

1. Council Convenes - O Canada - The Council meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Warden Keith Hunter. Everyone joined in the singing of our national anthem.
2. Roll Call - The roll was called by Connie Scott, Executive Secretary. All Councillors were present. Also in attendance were Rennie Bugley, Chief Administrative Officer, Steve Ferguson, Deputy Clerk, and Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance.
3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions) - The agenda was approved with the following amendments: Additions: 10.3 Low Income Exemption, 11.1 Solid Waste Issues, 5.2 Bill Casey, MP
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 February 20, 2006 - The minutes of the February 20, 2006 session of Municipal Council were circulated earlier. (Councillor Welton indicated that there were questions asked under the heading of Business Arising From the Minutes.)
It was moved by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor G. Read that the minutes of February 20, 2006 be approved as amended.

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5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Action List - February 20, 2006 Council Meeting - Provided for information.
 - 5.2 Bill Casey, MP - The Warden and Councillors welcomed Bill Casey, Member of Parliament for Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley. Mr. Casey thanked Council for the invitation to address the meeting, and indicated that he felt very fortunate to be re-elected. Mr. Casey commented that he has worked on a number of projects with this Council; and thanked individual Councillors, as well as the Council as a whole for the cooperation on all the various community projects over the years. Mr. Casey was thanked for his efforts, and most especially and recently with regard to the Nappan Experimental Farm. He reported that the moratorium (on closure of the farm) is now permanent, and he hoped that he and Councillors will be part of the plan to rejuvenate the farm. Mr. Casey was thanked for his presentation, he then left the Council Chambers.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor G. Read that a letter of appreciation be sent to Bill Casey, MP, for his assistance to keep the Nappan Experimental Farm opened.

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6. Delegations and Presentations
 - 6.1 Northumberland Curling Club - Representatives of the Northumberland Curling Club were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Allison Gillis began the presentation by thanking Council, on behalf of the group, for the recent \$5000 grant. Mr. Gillis spoke of plans to develop a 3 sheet curling club in District 4, at a total cost of \$714,500. This facility would provide recreation to county residents in the same area as is served by Pugwash District High School (2 kms south of Pugwash). The group stated that there will be a special emphasis on youth, senior and family participation. Financial details were provided to all Councillors. A request for funding in the amount of \$110,000 over two years was made.

It was moved by Councillor K. Redmond, seconded by Councillor Langille that the request from the Northumberland Curling Club be referred to the budget.

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- 6.2 EMO Certificates - Jim Hannon, Cumberland Emergency Measures Coordinator, presented certificates to several participants of recent Emergency Operations Centre Management: Councillor Kathy Langille, Shelley Hoeg and Sandra Huntley (who was not present at the meeting). As well, Connie Scott received a certificate for her participation in the Emergency Public Information Officer course, which ran simultaneously. On behalf of Council, the Warden congratulated the course participants, and thanked Jim Hannon for keeping staff and councillors up to date on emergency training.

7. Public Hearings

- 7.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment East of John Black Road PID 25058100 from Country Residential Zone to Utility Zone File NO. 6652035 - Warden Hunter opened the public hearing and requested staff to explain the proposal. Jim Coughlin, Planner, presented information contained in a memorandum, dated January 24, 2006, regarding this proposal which would place an existing natural gas distribution facility in the appropriate zone, in accordance with Councils policies. Mr. Coughlin also explained that the necessary public notice for this public hearing, as required by the Municipal Government Act, had been provided and that staff was recommending approval or second reading of this amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

Warden Hunter asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make comments, if there were any written submissions, or if there were any questions from Councillors. There were none. Warden Hunter closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councillor G. Read, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew that Council give second reading to amending the Land Use Bylaw to change the zoning from Country Residential to Utility on the property east of John Black Road PID 25058100.

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8. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received since the February 20, 2006 Council meeting:

Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

1. Warden Richard Cotton, President, in response to Council's resolution re potential school closures, advising that the UNSM Board of Directors did not support Council's resolution.

Canadian Bible Society

1. Arlene MacDonald, Proclamation 2006, inviting the Warden to read an assigned passage from the Scriptures on the evening of Wednesday, March 29, 2006 or at a different time, based on availability. (This was referred to the Deputy Warden)

NSCC - Cumberland Campus

1. Peggy Carter, Business Department, inviting the Warden and CAO to participate in their Business Symposium to be held at the campus on April 5, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (This was referred to the Warden and CAO for action)

Cyrus Eaton Elementary

1. To thank the Municipality for the donation to the playground equipment fund at the Cyrus Eaton Elementary School in Pugwash.

9. Planning Issues

- 9.1 Development Agreement Request, Highway 6, Warren - The Municipality received a request for a development agreement, as one of the conditions of an offer to purchase the former Sir Charles Tupper Elementary School in Warren, PID 250677588. A staff report was reviewed.

It was moved by Councillor G. Read, seconded by Councillor Welton that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised for April 5, 2006 prior to Council's approval of a development agreement for the former Sir Charles Tupper Elementary School on Highway 6.

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10. Financial Reports/Issues

- 10.1 Recreation Grant Requests - It was moved by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew that Council approve the following recreation grants, as recommended by the district Councillor:

**APSEA camp - \$500 - District 10
1st Cumberland Hills Beavers - \$2000, District 7
- \$500, District 6**

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- 10.2 2006/2007 CJSMA Budget - The Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority Board has reviewed and approved CJSMA operating budget, and recommended approval to the 5 Municipal Councils. Operations and tipping fees will remain the same as the previous year. The Leachate treatment facility is expect to be operational in October, 2006.

It was moved by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew that Council accept and approve the CJSMA 2006/2007 Budget.

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- 10.3 Low Income Exemption - The Council annually reviews the amount of tax exemption granted for low income earners, as well as the income thresholds. This is done by way of policy. Staff reported that there were 24 - \$50 exemptions, and 74 \$100 exemptions granted last year. Staff recommendations were received.. **It was moved by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor J. Reid that notice be given that the Low Income Exemption Policy will be reviewed and revised at the next meeting of Council.**

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11. Operational Services/Reports Issues

- 11.1 Solid Waste Management There was some discussion regarding solid waste management issues, as they pertain to the Little Forks Landfill. There were several recommendations from CJSMA Board members.

It was moved by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew that the Intermunicipal Agreement be revised to delete the requirement to have a Joint Councils meeting to approve the budget.

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It was moved by Councillor G. Read, seconded by Councillor J. Kellegrew that the Municipality of Cumberland sign the Municipal Enterprises release form (with respect to the CJSMA taking over the former BFI cell).

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District Four update - Councillor Kathy Langille informed Councillors that she has organized a public meeting to respond to the numbers of phone calls she has been getting from people in her district who want curbside collection. The meeting will be held Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Pugwash Legion.

12. Committee/Other Reports

- 12.1 Repopulation Strategy - Councillor K. Langille will provide minutes of this Committee's meetings, and keep council advised.
- 12.2 Nominations Committee - The Nominations Committee met earlier today to review the applications for appointments to the new Pugwash Planning Advisory Committee. **It was moved by Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor K. Langille that the following be appointed to the Pugwash Planning Advisory Committee: Paolo Brenciaglia, (alternate Ray Jamieson), Mary Lou Trenholm, Kevin Polley**

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13. Old Business

- 13.1 Pumper Trucks - **It was moved by Councillor J. Reid, seconded by Councillor K. Redmond that the proposal of Metal Fab for the supply of 8 pumper trucks (at a base cost of \$183,733 each), in response to the Request for Proposals, be accepted, and the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the purchase documents.**

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14. New Business

- 14.1 Municipal Government Act - Section 369 - In 2006, as per Section 369 of the MGA, municipalities must undertake a boundary review, and submit this to the Utility and Review Board. There was some discussion on various options, and it was reported that the URB requires the variation of numbers of electors to be plus or minus 10%. Geography and community of interest are two other considerations. Nelson Bezanson is working on different options and will bring a report to Council.

15. Information Items

- 15.1 School Study(s) Dates - Tentative dates for the school study, meetings with consultants and school board were provided for information.
- 15.2 Province of N.S. Cabinet Members - Information regarding the new Province of Nova Scotia Cabinet Ministers was included for Council's information. **It was moved by Councillor K. Langille, seconded by Councillor Gilbert that letters of appreciation be sent to Messrs. Ernie Fage, Murray Scott and Brook Taylor for their assistance with the Rural School Study.**
- 15.3 Municipal Government Act - Section 65 - The MGA was revised, and Municipalities are now required to publicly advertise a listing of all organizations and persons who received grants, including recreation grants. This was for information.
- 15.4 LRP - Fire Protection Services - Discussion took place concerning the need to have another long range planning meeting with respect to Fire Protection Services. March 13 was tentatively set as a meeting date, staff will confirm time of meeting with Councillors before then.

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16. Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

17. God Save The Queen_____
Warden_____
Clerk

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Recording Secretary