1. Roll Call

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There were seven members of the public in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda & Additions

MOVED by Councillor Campbell and Councillor Swinamer to approve the agenda with additions of Fracking and Insurance for Volunteers to Miscellaneous or New Business.

Motion Carried.

3. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

4. Approval of Council Minutes of March 12th, 2013

MOVED by Councillor Pineo and Councillor Campbell that the Council Minutes of March 12th, 2013 be approved noting the correction brought forth by the Director of Public Works.

Motion Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes or any Related Correspondence

Councillor Pineo asked if the CAO had contacted Service Nova Scotia in regards to the policy issue regarding the FCM as per the direction that was given to the CAO at March council. The CAO advised Council that there were two potential dates available for a meeting with the Municipal Service Advisor, council and senior staff. She expressed that concerns and questions regarding policies and procedures could be addressed at that time, or any other questions Council had. Councillor Matheson expressed that he did not see it necessary to have the Municipal Advisor in to discuss policies. The CAO clarified that the meeting would address more than policies. Council scheduled the meeting for April 29th at 9:00am.

6. Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

7. Report of the Warden

The Warden did not submit a written report. He thanked Deputy Warden Cochrane for attending events for him as his mother-in-law had suffered a heart attack.
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Warden Dauphinee let Council know that he had been contacted by Mayor Beazley in regards to adding amalgamation to the agenda of the Border Committee. Warden Dauphinee responded to the inquiry letting the Mayor know that he would bring the request to Council for a decision indicating that it was outside of the mandate of the Border Committee.

Councillor Pineo expressed that discussions surrounding amalgamation should take place with all Councillors. The Warden agreed and added if the Town wished to talk about joining the Municipality there was a process to follow starting with making a motion to their Council. Councillor Pineo indicated that that the presentation of former Mayor, John Leefe on the Region of Queen’s experience put on by the Chamber of Commerce answered many of the questions concerning the process of amalgamation.

Councillor Daniels stated that there were some Councillors interested in exploring options with the both the Town of Windsor and the Town of Hantsport, not necessarily amalgamation but one similar to that of the Greater Halifax Partnership. She continued, stating that the partnership could increase cohesiveness, within the Municipalities and would benefit all involved. Councillor Daniels stated that cooperation between the units could address economic development and retention in the area. She suggested that Council explore the options.

Councillor Matheson agreed that the cooperation between the municipal units could improve. He expressed that amalgamation would be of no benefit to the Municipality. He suggested that if discussions were going to take place that it should be placed on the Joint Council agenda.

Direction was given to the CAO to put amalgamation on the Joint Council agenda for May.

8. **Reconsideration or Rescission of Resolutions of which Notice has been given on a previous day**

There were no motions of which notice was previously given.

9. **Monthly Reports of Committees & Officers**

**Committee of the Whole**

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Brown that the Committee of the Whole report (April 2013) be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Campbell that the proposed Swimming Fee Structure with increases be referred to Council as presented.

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Brown that the approved proposed Hants Aquatic Centre Society budget be referred for consideration during budget deliberations noting the establishment of the Hants Aquatic Centre Capital Reserve Fund.

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Campbell that the West Hants Minor Softball Association be granted permission to rent and install signage at the Ste. Croix Recreation Site as a fundraising opportunity for the Association to be reviewed by the Recreation Department annually and any fees to be paid to the Municipality be waived, if applicable.

Motion Carried.
MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Swinamer that the Municipality of West Hants give notification to NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal that it is not interested in acquiring surplus property (PID # 45328028).

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Brown that two Councillors from the Municipality be sent to the Nova Scotia Planning Directors Association Annual Conference taking place from May 1-3, 2013.

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Councillor Matheson and Councillor Campbell that Councillor Daniels and Councillor Pineo attend the NS Planning Directors Association Annual Conference taking place from May 1-3, 2013 to represent the Municipality.

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Campbell that Pothier Motors Ltd., be awarded the RFP for a new ½ ton 4x4 truck in the amount of $26,998.55 plus HST to be funded using Capital Reserves from the Falmouth Water Utility, Falmouth Sewage Utility and Three Mile Plains Sewage System and the Three Mile Plains Water Utility.

Councillor Pineo addressed Council stating that although she was in favor of the motion at Committee of the Whole she would be voting against the motion. She explained that staff had taken the time and done the research into the purchase and questioned if buying local meant that any vehicle purchase meant buying from the one dealership in the Municipality.

Deputy Warden Cochrane suggested that either truck, whether purchased at Pothiers or Valley Ford, would be suitable for Public Works. He added that the savings between the two would quickly be eaten up in staff time commuting to service and maintenance of the vehicle.

Councillor Matheson reiterated his previous stance on the motion, stating that there is a process in place for staff to make a recommendation to council and suggested any reason to go against the process would have to be substantial.

Motion Defeated.
Councillors Campbell, Swinamer, Daniels, Matheson and Pineo voted nay.

MOVED by Councillor Pineo and Councillor Daniels that Valley Ford Limited, proposal #2 be awarded RFP 13-37 for a new ½ ton truck in the amount of $25,874.00 plus HST to be funded using Capital reserves from the Falmouth Water Utility, Falmouth Sewage System, TMP Water Utility and TMP Sewage System with each reserve paying $6468.50 plus HST.

Motion Carried.
Deputy Warden Cochrane, Warden Dauphinee and Councillors Allen and Brown voted nay.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Brown that the Municipality develop a Capital Cost Contribution Charge in the serviced areas, to be implemented through amendments to the Municipality’s planning documents.

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Pineo that the Municipality adopt System Buy-in Charges for each of the potable water and sanitary water systems.

Motion Carried.
MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Campbell that any requests for street lighting follow the process outlined in the Street Improvement By-law and that all fixtures must be LED and conform with the requirements of the Energy-efficient Appliances Regulations - Energy-efficient Appliances Act (Nova Scotia).

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Campbell that a recommendation be made to Council for approval to write-off uncollectible tax accounts of $7,810.85 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

Councillor Pineo declared a conflict of interest as she owned a parcel of property on the list.

Motion Carried.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Campbell that the Municipality of West Hants fund the operations of the Windsor Fire Department based on receipts submitted monthly and that the remaining funds be held in a capital account.

Councillor Swinamer declared a conflict of interest for the motions and discussions pertaining to the Fire Services Contract Negotiations as his son-in-law is the Fire Chief of Windsor Fire Department.

Councillor Pineo stated she would not be supporting the motion. She suggested that the process would be a lot of work to ask of a volunteer.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Pineo and Councillor Daniels voted nay.

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Campbell that a letter be sent thanking Chief Scott Burgess for the correspondence dated March 27th, 2013 declining the three month period requested by Windsor Fire Department to complete a comprehensive review and that Windsor Fire Department be resent the original issued proposed 2011 for negotiations as outlined in the contract proposed drafted by legal counsel in 2011 to determine whether Windsor Fire Department is interested in negotiating these issues.

Motion Carried.

Planning Advisory Committee

Deputy Warden Cochrane advised that there was no meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee due to lack of a quorum and the next meeting would be taking place on April 18th.

Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

There was no written report from the Chief Administrative Officer.

REMO Advisory Committee

Deputy Warden Cochrane informed Council that there was no meeting of the REMO Advisory Committee.

Fire Advisory Committee

There was no meeting of the Fire Advisory Committee.

Police Advisory Committee
Councillor Campbell asked for clarification on the purpose of the Police Advisory Committee, stating it was his understanding that they were to bring suggestions to Council for ratification. He continued by stating that a recommendation was made at Committee of the Whole from the Committee and wondered if the RCMP were made aware of the decision. The CAO informed Councillor Campbell that a letter was sent to the Minister of Justice informing him of the decision and that the purpose of the Committee was to recommend policing priorities for the Municipality. The letter sent to the Minister of Justice will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee for review at the upcoming meeting.

**Kings Transit**

Councillor Brown did not attend the meeting of Kings Transit due to his leave of absence.

**Other Committee Reports or Recommendations**

There were no reports or recommendations from other committees.

**Referrals from Joint Council**

There were no referrals from Joint Council.

10. **Correspondence**

   a) March 6, 2013 – HRDA re: Wind-down Progress Report

   MOVED by Councillor Matheson and Deputy Warden Cochrane that the report be received and placed on file.

   Motion Carried.

   b) April 2nd, 2013 – UNSM re: Municipal Property Taxation

   MOVED by Councillor Pineo and Councillor Campbell that the correspondence be received and placed on file.

   Motion Carried.

   c) April 3rd, 2013 – Ellershouse Rural Mailbox Safety Review

   MOVED by Councillor Brown and Councillor Campbell that the correspondence in regards to rural mailbox safety be received and placed on file.

   Motion Carried.

11. **Miscellaneous/New Business**

   a) J. Leef- Presentation re: Region of Queens/Town of Liverpool

   MOVED by Councillor Pineo and Councillor Campbell that the copy of the presentation be received and placed on file.

   Motion Carried.

Councillor Daniels informed Council that she had attended the presentation for information purposes and was disappointed at the number of representatives of our community not in attendance. She continued stating that if constituents ask questions or request information on amalgamation Councillors should be able to answer them with an open mind and stimulate conversations on opportunities and how we can work together as neighboring units and a way to do that was through such presentations.
Councillor Pineo informed Council that she attended the event as well, stating that there were a number of West Hants residents in attendance and many positive responses to the possibilities as depicted in the presentation. She let Council know that the presentation would be aired on Eastlink at 5:00 on April 18th.

Council continued discussing the process of amalgamation as presented by John Leef and the option of an area rate being established in order to maintain West Hants low tax rate. Councillor Daniels said she sensed a lot of tension around the table when amalgamation is brought up for discussion. She suggested that Council consider looking at and working together on such things as joint services or building facilities such as an indoor soccer facility in order to attract people to our community.

Warden Dauphinee expressed he had no issue of sitting down and discussing cooperation between the three units. He voiced that since talks of amalgamation and annexation have been aired in the area potential businesses are no longer interested in the area in fear that the tax rates will increase.

Councillor Matheson stated that there had been a fair amount of cooperation amongst the three units, and many successes such as the library, the pool and REMO.

b) Grant Thornton – 2013 NS Budget Report

MOVED by Deputy Warden Cochrane and Councillor Swinamer that the 2013 NS Budget Report be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

c) FCM Report to Council (March 6-9, 2013)

MOVED by Councillor Brown and Councillor Swinamer that the FCM Report to Council be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Swinamer expressed that many of the topics covered at the FCM were relevant to the Municipality and expressed disappointment that a representative from Council would not be in attendance.

d) Memo from CAO re: Committee of the Whole Monthly Reports

MOVED by Councillor Pineo and Councillor Campbell that the memo from the CAO be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

The CAO suggested that the Committee of the Whole report was redundant to the other information put forth to Council from the meetings.

Councillor Pineo agreed with the CAO then recommended that Council consider changing the date of the Committee of the Whole meetings in order to give staff a longer timeline to submit information, including the report, to Council and more time for Council to research and get clarification on recommendations put forth. The CAO concurred with Councillor Pineo adding that the extension of time between the meetings would allow Council more time to review the package, and for staff to prepare.

Direction was given to the CAO to determine a date for Committee of the Whole that works with both Council and senior staff in order to discuss it further at the May meeting.

e) Fracking
Councillor Pineo informed Council that Citizen Action to Protect the Environment (CAPE) will be holding a public meeting launching the Nova Scotia Fracking Resource and Action Coalition Report on April 22 at 7:00 in the Kennetcook Fire Hall which will include a panel discussion on the issue.

Councillor Pineo will circulate the information to Council. She suggested that it would be good background information for Councillors Campbell and Daniels as discussions would be taking place at the upcoming UNSM conference in Yarmouth.

f) Insurance

Councillor Matheson reported that discussions took place at the Trails Committee meeting in regards to insurance. He expressed that community halls, groups and volunteers are required to spend too much money for insurance.

MOVED by Councillor Matheson and Councillor Brown that a letter be written to the Premier of Nova Scotia, cc Chuck Porter, Stephen McNeil, and Jamie Baillie and all municipal units expressing concerns over the negative impact of insurance coverage on volunteers and ask that the government initiate a policy that will bring some degree of affordability to the insurance coverage for our volunteers.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Pineo suggested that the Municipality look into options that may allow community and volunteer groups have their insurance covered by the Municipality. Deputy Warden Cochrane informed Council that the Director of Recreation had made an inquiry in the past in the same regard. Warden Dauphinee voiced that costs to run community centers add up, and any help the Municipality could offer would be appreciated by the volunteers that keep the organizations active.

MOVED by Councillor Pineo and Councillor Campbell that the motion regarding the negative implications of the costs of insurance for community groups be put in a resolution for the UNSM Fall Conference.

Motion Carried.

12. Public Input

Members of the public in attendance at the meeting did not give input.

13. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Campbell and Councillor Swinamer that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.