Public Hearing

Senior Planner Brad Fulton reviewed the document outlining the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law to rezone land from Mixed Use (MU) to Heavy Industrial (HI). 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, Glenn Diggdon; Solicitor Réal Boudreau; Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise and Municipal Clerk Chris Frotten.

Regrets: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Warden Richard Donaldson.

Agenda:
On a motion by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette the agenda was approved with the addition of Land Use By-Law Amendment under 9k, Association des Acadiens Métis Souriquois Community Grant under 11avii, Lower Argyle Cemetery Community Grant under 11aviii and West Pubnico School Crosswalk Request under 9l.
Motion Carried

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

Presentations and/or Petitions
Western REN Connector Program - Brenda LaGrandeur
Mrs. Brenda LaGrandeur, Manager of the Western REN Connector Program, was in attendance to present to Council regarding the Western Regional Enterprise Network’s Connector Program.

Mrs. LaGrandeur introduced herself, gave a brief history of the Connector Program, explained how the WREN Connector Program worked, the importance of networking and contacts in the employment world and the goals of the program.
Adoption of Minutes
Emergency Management Organization Meeting - March 8, 2017
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the minutes of the Emergency Management Organization Meeting of March 8, 2017, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Tusket Sewer Committee Meeting - May 4, 2017
It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Tusket Sewer Committee Meeting of May 4, 2017, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Sewer Committee Meeting - May 8, 2017
It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the minutes of the West Pubnico Sewer Committee Meeting of May 8, 2017, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Regular Council Meeting - May 9, 2017
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 9, 2017, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Special Council Meeting - Budget - May 9, 2017
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting - Budget of May 9, 2017, be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Business Arising from the Minutes
CAO Muise noted the welcome pole banners which were sent to the printers and briefly updated Council on the evaluation of the senior safety program, the use for the Nakile van and the garbage collection costs.

Department of Transportation Presentation Request Response
No action was requested by Council.

Councillor's Reports
Councillor Diggdon explained his work promoting the civic sign program.

Councillor Bourque reported on the annual lobster supper for the Fire Department which she attended last Sunday and she thanked all the work of the volunteers.

Councillor LeBlanc reported that the Liaison and Oversight Committee of the WREN reappointed directors and recruited others.

Councillor Albright reported on her attendance at the annual lobster supper in East Pubnico and the 50th anniversary of Père Albéni in SAR. She also noted some issues regarding garbage that she was dealing with in her community.
Councillor d’Entremont reported on a work party for the Pubnico Point Trail Association that took place June 8th.

**Warden’s Report**  
May 9th – Council  
May 15th – YAIC  
May 18th – Abuptic  
June 1st - 5th – FCM

**Staff Report**  
CAO Alain Muise reviewed the staff report that was circulated to Council; reporting specifically on a concept paper that was submitted for the Track and Field resurfacing project, the approval of the airport budget, his work on a committee on municipal modernization, progress of the Wedgeport wastewater project which had between 25 and 30 residents signed on, the progress of the tourism signage project and the opening of the Courthouse and Archives for the tourism season.

*Report Attached (17061301)*

**Other Business and for Decision**  
**Community Hall Capital Project Grant - Evaluation Committee Recommendation**  
CAO Muise presented the recommendation from the evaluation committee of the Community Hall Capital Project Grant applications.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Glenn Diggdon that Council approve the recommendation of the evaluation committee to support all five applications.

The following projects are included in these funds:

**Wedgeport Legion:**  
Number of improvements including, repair of roof, insulation, 3 heat pumps, accessibility upgrades to ramp and bathrooms, new exterior door, upgrade electrical etc.. Total project costs are estimated at $72,000, with funds coming in from ACOA, MODA, New Horizons Seniors, and in-kind/actual donations from the Legion.

**East Pubnico Community Hall:**  
Complete replacement of shingles and other roof repairs, total cost is estimated at $30,590, with contributions coming from the hall, and from donated time.

**Twin Village Social Club:**  
Installation of a heat pump for upstairs rental facility, reducing/eliminating oil heat requirement. Replacing ceiling tiles, damaged gyproc, new door and leak repairs. Total cost is estimated to be $15,000.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Fire Department Air Pack Purchase
CAO Muise presented a purchase request for 2 airpacks – one for the Kemptville Fire Department and one for the East Pubnico Volunteer Fire Department. He noted that the request was presented to Council since the CAO requires Council approval for the acquisition of goods and services of $10,000 or greater.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque that the Municipality purchase two air packs from Mic Mac Fire Safety Source Ltd. For the Kemptville and East Pubnico Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of $19,127.57 including HST. 
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

West Pubnico Odor Review
Councillor d’Entremont presented a report from engineers regarding a solution to the odour of the West Pubnico Treatment Plant.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to accept the report submitted by EXP Services Inc. on the West Pubnico WWTF Odor Review. 
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Municipal Emergency Management Program Evaluation
Warden Donaldson presented a municipal emergency management program evaluation that was completed with the Emergency Management Office of Nova Scotia.

It is moved by Glenn Digddon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to accept the emergency management program evaluation completed with the Emergency Management Office of Nova Scotia.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

2018 UNSM Spring Workshop - Funding Request
A request from the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association to support a bid to host the 2018 UNSM Spring Workshop.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette that Council approve a financial commitment of $2,725 towards the rental cost of the Mariners Centre as their financial contribution towards the 2018 UNSM Spring Workshop. 
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Unfenced Fire Pond - Surette's Island
Councillor Surette brought forward a concern from a resident regarding an unfenced fire department water hole. He explained the specific situation in his district and raised a possible liability issue with all fire department water holes.

CAO Muise addressed the resident’s concern and noted that a broad review of all water holes may need to be conducted. Solicitor Boudreau suggested that temporary fencing
could be installed while a review of water holes and structured policy would be developed.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Guy Surette to decommission the fire department water hole on Amirault Road in Surette’s Island and fill it in.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Wedgeport Sewer Capital Levies and Operating Policy Amendment**

CAO Muise noted that now that the project is well under way and we have begun to take payments, the policy was reviewed and amendments to the charges and payment procedures sections were made to better reflect the process we will follow and facilitate the work for the Finance Department. The format of the policy was also changed to match our typical format and a payment schedule was added as a Schedule.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to approve the amendment to the Wedgeport Sewer Capital Levies and Operating Policy.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Housing Needs Assessment Funding Request**

Council discussed the possibility of cancelling the May 30th Committee of the Whole meeting as it was to be held at the end of the lobster fishing season and the Provincial election was to take place on that date.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve a financial contribution of $1,150.00 to the Tri-County Women’s Centre for the Collaborative Housing Needs Assessment.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Road Name Request – Luke's Road**

Council discussed the possibility of cancelling the May 30th Committee of the Whole meeting as it was to be held at the end of the lobster fishing season and the Provincial election was to take place on that date.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Guy Surette to approve the road name request.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

**Letter of Support - Knights of Columbus Grant Application**

Councillor Albright explained that a group of seniors in her district were applying for funds to help repair the roof of the Knights of Columbus building.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Kathy Bourque to send a letter in support of this grant application to the group of seniors.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*
Land Use By-Law Amendment
It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to amend the Land Use By-law by rezoning the subject property from Mixed Use (MU) to Heavy Industrial (HI) Zone for the construction of an accessory storage building and the use of the property for earthworm castings manufacturing.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

École Pubnico-Ouest Crosswalk Request
Councillor Diggdon brought forward a request from École Pubnico-Ouest to have a crosswalk installed at the driveway of the school.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Danny Muise to send a crosswalk request for École Pubnico-Ouest to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
*Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)*

Correspondence and for Information

Legalizing Cannabis Symposium Report
A report from Charlene LeBlanc, the Community Development Officer, on a Legalizing Cannabis Symposium she attended was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western REN Liaison and Oversight Committee - Minutes of May 23, 2017
Minutes of the Western Regional Enterprise Network’s Liaison & Oversight Committee’s May 23, 2017 meeting were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - Crosswalk Request Response
A response to a crosswalk request submitted to the Department Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

2016-2017 April Building Permit Comparisons
A comparison of building permits issued in April 2016 and 2017 was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Wedgeport School Press Release
A press release published by the Wedgeport Parent Action Committee regarding the condition of their school was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

New Municipal Administration Building Design RFP
The RFP for the design of the new municipal administration building was circulated to Council for their information. CAO Muise updated Council on the RFP process and provided a brief explanation on the details of the design. No action was requested by Council.
Financial Requests
Community Gants

Club des Audacieux de Quinan
A letter from the Club des Audacieux de Quinan requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with their annual Labour Day picnic was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Nicole Albright and seconded by Danny Muise to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Club des Audacieux de Quinan to help with their annual Labour Day picnic.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Seal Island Old Baptist Meeting Place Society
A letter from the Seal Island Old Baptist Meeting Place Society requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of repairs to their church was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a District Community Grant of $500 to the Seal Island Old Baptist Meeting Place Society to help with the cost of repairs to their church.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Apartment Nova
A letter from the residents of Apartment Nova requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of purchasing new furniture was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Danny Muise and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to give a Community Grant of $500 to the residents of Apartment Nova to help with the cost of purchasing new furniture.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Les Dames de Sainte-Anne of West Pubnico
A letter from Les Dames de Sainte-Anne of West Pubnico requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of repainting a statue and programs was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of $500 to Les Dames de Sainte-Anne of West Pubnico to help with the cost of repainting a statue and programs.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Pubnico & Area Garden Club
A letter from the Pubnico & Area Garden Club requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with the cost of replacing wooden boxes was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Glenn Diggdon and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Pubnico & Area Garden Club to help with the cost replacing wooden boxes.
Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Festival de la Barge
A letter from the Festival de la Barge requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with putting on an event was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Festival de la Barge to help with putting on an event.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Association des Acadiens Métis Souriquois
A letter from the Association des Acadiens Métis Souriquois requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with activities was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Glenn Digdgon to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Association des Acadiens Métis Souriquois to help with activities.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee
A letter from the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee requesting a Community Grant of $500 to help with their maintenance and improvement costs was circulated to Council.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give a Community Grant of $500 to the Lower Argyle Harbour View Cemetery Committee to help with their maintenance and improvement costs.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion
Councillor Bourque received a letter from the East Pubnico Playground Committee regarding a lack of volunteers in the community to help with functions and fundraisers. She noted that they are requesting that the Municipality take over ownership and that she will be bringing the request at the next meeting.

Question Period
None.

In Camera
It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss a Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property.

Motion Carried (9 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Guy Surette 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)
It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Guy Surette to retain lot 24 in the Green Acres Subdivision as a green space and reject the offer to purchase the lot. 

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

There being no further business, it is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ________________________________

Chairman/Warden ________________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ________________________________