MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
Tusket, NS 6:30 p.m.

Present: Warden Aldric d’Entremont; Councillors Danny Muise, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Richard Donaldson; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise.

Regrets: Deputy Warden Calvin d’Entremont; Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr.; Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Warden Aldric d’Entremont.

Agenda:
On a motion by Guy Surette and seconded by Danny Muise, the agenda was 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
Municipal Alcohol Project – Larry Phillips
Mr. Larry Philips, Prevention & Health Promotion Coordinator with the Nova Scotia Health Authority (Digby-Yarmouth-Shelburne), was in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the Yarmouth County Municipal Alcohol Project.

Mr. Phillips explained the background of the project, the goal of these projects, the members on the advisory group, the purpose of the project and the steps moving forward.

Business Arising from the Minutes
CAO Muise noted that staff is still awaiting the report from the engineers on the Hipson Bridge.

Council Priorities Progress Report
CAO Muise reported on the progress of each Council priority; noting specifically the interest by residents in the Wedgeport Sewer Project, the Building Canada Fund which could be helpful in completing the Track and Field upgrades, pending funding applications for aquaculture projects and the survey work done regarding affordable housing.

Council questioned whether the other municipal units had made any official commitment towards the track and field upgrade project. CAO Muise responded that no official
agreement was signed but that it is possible that the units passed individual motions in which he would confirm.

**Financial Report**
CAO Muise summarized the financial report at August 31, 2016 and indicated an anticipated surplus at fiscal year-end. He noted the considerable positive variances in the revenues; such as the deed transfer tax; and a variety of positive variances in the expenditures in general government services due to timing of some purchases. In legislative – council due to hardware upgrades not purchased yet and some in protective and environmental health services which resulted in the anticipated surplus as at March 31, 2017 of almost $157,232.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to accept the unaudited Financial Report at August 31, 2016.  
*Motion carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*  
*Financial Report Attached*

**Other Business and for Decision**
Update on Assistance Offered to Residents Facing Water Issues  
CAO Muise present Steve Mills, Southern Zone Emergency Management Planning Officer and updated Council on the assistance offered by EMO to residents facing water issues. He noted a meeting held with the Fire Chiefs to their work in the communities and pillow tanks purchased by the municipality for the fire departments to store water. CAO Muise also explained some long-term solutions which were discussed such as drilling public wells, delivering fish bins or ice boxes to store water on personal properties and making water deliveries directly into wells.

Council discussed the possibility of extending the hours of operation for water distribution, opening other water sources such as at Glenwood Park or the Archives, the municipality’s long-term goals and the possibility of provincial funding assistance.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque that EMO be authorized to expend up to $20,000, including current amounts expended, on the ongoing operations of the EOC response to the drought in the Municipality.  
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Cancellation of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings in October  
CAO Muise explained that the Swearing-In Ceremony for Council would be November 5th, 2016 at the Salle Père-Maurice-LeBlanc.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to cancel the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings in October due to the municipal and school board elections.  
*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

Building Committee Recommendations  
Councillor Muise updated Council on the decision by the committee to recommend their preferred property which is adjacent to the current municipal office and to begin test drilling on both properties to assess their viability.
Council discussed the next steps of the committee, the potential impact of the properties on the design and the public engagement process.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette that the building committee’s recommendations on the new administration building’s location, being next to the current municipal office - PID# 90317322 - and on the timing of public engagement, be approved as presented but that the decision on the location be contingent on the test drilling results.  

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Light Pollution  
Councilor Albright commented on her discussion with Tim Doucette regarding light pollution in the area and his concern on its impact on our Dark Skies designation.

Council discussed the cost of the special lights and the various technologies.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque to have staff research what the municipality’s powers are on limiting light pollution and the cost of transitioning to different lights.  

Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information
Department of Environment - Rules for Waste to Energy Facilities  
Rules for Waste to Energy Facilities from the Department of Environment was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

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

Western Counties Regional Library – Minutes of June 16, 2016  
The minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library Meeting of June 16, 2016 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests  
None.

Notice of Motion  
Councilor Donaldson raised the possibility if adding weekly pickup of compost (green carts) during the summer months due to the high temperatures. CAO Muise noted that in the current contract, the supplier did indicate the fee per metric tonne for pick up which could be used to calculate the cost and explained that that information would be brought to the next meeting.

Question Period  
A member of the public questioned what would be done with the current administrative building once the new building is constructed and whether the Municipality could cost share fish bins so residents could have one on their own property. Warden d’Entremont explained that the decision on the future of the old administrative building was not decided yet and CAO Muise responded that the idea of placing rented fish bins on
properties was discussed but the resident’s suggestion on cost sharing bins was a very
good suggestion and would be considered by EMO.

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Richard
Donaldson to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:46 pm.

Recorder
Chris F rotten

Date Approved: ____________________________

Chairman/Deputy Warden __________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer __________________________