Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Calvin d’Entremont, Nicole Albright, Roderick Murphy Jr., 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: Councillor Guy Surette.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Deputy Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:
On a motion by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Kathy Bourque, 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
None.

Business Arising from the Minutes
Weekly Green Bin Pick-Up
Councillor Bourque brought forward a request from a resident in her district to increase the pick-up of organics to weekly during the months of July and August.

Amy Hillyard, Reduction Coordinator with Waste Check, was also in attendance to participate in the discussion. She provided some statistical data regarding the amount of organics in the carts when picked up bi-weekly and the logistics and cost associated with increasing the pick-up to weekly. She also offered to attend a community meeting in East Pubnico to assist residents with finding a solution to the issue.

Council discussed the request and agreed that a community meeting would be helpful. The consensus was that further public consultation would be necessary to determine whether this was a issue affecting residents throughout the municipality and needed a municipal-wide solution.

Council Priorities Progress Report
Deputy Warden Muise presented the progress of Council’s priorities. Municipal Clerk Frotten also provided some brief detail on the progress of the priorities.
Financial Report
CAO Muise presented a summary on the financial position and summarized the financial report at August 31, 2017 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 of I.T. equipment, council conferences and Department of Public Works position vacancies which resulted in the anticipated surplus of $116,710.

It is moved by Lucien LeBlanc and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to accept the unaudited Financial Report at August 31, 2017.
Motion carried (8 in favour, 0 against)
Financial Report Attached

Other Business and for Decision
Comeau's Hill and Little River Harbour Recreational Association
Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr. clarified comments he had made at the last meeting regarding the members of the Comeau’s Hill and Little River Harbour Recreational Association.

A member of Comeau’s Hill addressed also addressed Council regarding the situation and Councillor Murphy’s assistance during the process.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to send a letter thanking the Comeau’s Hill and Little River Harbour Recreational Association for their past volunteer work at the beach.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Project Funding Request - CDÉNÉ - Tourism Circuit of the Acadian Regions of NS
Deputy Warden Muise presented a financial request from the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse to develop a tourism circuit of the Acadian regions of Nova Scotia.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Lucien LeBlanc to approve a special funding request in the amount of $2,500 to the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse for a tourism circuit of the Acadian regions of Nova Scotia, contingent on 2 of the 3 other municipal units approving the funding.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

YASTA Strategic Plan Letter of Support
Municipal Clerk Frotten presented a request from the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association for a letter in support of their application for funds to complete a strategic plan.

It is moved by Calvin d’Entremont and seconded by Glenn Diggdon to send a letter in support of YASTA’s application for funds to complete a strategic plan.
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)
Executive Certificate in Local Government
A new certificate program in local government was presented to Council for their information. Municipal Clerk Frotten explained that this was open to management staff and Councillors.

Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements
Mrs. Gloria Banks, a Chartered Accountant with Grant Thornton, were in attendance to make a presentation to Council regarding the audited consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2017.

Mrs. Banks explained to Council that they had previously met with the audit committee to provide a detailed explanation of the audited financial statements. Mrs. Banks proceeded to review the financial statements and answer questions asked by Council.

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Nicole Albright that Council accept the recommendation by the audit committee and accept the audited consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2017 as presented.  
Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

Correspondence and for Information
Housing Needs Assessment
An update on a housing needs assessment which Council was participating in was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Western Counties Regional Library – Minutes of June 15, 2017
The minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library of June 15, 2017 were circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council.

Compass Co-Op Model
Information on the Compass Co-Op housing model was circulated to Council. No action was requested by Council.

Financial Requests
None.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion
None.

Question Period
A resident, via Facebook Live, requested an update on the paving taking place on Highway 3 in Argyle.

Warden Donaldson explained that he sent a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the paving be extended to the Argyle Sound Road. He noted that the Department explained it would be done in the next segment.
Brush Cutting
Councillor Murphy explained that the brush alongside the roads in his district was very high and was affecting the line sight of drivers. He also noted that the shoulders were in poor condition.

It is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque that Council send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the lack of brush cutting and the deteriorating shoulders.

Motion Carried (8 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Roderick Murphy Jr. and seconded by Kathy Bourque to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Recorder
Chris Frotten

Date Approved: ____________________________

Chairman/Deputy Warden ____________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ____________________________