active Transportation Plan tender to UPLAND Urban Planning + Design Studio, conditional on receiving provincial funding for the project.

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

Tax Sale Properties – Request to Set Alternate Opening Bid
CAO Muise presented a request to set an alternate opening bid for two tax sale properties.
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that the Treasurer be authorized to set an opening bid that is lower than the taxes, interest and fees outstanding in accordance with Section 141(3) of the MGA, and that the amounts be set as follows for the February 2016 tax sale:

- Assessment account number 02182947 87 Ditcher Road, Wedgeport $8,000
- Assessment account number 3752861 885 Highway 335, West Pubnico $2,800.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

2016 Municipal Elections
CAO Muise noted that it was time to make a decision regarding the method of voting, the position of Returning Officer and the preliminary list of voters.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve electronic voting during advanced polls and on ordinary polling day and paper voting on ordinary polling day as the voting methods for the 2016 municipal election.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Richard Donaldson that a Returning Officer who is not a municipal employee be appointed and that staff begin advertising for the position for the 2016 municipal election and bring a recommendation to Council before March 15th.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the Municipality of Argyle to use the provincial electoral list as its preliminary elector list for the 2016 municipal election.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Senior Housing
Councillor LeBlanc raised the issue of senior housing as he continued to receive questions and hear comments regarding affordable housing options in the municipality. He questioned whether Council could do anything to help.

Councillor Muise explained that the CHOICE housing committee that included all three county municipal units and other housing organizations. He noted the issue was experienced by everyone.

Council briefly discussed the issue and Deputy Clerk Frotten explained the municipality’s work, in partnership with the CDENE, on a survey on senior housing that would be circulated in the municipality to learn of their local needs and highlight the potential opportunity with local developers and contractors.
Correspondence and for Information

Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park – Minutes of January 7, March 4, April 8, June 11 and September 2, 2015
The minutes of the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park Meetings of January 7, March 4, April 8, June 11 and September 2, 2015 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western Counties Regional Library – Minutes of October 1, 2015
The minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library Meeting of October 1, 2015 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

WREN CEO Report of November 17, 2015
The WREN CEO Report of November 17, 2015 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

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

Delmar Construction - Administration Building
Correspondence from Delmar Construction regarding the administration building was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Website Annual Report
The annual report on the traffic of the municipal website was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Municipal Affairs - MGA Review - Fire Section
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
Warden d'Entremont made a notice of motion regarding strengthening the policy regarding conference attendance.

Question Period
None.

In Camera
It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss Contract Negotiations.  
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 Regular Council Meeting.

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

There being no further business, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Recorder
Chris F rotten

Date Approved: ____________________________

Chairman/Warden _______________________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ______________________