Present: Warden Richard Donaldson; Deputy Warden Danny Muise; Councillors Guy Surette, Kathy Bourque, Glenn Digdgon, Nicole Albright, Calvin d'Entremont, Chief Administrative Officer Alain Muise, Director of Public Works Hans Pfeil and Recorder/Finance Officer Sheila Wilson.

Regrets: Councillors Lucien LeBlanc and Roderick Murphy.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Deputy Warden Danny Muise.

Agenda:
On a motion by Kathy Bourque 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

Council Priorities Progress Report
This will be at the December meeting.

Strategic Priority Topics
None

For Decision
Order to Demolish
A Property at 1931 Highway 308 in Sluice Point was abandoned years ago and has been deteriorating since. As a result, and further collapsing of the southern façade, the Department of Public Works and Property Inspection is recommending immediate demolition to avoid injury or death by entering the building through its open side. The building is beyond repair and demolition would be the only way of remedy to reduce risk to the public. Director of Public Works, Hans Pfeil, has spoken with the owner and they have no means to fix the issue, but they do not want to lose the property.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Guy Surette that the administrator/By-Law enforcement officer is authorized to proceed with the demolition of the abandoned residential house and that the CAO is authorized to enter a pre-defined re-payment plan with the owner.
Motion Carried (7 in favour 0 against)
There is some discussion as to the demolition costs, possible ways of saving on the disposal and on the repayment plan arrangements. CAO Muise will do some research on the repayment plan arrangements and the creation of a policy.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Glenn Digdgon that staff immediately create a policy supporting a pre-authorized payment plan for residents to offset the financial burden of paying the cost over two years, with alternative, reduced interest rates for these circumstances to aid the residents to repay the loan in an affordable fashion.  

*Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)*

**Fire dispatch Service**

The press release by the Town of Yarmouth regarding the layoff of dispatchers was discussed at the last meeting.

CAO Muise is looking for direction on this matter. Council agrees that we have to be proactive and move forward with a move to Digby with one contract on behalf of all departments.

It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to give authority to the CAO to reach out to the fire chiefs to confirm their position and negotiate a contract on their behalf with the Municipality of Digby Dispatch.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour 0 against)*

**Metatron Solutions and Consulting**

At the last Regular Council meeting of November 13, 2018, Council considered a draft Development Agreement from Metatron Solutions and Consulting for the construction of a new building for Metal fabrication. As it turns out, the developer will not be moving forward with this project.

It is moved by Richard Donaldson seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to withdraw both the purchase and sale agreement and Development Agreement between the Municipality of the District of Argyle and Metatron Solutions and Consulting for the Tusket Business Park lot 20 PID 90087578.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour 0 against)*

**Water Supply Lending Program**

We have received a request to amend the water supply bylaw to allow for a water softener to be a qualified expense. The situation arose when a resident had work authorized without our approval, and staff denied the request as the bylaw does not allow this expenditure. This has left $4000 that we cannot lend to the resident. The MGA wording for eligible expenditures for water equipment is broader than our bylaw. If Council wishes to include this language in a revised bylaw, the MGA allows it.

After some discussion, it is moved by Richard Donaldson and seconded by Glenn Digdgon to reject the request to have water quality equipment as part of eligibility criteria.

*Motion Carried (7 in favour 0 against)*
Other Business
Draft Employee Recognition policy
A draft Employee Recognition Policy is circulated to Council as a first notice. It will be discussed at the next meeting of Council for consideration.

Correspondence and for Information
Town of Shelburne- Central Dispatch System
Correspondence from the Town of Shelburne in regards to having a standard central dispatch to help improve efficiency was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested from Council.

Municipality of Yarmouth- Letter of Support CMA 2024
A letter of support from the Municipality of Yarmouth, for the Bid to host the 2024 Congrès Mondial Acadien (CMA) was circulated to Council for their information. No action was requested by Council and this will be included in the application process.

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting/Notice of Motion
CAO Muise will be asking Director of Public Works, Hans Pfeil, for a dangerous and unsightly report for the year.

Question Period
None.

In Camera
It is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Kathy Bourque to recess the Regular Council Meeting and go In-Camera to discuss the Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

It is moved by Kathy Bourque and seconded by Guy Surette to recess the In-Camera meeting and go back to the Regular Council Meeting.
Motion Carried (7 in favour, 0 against)

There being no further business, it is moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Calvin d’Entremont to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Recorder
Sheila Wilson

Date Approved: __________________________________________

Chairman/Deputy Warden ____________________________________

Alain Muise, Chief Administrative Officer ______________________