

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** - Deputy Warden Ralph Welton called to order the April 23, 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. All Councillors with the exception of Warden Hunter and Councillor Kellegrew were in attendance. Staff in attendance were Rennie Bugley, CAO, Steve Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration, Jim Coughlin, Director of Planning and Development and Nelson Bezanson, GIS Technician.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following deletions and additions. Deletions: 7. Public Hearings

Additions: 6.5 Folly Lake Wentworth Valley Preservation Society

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- 4.1 February 20, 2008 Council Session - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kathy Redmond, seconded Councillor Read that the minutes of the March 12, 2008 Council session be approved as circulated.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-040

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** - This will be circulated at a later date.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 Volunteer Service Recognition - Deputy Warden Welton expressed sincere appreciation for the dedication of the volunteers throughout the Municipality. The presentations were as such:
 - District 8 - Gracie Goodwin
 - District 6 - Lloyd Crawford
 - District 3 - Judy Richards
 - District 9 - Joan Scapie
 - Youth Volunteer of the Year - Christopher Allen - Resident of District 6
 - Model Volunteer Organization - Northumberland Community Curling Club - Al
 - Model Volunteer - Jean Miller

Also on hand, was MLA Murray Scott who expressed gratitude to all the volunteers throughout the county and to Municipal Council for hosting a recognition ceremony for our volunteers. Mr. Scott also presented plaques to the volunteers to show the appreciation of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Emily Frenette, Human Resources and Community Relations Coordinator, thanked the volunteers for attending and also thanked staff who assisted with the preparation of the ceremony. Ms. Frenette also introduced Ms. Vicki Weaver, Physical Activities Coordinator.
 - 6.2 Service Recognition - Council expressed sincere appreciation to Nelson Bezanson, who has completed 10 years of service with the Municipality and to Thomas Trenholm, who completed 20 years of service. Council was also informed that Kellie Seaman and Melissa Siddall have successfully completed their probationary period.
 - 6.3 Chignecto Game Sanctuary - Mr. Murray Scott, MLA, pointed out that this presentation is being done by himself and DNR staff, but is being done on behalf of the residents of Cumberland County and stakeholders in the Chignecto Game Sanctuary. MLA Scott introduced Mr. Gary Westoll, Regional Resource Manager and Eric Leighton, District

Manager of Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Scott began by thanking these gentlemen for the amount of work they put into this issue. It was explained that numerous groups have been involved in discussions regarding the use of the lands in the sanctuary. The presenters feel the plan provides an opportunity to continually utilize the sanctuary and to provide a model for future protected areas in N.S.

Council was informed that DNR currently has obligations to all stakeholders; a few of these are wilderness areas, park and park reserves, outdoor recreation, forest industry, mining/mineral industry, energy industry, water supply areas, wildlife habitat and populations, ecologically important sites, and nature based tourism.

Things at issue were: numerous competing demands for access to Crown lands, increasing pressures on the land base for both consumptive and protection oriented use

The protected area required is 12% and this is legislated through an Act. We are at 8.4% and by year 2015 they must have an additional 3.6%. (200,000 ha) from across the Province. Total area of county 433,000 ha, crown land is 73,000 ha, county area currently protected by legislation counting toward the 12%, 7,081 ha.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to support the proposal presented by Gary Westoll, Eric Leighton, and the Honourable Murray Scott, and forward correspondence to Natural Resources and Department Of Environment and Labour, expressing our full support for the adoption of their report.

MOTION CARRIED 08-041

Deputy Warden Welton thanked Mssrs. Scott, Westoll and Leighton for their informative presentation.

- 6.4 Folly Lake and Wentworth Valley Preservation Society - Peter Bigelow - Mr. Bigelow made a presentation on behalf of the Folly Lake and Wentworth Valley Preservation Society regarding Municipal regulations on the siting of wind energy facilities in Cumberland County. Mr. Bigelow explained that the Society feels that as-of-right development of large scale wind energy should not be an option. The presentation went over issues such as: flicker, noise, and the possibility of residents not being able to have quiet enjoyment of their property.

Deputy Warden Welton thanked Mr. Bigelow for his presentation and opened the floor for questions.

- 6.5 Administrative Professional Day - Mr. Bugley, CAO, congratulated all administrative staff for their tireless efforts throughout the year and informed Council that tomorrow all administrative staff will be treated to a special luncheon.

7. Public Hearings - None

8. Correspondence - This will be provided at a later date

9. Planning Issues

- 9.1 Subdivision By-Law - 1st Reading - Council was informed by that the current Subdivision By-Law is outdated, redundant, doesn't reflect current regulations and is inconsistent with the Land Use By-Law *As the Subdivision By-law is quite lengthy, a hard copy will be attached to these minutes and will form part of the official record.*

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor K. Langille, to give first reading to the Subdivision By-Law and to schedule a public hearing for the May, 2008 Council session for a second reading and approval of this By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED #08-042

10. **Financial Reports/Issues**

- 10.1 2008/2009 Budget Update - Target date for approval of the 2008/2009 budget is May 21. The next meeting will be April 29th at 10 a.m.
- 10.2 Remittals - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor G. Langille, seconded by Councillor K. Langille to approve remittals for accounts: 07512155, 07510209, and 09534245.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-043

11. **Operational Services Reports/Issues**

- 11.1 Joggins Sewer System Appeals - Mr. Streach, Director of Public Works informed Council that two situations have arisen regarding sewer assessments after construction of the Joggins Sewer Extension. The first situation being properties that were connected to the original Joggins Central Sewer System, but also having frontage on the new system, which would result in them being billed under two different sewer rate billings/assessment structures.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Redmond, that properties currently connected to the original Joggins sewer system will be exempted from paying the charge of the new system unless they are utilizing the new system.

MOTION CARRIED #08-044

The second situation is in regards to abandoned buildings that would normally be charged a sewer rate. It was suggested that the landowners could be brought to Council to determine if they feel they will resurrect the property, and if not then they will be requested to demolish the buildings. Mr. Streach also requested that if the Municipal Engineer be given the authority to address these situations, at what point does an abandoned building not require a connection to the sewer? If a building is determined to be abandoned to a degree sufficient to not warrant a sewer connection should it be considered dangerous and unsightly? *It was agreed that this issue will be dealt with by the Policy and By-Law Committee*

12. **Committee/Other Reports**

- 12.1 Grants to Organizations Policy - **Councillor K. Langille moved and Councillor Gilbert seconded the adoption of the draft Grants to Organizations Policy.**

MOTION DEFEATED #08-045

This motion will be revamped at the committee level and brought back to a future meeting.

- 12.2 Video Surveillance Policy - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor K. Langille, seconded by Councillor Merriam to adopt the Video Surveillance Policy with the change of the word persons rather than previous in #2.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-046

- 12.3 Flag and Proclamations Policy - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor K. Langille, seconded by Councillor Redmond to adopt the Flag and Proclamations Policy with the removal of the word likewise in the last sentence of paragraph #4.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-047

- 12.4 Contaminated Clothing Policy - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor K. Langille, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to adopt the Contaminated Clothing Policy with the amendment of section 9 reading three pair of coveralls, one being insulated.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-048

- 12.5 Cumberland Fire Service Workshop - This was provided as information. A thank you will

be sent to John Fredericks, the host department and copied to the CCFFA.

13. **Old Business**

- 13.1 School Review Process - Ernie feels the criteria needs changed rather than the time frame. The time frame has been changed to reflect one year. Staff will research this further.
- 13.2 Open Doe Season - Council had forwarded correspondence in July of 2007 requesting an open doe season for Cumberland County and a reply was received stating that doe numbers would be increased by 500. Councillor Langille would like us to reiterate the request for an open doe season for Cumberland County.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor G. Langille, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to request an open season for doe deer for Cumberland County.

MOTION CARRIED #08-049

- 13.3 Westchester Volunteer Fire Department -

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, second by Councillor Reid that the contribution of the Westchester Fire Department towards the cost of the pumper apparatus equal the amount of the 2007/2008 operating grant that was withheld.

MOTION CARRIED #08-050

Staff recommended that Council refer the issue of a policy respecting capital purchases of the Municipality that would be utilized by other organizations in service delivery to the Policy and By-Law Committee; such policy to address specifics including but not limited to use, letters of commitment, ownership, right of use, and funding agreements; further that these specifics/agreements be executed prior to Council expending funds for the purchase.

14. **New Business**

- 14.1 CJSMA - Vice Chair - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid , seconded by Councillor K. Langille that Councillor Gilbert be appointed the Vice Chair for the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-051

- 14.2 Relay for Life - **Councillor Reid moved, Councillor Redmond seconded that Council match any staff contributions to the Relay for Life team.**

MOTION CARRIED #08-052

- 14.3 Wellness Committee - Vicki Weaver, Recreation Coordinator, informed Council of a Committee being formed, by staff. Staff have requested a Councillor to become a member of the committee. Councillor Redmond volunteered to be on this committee.

- 14.4 Joggins Fossil Institute - Council was informed on the grand opening of the Joggins Fossil Institute and the warm reception the public gave the Institute. It was agreed that this endeavor will benefit many areas of Cumberland.

15. **Information Items**

- 15.1 Capital Expenditure Policy - Provided as information.

16. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

17. **God Save the Queen**

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Chief Administrative Officer

Recording Secretary