Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Calvin d’Entremont, Nicole Albright, Guy Surette, Lucien LeBlanc, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Digdgon; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Finance Marsha d’Eon and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: None.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Deputy Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:
On a motion by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette, the agenda was approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration:
Deputy Warden Danny Muise asked for any declarations of conflict of interest from the floor.

None declared.

Presentations and/or Petitions
Shared Issues - Honourable Chris d’Entremont, M.L.A.
The Honourable Chris d’Entremont, M.L.A. for Argyle-Barrington, was in attendance to have a conversation with Council regarding the shared issues between the Province and the Municipality. They discussed council priorities; including the Wedgeport and Pubnico wastewater systems, the track and field upgrade project, internet and cell phone service and housing. They also discussed Provincial issues such as the recent drought, road maintenance and paving, the possibility of a radiation therapy program in Yarmouth and the doctor shortage.

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

Wedgeport Sewer Capital Levies and Operating Policy
CAO Muise reviewed the Wedgeport Sewer Capital Levies and Operating Policy which was being presented to Council for their approval as it was brought to them at the last meeting. CAO Muise noted the fee and the interest rate of 3% that were of importance to Council.

Council discussed the operating fee and the possibility that it was too high based on the cost to operate and maintain the systems.
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the Wedgeport Sewer Captal Levies and Operating Policy, as presented.

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

**Weekly Organics Collection Cost - Summer 2017**

Deputy Warden Muise presented the cost of weekly organic collection during the summer months.

Council discussed the cost per household, the possibility of providing this service during the summer months, the confusion it may cause with other pick up dates and the opportunity to canvas the municipality to get feedback on this option.

Following their discussion, the decision was tabled to the regular council meeting in January.

**Council Priorities Progress Report**

Deputy Warden Muise presented the progress of the Council priorities. Council discussed in more detail the priority of affordable housing as it has not progressed as much as the other priorities. CAO Muise explained that the municipality could only facilitate work on this priority but that the lack of substantial information was slowing down its progress.

**Financial Report**

Director of Finance d'Eon summarized the financial report at October 31, 2016 and indicated an anticipated surplus at fiscal year-end. She noted the considerable positive variances in the revenues; such as the deed transfer tax; and a variety of positive variances in the expenditures due to timing of some purchases and projects which resulted in the anticipated surplus as at March 31, 2017 of $194,427.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to accept the unaudited Financial Report at October 31, 2016.

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

*Financial Report Attached*

**Other Business and for Decision**

**2016 Fall Grants to Organizations Allocation and Approval**

CAO Muise presented the list of the 2016 fall grant to organizations requests and the associated averages of the disbursement amounts granted by Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the presented allocations be approved.

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

**Post Election Services**

CAO Muise explained that Gordon McIntosh, a local-government facilitator, would be in the area in January to host workshops with neighbouring municipal units and was offering to facilitate a workshop with the Argyle Council.

Council decided to pass on this offer.
Request for Relief of Taxes and Interest
CAO Muise presented a request to relieve taxes and interest on an account.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to relieve the taxes and interest on the account presented to Council in the amount of $10.31. 
*Motion Carried* (9 in favour, 0 against)

Tusket Crosswalks
Councillor Surette raised some concerns received from residents regarding near misses between vehicles and pedestrians trying to cross Highway 308 at the Tusket Ultramar and at Carl’s Store.

Council discussed past requests for crosswalks at those locations and the application process with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to have staff contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to assess the need for a crosswalk on Highway 308 next to the Tusket Ultramar and Carl’s Store. 
*Motion Carried* (9 in favour, 0 against)

By-Law #38 Water Upgrade Lending Program – First Reading
CAO Muise reviewed the draft water upgrade lending program by-law which was being presented to Council for first reading.

Council discussed their concerns regarding the aggressive nature of several aspects of the by-law and the financial implications or burden it could have on the Municipality.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the first reading of By-Law #38 Water Upgrade Lending Program.  
*Motion Carried* (9 in favour, 0 against)

Financial Management Workshop - Council Attendance
CAO Muise explained the workshop and indicated that Warden Donaldson and Councillor Surette were interested in attending.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Richard Donaldson to approve the attendance of Warden Richard Donaldson and Councillors Guy Surette and Glenn Digdgon to the Financial Management Workshop. 
*Motion Carried* (9 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information
Western Counties Regional Library Annual Report
The Western Counties Regional Library’s 2015-2016 Annual Report was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Animal Control Report Log
A log of the animal control reports for the year was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.
2015-2016 October Building Permit Comparison
A comparison of building permits issued in October 2015 and 2016 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Voting Results By Polling Location
The results of the 2016 municipal elections divided by polling location were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
None.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion
None.

Question Period
None.

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Richard Donaldson to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:58 pm.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ________________________________

Chairman/Deputy Warden ________________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ________________________________