

1. Council Convenes - A special session of Cumberland Municipal Council was called to order by Warden Keith Hunter at 3:00 p.m. on May 21, 2008. He welcomed members of Council, staff and the media, then led the meeting in the singing of O Canada.

Roll Call - The roll was called by Executive Assistant, Shelley Hoeg. All Councillors, except Councillor Kellegrew, were present, as well as Rennie Bugley, Chief Administrative Officer, Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration, Steve Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, Jim Coughlin, Director of Planning and Development, and Robert Streach, Director of Public Works.

2. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions) - The agenda was approved as presented.
3. 2007/2008 Budget Approval

It was moved by Deputy Warden Welton, seconded by Councillor Read, that Municipal Council accept the following budget, totalling \$15,189,275, for the 2008/2009 fiscal year:

Revenue

Taxes 12,104,917
 Grants in lieu of taxes 255,918
 Services Provided to other governments 14,061
 Sale of Services 41,074
 Other Revenue from other sources 366,000
 Unconditional transfers 821,786
 Conditional transfers 35,196
 Transfers from own reserves 1,336,000
 Recoveries From Own Agencies 73,312
 Collections for Other Governments 141,012

Total \$15,189,275

Expenditures

General Government Services 1,768,420
 Protective Services 5,695,013
 Transportation Services 333,063
 Environmental Health Services 1,892,336
 Public Health & Welfare Services
 Environmental Development Services 390,338
 Recreation & Culture Services 243,199
 Fiscal Services 4,844,907

Total \$15,189,275

MOTION CARRIED #08-066

2008/09 Tax Rates

It was moved by Deputy Warden Welton, seconded by Councillor Reid, that the residential tax rate of \$1.01 per \$100 of assessment and the commercial tax rate of \$2.30 per \$100 of assessment be approved for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED #08-067

Area Rates

It was moved by Deputy Warden Welton, seconded by Councillor Merriam that Council approve the village, sewer, school enhancement, septage and street light rates as listed on page 6 and 7 of the 2008/2009 budget document.

MOTION CARRIED #08-068

Due Date and Interest

It was moved by Deputy Warden Welton, seconded by Councillor Gilbert that the due date for the 2008/2009 levy be June 30, 2008 and that the interest rate charged on outstanding tax accounts be set as of 1.25% per month, 15% per annum.

MOTION CARRIED #08-069

Capital Budget

It was moved by Deputy Warden Welton, seconded by Councillor Redmond that Council approve the 2008/2009 general capital budget as presented totalling \$1,862,000 to be funded as follows:

**Current Revenue 1,555,094
Capital Improvement Charges 85,000
Gas Tax 276,667
Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure 1,106,666**

MOTION CARRIED #08-070

See Andrew about contingent on finalizing the design prior to going to the tender and subject to the CCFS and the tender process.

Borrowing Resolution - Operating

It was moved by Deputy Warden Welton, seconded by Councillor K. Langille that a borrowing resolution in the amount of 2.5 million dollars, for the purpose of defraying 2008/2009 operating expenditures be approved.

MOTION CARRIED #08-071

Tax Bill Insert Message - Council went over the insert and made suggestions for improvements that will be carried out by staff.

Media Release Presentation - This will be presented to the media in attendance at adjournment of the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Councillors expressed their appreciation to staff, especially Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration, for their diligence and hard work in the preparation of the budget.

5. Adjournment - On motion by Councillor G. Langille, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
6. God Save The Queen

Warden

Chief Administrative
Officer

Recording Secretary

