

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** - Warden Keith Hunter called to order the February 20, 2008 session of Cumberland Municipal Council at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building, Upper Nappan. O Canada was sung.
2. **Roll Call** - The roll call was done by Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the CAO. All Councillors were in attendance. Staff in attendance were Steve Ferguson, Acting CAO/Director of Policy and Research, Robert Streach, Director of Public Works, Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration and Jim Coughlin, Director of Planning and Development.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions. 14.4 Energy Audit, 14.5 March Council, 15.4 Information Item from Kathy Redmond. Deletions: 1.1 Fire Service, 14.1 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal .
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **January 23, 2008 Council Session - The minutes of the January 23, 2008 Council session were approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-014

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List - January 23, 3008 Council** - Staff were requested to extend Council's get well wishes to CAO Rennie Bugley.

6. **New Staff**

Steve Ferguson - Director of Policy and Research/Acting CAO, introduced Vicki Weaver who is the new Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator for the Municipality of Cumberland. Ms. Weaver received a warm welcome from Council.

7. **Delegations and Presentations**

- 7.1 **The Parrsboro Band Association - Culture and Lifestyle Centre** - Colin Curleigh, Vice Chair and Kyle Dinault, Board Member, were on hand to give a presentation to Council. Mr. Curleigh explained to Council that the Board has been reconstituted, but kept the name of Parrsboro Band Association. Mr. Curleigh explained that the majority of the Board is made up of County residents. "Save the Hall Campaign" Phase 1 - Conceptual Plan/Operation Analysis consists of the restoration of the exterior of the building; renovation of the interior of the building to house modern performance hall and facilities to enhance a healthy lifestyle; energy efficiency; and development of this facility as a model restoration project for others interested in saving their heritage properties throughout our region. Mr. Dinault explained the physical changes that would be made to the hall and noted that the lifestyle centre would have everything from bingo to massage therapy, to karate. There was an explanation of phases 2-4 as well. At this point the floor was opened for questions.

Warden Hunter thanked Mssrs. Dinault and Curleigh for their presentation and explained that this item will be added to our 2008/2009 budget deliberations.

- 7.2 **Fundy Fitness Association** - Robert Beardsley, Chair, explained to the Committee that their proposal is to create a facility (within the River Hebert District High School) for physical fitness. Mr. Beardsley explained to Council that as River Hebert and the surrounding areas are rural and do not have sidewalks, have some streets that are not lit and due to commercial fitness centres not locating in small rural communities, the community decided to take action. This facility would be for people in the communities of Maccan, River Hebert, Joggins and surrounding areas. The facility would be open (to the public) until school takes in in the morning and then after school until 9 p.m. Mr. Beardsley gave information on the expenses of such a facility and revenues that could be expected. The association strongly feels that this facility would be self sustaining. The association is

requesting a grant in the amount of \$35,000.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Beardsley for his presentation and explained that this item will be added to our 2008/2009 budget deliberations.

8. **Public Hearings**

At this point in the meeting, Warden Hunter called the public hearing to order (2:03 p.m.)

- 8.1 Amendment to MPS/LUB to Permit Public Facilities - Mr. Jim Coughlin, Director of Planning and Development gave an overview of this issue for those present. Warden Hunter asked if there was anyone present from the Public who wished to speak on the matter. There was not. Following that:

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor K. Langille, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew that Council give second reading to amendments to the MPS/LUB to permit facilities for the provision of public services “as-of-right” throughout the municipality, except for areas within the Municipal Water Supply designations and Water Protection zones where public service and utility uses would be generally limited to those associated with water supply operations.

MOTION CARRIED #08-015

Warden Hunter then closed the public hearing regarding an amendment to MPS/LUB to permit public facilities and opened a public hearing to deal with an amendment to a development agreement for property on Hwy 6, formerly known as the old Warren School.

- 8.2 Amendment to Development Agreement Hwy 6, Old Warren School - Mr. Coughlin explained this issue to all present. During conversation with the owners it was realized that an amendment to the development agreement was not needed as they want to use the school as a residence and not a commercial building, the only step necessary was to declare the existing amendment (development agreement) null and void. Warden Hunter again asked if there was anyone present in the gallery who would like to speak to this matter. There were none.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor G. Langille, seconded by Councillor Read, to declare the earlier development agreement (pertaining to Hwy6, Old Warren School) null and void and that the property zoning will be as it was previously zoned, country residential.

MOTION CARRIED #08-016

The public hearing was closed at 2:12 by Warden Hunter.

9. **Correspondence** - Provided for Council’s review

River Hebert Village Commission	Judy Jollymore, Secretary/Treasurer, requesting a caution light at the intersection of Highway 242 and Barronsfield Road. IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Merriam to forward correspondence from the River Hebert Village Commission to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for follow up. MOTION CARRIED #08-017
NSCC - Cumberland Campus	Peggy Carter, inviting Warden Hunter and CAO, Rennie Bugley to attend a student-employer information exchange on March 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community College.

Cumberland County Collaborative Partnership	Inviting a member of Council to attend an awareness day titled "Poverty-Who's Business is it Anyway?", April 16, 2008 at the Marion Carson Memorial Community Centre in Springhill. <i>As the date of this event conflicts with the April session of Council regrets will be sent.</i>
C.R.E.D.A.	CREDA Chair, requesting written confirmation of 2008/2009 core funding from our municipal unit. <i>Staff will respond to this item.</i>
Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat	Sarah Hann, Inviting CAO, and Director of Finance to a Municipal Training Workshop on Federal Gas Tax Funding Programs and Municipal Audit and Reporting.
CNTA	Tara Croft, Advising of its 28 th Annual Tourism Conference and Awards Banquet in Amherst on April 10 and 11, 2008. <i>Staff were requested to register Councillor K. Langille for this Conference.</i>
C.R.E.D.A.	Rhonda Kelly, Executive Director, requesting confirmation from the Municipality to determine our interest in participating, through the appointment of a representative to a regional committee to look into opportunities to celebrate Democracy 250. Requesting submission of a name by February 29, 2008. <i>It was agreed that Councillor Read would volunteer to sit as a member of the CREDA Democracy 250 Committee. Staff will notify CREDA.</i>

10. **Financial Reports/Issues**

- 10.1 **Low Income Exemption Policy** - Mr. Macdonald, Director of Finance and Administration informed Council that this policy is reviewed yearly to determine if there should be changes made to the income thresholds and exemption amounts for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. MacDonald recommended that the thresholds and amounts be increased as follows:

Under \$15,600	\$125 exemption
\$15,601 to \$17,700	\$ 75 exemption

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Reid that notice be given to amend our Low Income Exemption Policy at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED #08-018

- 10.2 **Revenue/Expenditure Report** - Mr. MacDonald presented a report to Council. He noted that at this time we are projecting a small surplus of approximately \$30,000. Mr. MacDonald also noted that significant amounts of capital out or revenue (fire facilities) will not be incurred this fiscal year and will therefore be transferred to reserve.

11. **Operational Services/ Reports Issues**

- 11.1 **Fire Services** - This item was deleted from the agenda.

- 11.2 **Infrastructure Priority Listing** -

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Welton that Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland resolves that the Maccan Wastewater Treatment Plant is the Municipality's number one "green" infrastructure project.

MOTION CARRIED #08-019

12. **Committee/Other Reports**

12.1 CJSMA Draft Inter-Municipal Agreement - This item is deferred to the March Council session.

12.2 CJSMA 2008/2009 Budget -

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the CJSMA budget for fiscal year 2008/2009.

MOTION CARRIED #08-020

13. **Old Business**

13.1 CBC Radio Service - Councillor G. Langille informed Council that this situation is ongoing as an initial request to have CBC coverage in the Wallace area was made several years ago. Correspondence has been forwarded requesting an update.

13.2 Tantramar Community Radio Society - Correspondence was circulated advising of the Tantramar Community Radio Society's application to the CRTC and Industry Canada for a new FM radio station in Cumberland County. Industry Canada requires that they obtain the Municipality's written comments advising that we are agreeable to the details as outlined in the site location map and the use of the appropriate size parcel of the Fenwick Airport lands for a new 120 foot radio tower to support a transmitting antenna.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Redmond that correspondence be forwarded to Elder Engineering Inc. advising that the Municipality of Cumberland is aware of the Society's application for a new FM radio station in Cumberland County and accepts the terms of the submission.

MOTION CARRIED #08-021

13.3 Glooscap Snowmobile Club - Lease of Southampton Service Station - This issue was deferred to the March meeting.

13.4 Frequency of Council Meetings - It was agreed that meetings will be held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month.

14. **New Business**

14.1 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - This item was deleted from the agenda.

14.2 AIMS Survey Request - UNSM - It was agreed that we will not participate in this survey.

14.3 Returning Officer - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Read that CAO, Rennie Bugley be appointed as the Municipality of Cumberland's Returning Officer for the 2008 municipal elections.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-022

14.4 Energy Audit - Mr. Ferguson informed Council that C.R.E.D.A has hired an Energy Officer who has recommended the Municipality participate in an Energy Audit of our infrastructure and equipment, including the Municipal Building, to be funded in part, by a

grant under Category 1 of the Municipal Clean Air and Climate Change Program, with the remaining funds to come from our Energy Office funding. An Energy Audit would review how the municipality is using energy and creating emissions and use this information to identify the best opportunities for saving energy and money while reducing emissions. The Municipality has to make the commitment to include GHG/air pollution emission reductions as part of our Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor G. Langille, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to proceed with an energy use, GHG and air pollution emissions audit for its buildings, vehicles and other appropriate infrastructure; that an application be made for funding under category 1 of the Municipal Clean Air and Climate Change Program; that the Municipality commit to funding its share of the cost of the audit using Cumberland Energy Office funds; and that the Municipality commit to incorporate GHG/air pollution emission reductions as part of its Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

MOTION CARRIED #08-023

14.5 March Council - *It was agreed that the March Council session will be held on Wednesday, March 12th, 2008 with budget meetings on the 19th and 26th.*

15. **Information Items**

15.1 FCM - May 30-June 2, 2008 - Councillors were requested to confirm their attendance for the FCM conference with Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the CAO, before February 28, 2008.

15.2 Volunteer Awards Day - Councillors were encouraged to submit their applications to Emily Frenette, Human Resources and Community Relations Administrator, a week before the Provincial deadline for applications which is April 10th, 2008.

15.3 10th Annual Mobius Environmental Awards - Councillors were informed of the 10th Annual Mobius Environmental Awards which recognizes the environmental achievements of N.S. businesses, institutions and individuals. If any Councillor is interested in placing a nomination, they are requested to have the information to Shelley Hoeg by February 29, 2008.

15.4 Item by Kathy Redmond - Councillor Redmond extended best wishes of a speedy recovery to Councillor K. Langille who will be undergoing surgery on February 28, 2008.

16. **Adjournment**

On motion by Councillor G. Langille, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

17. **God Save the Queen**

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Recording Secretary