

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** - Warden Keith Hunter called to order the March 12, 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 Brenda Moore, Recording Secretary. All Councillors with the exception of Councillor Kathy Langille were in attendance. Staff in attendance were Steve Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research and Robert Streach, Director of Public Works. Warden Hunter reported that Councillor K. Langille was admitted to Moncton Hospital for treatment.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond and seconded by Councillor Gilbert that a fruit basket and get well card be sent to Councillor K. Langille.

MOTION CARRIED #08-024

3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following deletions and additions. Deletions: 7. Public Hearings; 9.1 Sub Division By-Law 1st Reading,. Additions:9.1 Withdrawal of Application to Amend the Land Use By-Law;10.4 River Hebert Joggins Area Development Association request for donation; 12.3 Nomination Committee Report; 14.3 Flooding in Advocate
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **February 20, 2008 Council Session - The minutes of the February 20, 2008 Council session were approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-025

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** - There was no business arising.

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

- 6.1 **Service Recognition** - Warden Hunter presented Deputy Warden Ralph Welton with his 20 year service pin. The Warden congratulated Deputy Warden Welton for his dedication. Deputy Warden Welton thanked Warden Hunter and said during his 20 years of service to the Municipality Deputy Warden Welton has served a total of 10 years as Deputy Warden, 3 years as Warden and 7 years as a only a Councillor. He also told those in the gallery that this will be the last term he will serve on Council and will not be offering in the 2008 election.
- 6.2 **Wentworth / Folly Lake Protection Society**- There was no one at the meeting to make their presentation.
- 6.3 **Friends of the Pugwash Library**- Beth Clinton, Chief Librarian for the Cumberland County Library made a presentation to Council for the Friends of the Pugwash Library . The current facility in Pugwash is no longer feasible and they would like to build a new facility. They requested a commitment of support in the form of funding.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Welton and seconded by Councillor Gerald Langille that Council express its support in principal for the project and take the request to the 2008-2009 Budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED #08-026

7. **Public Hearings** - Deleted

8. Correspondence -

UNSM	<p>Deputy Mayor Robert A. Wrye, President, seeking a response to a draft report entitled <i>UNSM Municipal Property Tax Relief for Low Income Home Owners</i>.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kathy Redmond and seconded by Councillor Gerald Read that a letter be sent to the UNSM regarding the Municipal Property Tax Relief program answering the four questions as follows: the Municipality agrees there should be a province-wide low income property tax relief policy to replace the assessment Caps now in place, we agree with a \$500 maximum, and we agree the max family income to be eligible should be \$20,000. The Municipality does not believe there should be a minimum tax paid by property owners.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED #08-027</p>
UNSM	<p>Deputy Mayor Robert A. Wrye, President, Mayor Anna Allen, Chair, Women in Local Government Committee, requesting support in funding a bursary program for women municipal staff. Advising the funding formula is based on municipal population. The contribution would be a voluntary three-year financial contribution. Also requesting a letter of commitment by April 30, 2008.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kathy Redmond and seconded by Councillor Ratchford Merriam that the Municipality support in funding for three years at \$600 a year, a bursary program for women municipal staff.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION DEFEATED #08-028</p>

9. Planning Issues9.1 Withdrawal of Application to Amend Land Use By-Law -

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gerald Read and seconded by Councillor John Kellegrew that as the application to re-zone the property, 20942 Old Hwy 2, Fort Lawrence, for residential purposes has been withdrawn, the file be closed.

MOTION CARRIED #08-029

10. Financial Reports/Issues10.1 Low Income Exemption Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gerald Read, seconded by Deputy Warden Ralph Welton that the Low Income Exemption Policy be amended as follows:

Section 1Amount of Exemption

When the income of the person, spouse and other household members combined is less than \$15,600 and the exemption shall be \$125.

When the income of the person, spouse and other household members combined is between \$15,601 and \$17,700 the exemption shall be \$75.

MOTION CARRIED #08-030

10.2 Temporary Borrowing Resolution - In 1998 Council approved a borrowing resolution

which has expired and this is a renewal of that borrowing resolution.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

\$83,000

File No. 07/08-01
Refinancing
(98-A-1 Water)

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 66 (4)(b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to borrow funds to pay and retire debentures;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Eighty Three Thousand Dollars (\$83,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Municipality borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Eighty Three Thousand Dollars (\$83,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia or the Municipal Finance Corporation;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland held on the day of , 2008.

GIVEN under the hands of the Warden and Clerk and under the seal of the Municipality this day of , 2008

Warden

Clerk

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor John Kellegrew and seconded by Councillor Gerald Read that the Temporary Borrowing Resolution be approved.

MOTION CARRIED #08-031

10.3 Northumberland Community Curling Club - Application received from the Northumberland Community Curling Club for tax exemption under the MGA and the Municipality's Tax

Exemption By-Law.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gerald Langille and seconded by Councillor Kathy Redmond to move this request to the 2008/2009 Budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED #08-032

- 10.4 River Hebert Joggins Area Development Association - Correspondence received from the RHJADA requesting a \$4,000 donation from the 2007/2008 Development Association money.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor John Reid seconded by Councillor Ratchford Merriam that subject to the Director of Finance receiving the appropriate documentation the RHJADA be given the amount requested.

MOTION CARRIED #08-033

11. Operational Services Reports/Issues

- 11.1 Fire Services - There was nothing to report at this time.

12. Committee/Other Reports

- 12.1 CJSMA Draft Inter-municipal Agreement - Stephen Ferguson reported that there was a CAO meeting last week and Peter Cottingham represented the County at that meeting, the recommendations from that meeting have to go to the CJSMA board before they come to Council.

- 12.2 Other CJSMA Issues - There were no other CJSMA items at this time.

- 12.3 Nomination Committee Report - On behalf of the Nominations Committee Councillor Kellegrew reported that the Committee recommends that Jean Miller be nominated for Provincial Volunteer of the Year and the Northumberland Community Curling Club be nominated as the Provincial Volunteer Organization of the Year. Councillor Kellegrew also reported that Lloyd Crawford from Wentworth and Gracie Goodwin from Southampton will also be honoured at our annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

Councillor Kellegrew reported that the Committee recommends Chris Manuge, Manson Gloade and Morris Haug be appointed to serve on Police Services Advisory Committee.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew and seconded by Councillor Gerald Langille that the Nominating committee report and the recommendations contained in it be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED #08-034

13. **Old Business** -There was no old business on the agenda.

14. New Business

- 14.1 Spring Street Academy French Immersion Program - Warden Hunter was approached by one of the parents from a committee struck by parents of students enrolled in the Spring Street Academy French Immersion Program asking for Council's support to keep this program at the Spring Street location.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gerald Langille and seconded by Councillor John Kellegrew that a letter of support be sent to the committee.

MOTION CARRIED #08-035

- 14.2 Transportation - Route 4 Masstown to Thompson Station

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gerald Langille and seconded by Councillor Ernie Gilbert

that a letter be sent to The Minister of Transportation, Department of Transportation Area Manager , MLA Murray Scott and MP Bill Casey to request a full scale maintenance program be put in place for Route 4 Masstown to Thompson Station to bring the highway up to at least its pre 1993 condition.

MOTION CARRIED #08-036

Councillor Langille will assist staff with the composition of this letter.

14.3 Flooding in Advocate Area -

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Ratchford Merriam and seconded by Councillor Ernie Gilbert that correspondence be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, and the Minister of Natural Resources, cc'd to MLA Murray Scott and MP Bill Casey requesting that steps be taken to correct the problems causing the flooding in the Advocate dyke land area.

MOTION CARRIED #08-037

15. Information Items -There were no information items.

16. Adjournment

On motion by Councillor G. Langille, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

17. God Save the Queen

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Recording Secretary