Present: Warden Aldric d'Entremont; Deputy Warden Calvin d'Entremont; Councillors Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr., Guy Surette, Kathy Bourque and Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise; Solicitor Réal Boudreau and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: Councillors Danny Muise and Lucien LeBlanc.

Warden Aldric d'Entremont called the 136th Annual meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Agenda:
On motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. the agenda was approved with the addition of Charging Stations under 16e. 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
Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse - Gwen LeBlanc
Mrs. Gwen LeBlanc, Agente de développement économique, employabilité et innovation with the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse, was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding their survey on senior housing in which the municipality was a partner in.

Mrs. LeBlanc explained the background of the survey, the purpose of the survey, where it could be found and highlighted the steps following the results; including focus groups and meetings with local contractors and developers.

Adoption of Minutes
Regular Council Meeting – March 8, 2016
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2016, be approved as circulated. Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 29, 2016
It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Calvin d'Entremont that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 29, 2016, be approved as circulated. Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)
**Business Arising from the Minutes**  
CAO Muise updated Council on the public consultations regarding the municipal administration building review and on the assessment by engineers in April or May of the Hipson Bridge.

**Warden’s Report**  
March 7\(^{th}\), I attended the launch of the video aimed at informing immigrants of what we have to offer in N.S.

On March 10\(^{th}\), I attended the public participation meeting in Pubnico for the administration building. I also took part in all these meetings except East Kemptville because I was away from the area.

March 11\(^{th}\), I was privileged to be invited to take part in a presentation to Mr. Vernon Doucet by the Consul General of France for his participation in the liberation of France during the Second World War. The event was very well attended.

On Wednesday, April 6\(^{th}\), Alain, Charlene and I had a good meeting with two representatives of Sea Farmers of N.S. They are very impressed with the progress we are making in supporting Aquaculture in Argyle.

Alain and I attended the CAO/CEO conference in Truro on the 7\(^{th}\) and 8\(^{th}\). This is an annual conference that is put on by UNSM andAMA. It is great to have the opportunity to network with your peers and also hear from others what works and what doesn't.

**Councillor's Reports**  
Councillor Surette reported that the Waste Park formed a committee and would be conducting a strategic plan for a 5 year period.

Councillor Albright reported on two submissions in the Meadowfields Community School Heritage Fair that pertained to the Municipality of Argyle.

Deputy Warden d’Entremont reported on a meeting he attended on April 4\(^{th}\) regarding the Pubnico Point Trail Association regarding an application to ACOA in an effort to complete phase 2 of the trail.

Councillor Donaldson reported on his attendance at the UNSM Rural Caucus meeting at the end of March. He reported that a presentation was made on rural high speed internet access which was very interesting.

**Staff Report**  
CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the progress of the track and field resurfacing project and the decision at a joint council meeting to each fund the project equally, the progress of the Wedgeport Sewer project and the start of the wind turbine project with the Green Energy Committee.
Report Attached.

Appointment of Auditors
Council shall approve the Auditors for the fiscal period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette that Council approve the firm of Grant Thornton as the auditors of the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2016/2017.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Appointment of Solicitor
Council shall approve the Solicitor for the fiscal period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council approve the firm of d’Entremont Boudreau as the Municipal Solicitors for the Municipality of the District of Argyle for the fiscal year 2016/2017.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Report of Auditor
Where there is no Report of the Auditor, it is deferred to a later date.

Council Remuneration Resolution
A resolution should be made by Council every year to reaffirm that 1/3 of the payment shall be a non-taxable expense allowance.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr.,

Whereas Municipal Councillors are not directly compensated for home office expenses,

And whereas Municipal Council may declare that up to 1/3 of Councillors’ remuneration may be treated as a non-taxable expense allowance,

Therefore be it resolved that one-third of all remuneration paid to the Warden, Deputy Warden and members of Municipal Council in the 2016/2017 fiscal year shall be designated as a non-taxable expense allowance.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Appointment of Officers
It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont that Council approve the presented list of appointments as Officers of the Municipality of Argyle for the fiscal year 2016/2017.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)
Membership to UNSM and FCM
Council shall approve that the membership to both UNSM and FCM be renewed for 2016/2017.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque that membership to both the UNSM and the FCM be renewed for 2016/2017. 
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Other Business and for Decision
Mariners Centre Budget Submission 2016 / 2017
CAO Muise presented the draft budget of the Mariners Centre for the 2016 / 2017 fiscal year. Deputy Clerk Frotten noted that any anticipated deficit of more than $100,000 must be brought to the municipal partners before approval. He suggested that it should be deferred to budget deliberations.

Core Funding Request to YASTA Partners
CAO Muise presented to Council the core funding request from the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association for the 2016 / 2017 fiscal year. He suggested that it should be deferred to budget deliberations.

Correspondence and for Information
WREN Press Release
A press release published by the Western Regional Enterprise Network regarding their summit was circulated to Council. No action was requested by Council.

2015-2016 March Building Permit Comparisons
A comparison of building permits issued in March 2015 and 2016 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Community Hall Capital Project Grant - Meeting Notes
Notes from the Community Hall Capital Project Grant meeting on April 6, 2016 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

UNSM Letter to Minister Churchill
A copy of a letter sent from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to Minister Zach Churchill regarding the Capped Assessment Program was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Charging Stations
Councillor Surette requested an update regarding the charging stations that were to be installed in the municipality. CAO Muise explained that due to a high volume of requests, the company is having difficulty providing charging stations to all applicants. He noted that no update was received as of late but any new information would be forwarded to Council.

Financial Requests
None.
Notice of Motion by Councillors
None.

Question Period
None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Annual Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved:  
Chairman/Warden  
Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer  
