Public Hearing

Senior Planner Brad Fulton reviewed the document outlining the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law to rezone land from General Use Industrial (GUI) to General Use (GU). Warden Donaldson requested comments from the public, none were received.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that the public hearing be adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting

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

Regrets: None.

The meeting is called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:
On motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque the agenda is approved with the addition of Land Use By-Law Amendments under 10g, Department of Transportation Letter under 10h, Translation Equipment under 10i and Wedgeport Land Purchase under 10j.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration
Warden Richard Donaldson asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Moment of Recognition for Veterans
A moment was taken to recognize the sacrifice of veterans in advance of Remembrance Day.

Presentations and/or Petitions
None.
Adoption of Minutes
Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee Meeting - June 1, 2016
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee Meeting of June 1, 2016, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Audit Committee Meeting - September 13, 2016
It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 13, 2016, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Regular Council Meeting - September 13, 2016
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 13, 2016, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 27, 2016
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 27, 2016, be approved as circulated.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Business Arising from the Minutes
CAO Muise provided an update on the Welcome Pole Banners project and the Hipson Bridge report.

Municipal Alcohol Policies
CAO Muise presented two options available to Council if they chose to develop a policy on alcohol use.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve option 1 of the presented document and go forward with the drafting of a policy.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Warden’s Report
None.

Councillor's Reports
Councillor Surette reported on his attendance at a mass for veterans in Surette’s Island.

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at a mass for veterans in S.A.R. at a newcomer’s potluck, a Quinan Fire Department community breakfast and raised resident complaints regarding brush cutting.

Councillor Murphy Jr. reported on his attendance at a service for veterans in Little River Harbour and similar complaints he’s received regarding brush cutting.
Deputy Warden Muise reported on his participation in placing flags on veteran’s tombs and his attendance at committee meetings.

**Staff Report**

CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on the ongoing assistance to residents facing water issues and the Coordinator’s recommendation to begin gradually reducing assistance, the progress on the municipality’s investment readiness in the aquaculture industry, geotechnical information received regarding the recommended property for the new administration building and the progress of the Wedgeport sewer project where over 30 properties were assessed by the engineering firm.

Council raised questions regarding certain aspects of the report which were answered by CAO Muise.

*Report Attached.*

**Other Business and for Decision**

**Provincial Legislation on Wells**

CAO Muise provided a brief explanation of the PACE Program and explained the amendments to the MGA which would allow municipalities, if they so chose, to develop a By-Law that would define how a lending program would work.

Council discussed the possibility of developing this program, their apprehensions of its financial implications and potential timeframe for approval.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the CAO be instructed to draft a Bylaw that enables the Municipality to lend money to residents under Section 65 (acb) and revised Section 81A(1) of the MGA, subject to final reading and passing of the Provincial legislative amendments.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

The possible use of old wells in the Little River Harbour community was raised by Councillor Murphy Jr. He noted that the old wells seemed to be full of water and might have been a good source of water for the fire departments and residents in the event of another drought occurred.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc that staff research whether the old wells in the community of Little River Harbour could be made operational and whether there is any provincial funding available to assist the municipality.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Wedgeport Sewer Capital Levies and Operating Policy and By-Law**

CAO Muise presented the Wedgeport Sewer Capital Levies and Operating Policy and the Wedgeport Wastewater Management District By-Law. He noted that the policy was
presented as a notice to Council for approval and the By-Law was being presented as first reading.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the first reading of the Wedgeport Wastewater Management District By-Law.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Signing Officers**

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve adding Richard Donaldson as a signing officer and removing Aldric d’Entremont as a signing officer of the Municipality of Argyle, in accordance with our purchasing policy.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**CHOICE Letter of Support**

Deputy Warden Muise explained a request he received from the CHOICE committee for a letter of support to secure funds through the Innovative Solutions to Homelessness Program

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont that council issue a letter of support to the CHOICE committee on their bid to secure funds through the Innovative Solutions to Homelessness Program.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Muff Road Water Source**

Councillor d’Entremont reported that some residents contacted him regarding the closure of the Muff Road water source as it was still in need.

CAO Muise noted the possibility of renewing the contract with the owner to reopen the water source and he committed to looking into it.

**East Pubnico Ballfield Improvements - Tender Approval**

CAO Muise presented the tender outcome of the tender for the improvements at the East Pubnico Ballfield and the recommendation from the Director of Public Works to approve the bid of Spinney Excavating.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to accept the bid of Spinney Excavating for the East Pubnico Sports Field Improvements.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Land Use By-Law Amendment**

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to rezone a lot on the Argyle Sound Road in Lower Argyle from General Use Industrial (GUI) to General Use (GU), as stated in the report.

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*
Department of Transportation Letter
Warden Donaldson requested that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation regarding the need for brush cutting along Route 3 in Argyle due to recent deer incidents.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Danny Muise to send a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding the need for brush cutting on Route 3 in Argyle due to deer incidents.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to have staff look into the need for brush cutting in the entire municipality.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Deputy Warden Muise raised the possibility of inviting the Department of Transportation to a meeting to discuss with Council the issues raised by residents. CAO Muise indicated her would extend the invitation to the Area Manager.

Translation Equipment
Warden Donaldson explained that since some groups requested to make presentations in French, he suggested it may be useful to purchase translation equipment and ask staff to loosely translate the presentations to ensure everyone fully understands.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to purchase translation equipment to be used during presentations to Council.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Wedgeport Land Purchase
Councillor LeBlanc explained that the committee working on restoring the Wedgeport trail was requesting that the Municipality invest in the trail by purchasing the land proposed to accommodate an observation deck.

CAO Muise provided some background information and Council discussed the varying costs associated with the request and the details surrounding ownership of the property.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Guy Surette that the Municipality move forward with the purchase of the proposed land, pending the purchase price does not exceed $6,500.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

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

The Meadows – Board Representation Change
Correspondence from The Meadows regarding a change in their board structure was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.
Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre Thank You Letter
A thank you letter from the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Wedgeport Gala Thank You Letter
A thank you from the Wedgeport Gala was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Women’s Auxiliary of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Thank You Letter
A thank you letter from the Women’s Auxiliary of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2016 Election Statistics
Statistics on the 2016 municipal elections were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Proposed UNSM Resolutions Process
A proposed change to the UNSM resolutions process was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Annual Report
The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation’s Annual Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Bill 59 - Accessibility Act
Bill 95 – Accessibility Act was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
District Community Grants

Drumlin Heights Senior Girls Volleyball Team
A letter from the Drumlin Heights Senior Girls Volleyball Team requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with hosting a tournament was 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 Drumlin Heights Senior Girls Volleyball Team to help with hosting a tournament.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Glenwood/Argyle Community Hall
A letter from the Glenwood/Argyle Community Hall requesting a District Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of installing a sensor activated light was circulated to Council.
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the Glenwood/Argyle Community Hall to help with the cost of installing a sensor activated light. 

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
Roderick Murphy Jr. requested to add e-voting to next meeting’s agenda.

**Notice of Motion by Councillors**
None.

**Question Period**
A member of the public raised a question regarding the ownership of the property to be purchased by the Municipality for the Wedgeport trail and the requirements of the organization as to be able to construct on municipal land.

**In Camera**
It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Danny Muise to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a Personnel Matter. 

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

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

*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:07 p.m.

**Recorder**
Chris Frotten

**Date Approved:**

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**Chairman/Warden**

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**Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer**

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