

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** - Warden Hunter called to order the February 18, 2009 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 was called by Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the CAO. All Councillors were in attendance. Also in attendance were Rennie Bugley, CAO; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration; Steve Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research; Robert Streach, Director of Public Works; Vicki Weaver, Physical Activity and Recreation Coordinator and Nelson Bezanson, Planning Officer.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions  
  
**Deletions:** 9, 7 is deferred  
**Additions:** 5.2 Action List – December 10 Council; 10.6 – Cumberland County Transportation Society Funding; 11.6; FPS Provincial Committee; 11.7 – Pugwash Fire Hall; 12.5 Rural Caucus Issues; 13.2 – Repeal SWP/LUB (McAloney Lake)
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - 4.1 **January 14, 2009 Council Session** - The Minutes of the January 14, 2009 Council session were approved as presented.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - 5.1 **January 14, 2009 Council Meeting** - There was no discussion on this item.
  - 5.2 **December 10, 2008 Council Meeting** – There was also no discussion on this item.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
  - 6.1 **Clean Nova Scotia** – Mr. Dick Beswick, Home Assessor, a representative of Clean Nova Scotia presented information on a program being run by Clean Nova Scotia, but through the N. S. Department of Environment and Labour. The program is free and confidential. It provides a visual inspection of septic systems and water quality. The program explains how a septic system functions, how often to pump the system, signs of malfunction and what things not to put down the drain. With the program you receive a \$50 to \$100 rebate off the next pumping of your septic system, a bottle of environmentally friendly clothes washing detergent, a low flow shower head, etc. Mr. Beswick also advised of a septic repair grant which has a maximum of \$3,000. The home assessor will assist with the application and the homeowner mails it to the Department of Environment. The Department of Environment then confirms eligibility and once installed a copy of the invoice and certificate of installation must be provided to the Department of Environment. Mr. Beswick concluded his presentation by providing the contact information for the Grant Information and also for information and booking of an environmental home assessment.  
  
Mr. Bugley offered to have our staff circulate information on this program during our course of business.  
  
At this point Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Beswick for his presentation which was very informative.
7. **Public Hearings**
  - 7.1 **Sewer Assessment Appeal – Northumberland Community Curling Club** – This item is deferred to a future council session.
8. **Correspondence**

This was reviewed by Council.
9. **Planning Issues**

This item was deleted.
10. **Financial Reports/Issues**
  - 10.1 **PVSC 2009/2010 Budget** – This is provided as information.

- 10.2 NSP Assessment Review - This item is provided as information.
- 10.3 Subdivision Funds Application – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew that \$1600 be transferred from District 4 Subdivision funds for a playground project in Eaton Park.**  
**MOTION CARRIED #09-008**
- 10.4 Shore Drive Development Association –  
**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor Reid to forward \$4,000 to the Shore Drive Development Association from 2008/2009 funds.**  
**MOTION CARRIED #09-009**
- 10.5 Spring Debenture Issuance – Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration advised of this item.
- 10.6 Cumberland County Transportation Society Funding –  
**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Reid to approve \$5500 for advertising on the side of the bus of the Cumberland County Transportation Society.**  
**MOTION CARRIED #09-010**

11. **Operational Services Reports/Issues** -

- 11.1 Lease – County/PVFD – Mr. Robert Streach, Director of Public Works requires direction from Council as to whether or not the clause regarding operational expenditures which exceed the operational budget being paid for by the Tenant should be removed. Staff were directed to leave the clause in.
- 11.2 Fire Inspections – This was provided as information only.
- 11.3 CJSMA Recoverable Materials Policy – This item is on the agenda for clarification and discussion. Council was informed that the CJSMA developed a policy to outline the procedural requirements for the acceptance of recoverable materials from outside of the region. The Policy restricts and prohibits the disposal of some types of solid waste due to the regulatory or operating constraints, environmental or public health concerns.
- IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to accept the CJSMA Recoverable Materials Policy.**  
**MOTION CARRIED #09-011**
- 11.4 Maccan Pollution Abatement Committee – The Director of Public Works, Mr. Robert Streach recommend that Council approve a oversight committee be established to facilitate community involvement and awareness in the construction of a new wastewater treatment plan to service the community of Maccan.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the formation of a Maccan Pollution Abatement Oversight Committee with membership of one municipal Councillor, one community representative, a representative from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour, a representative from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and Municipal staff; Committee mandate would consist of familiarization with existing conditions; development of the “terms of reference” for engineering services to complete a pre-design study; executing a consultant selection process; providing regulatory information, historical data, social/political concerns and other site/project specific information to the Consultant; reviewing Consultant recommendations; in consultation with the Consultant developing a preferred remediation plan including capital, operational and life cycle costs; ensuring the project’s outcome/deliverables will best serve the community; reviewing financing options and funding sources; developing a preferred implementation plan; liaising with the community and making recommendations to Municipal Council at various milestones.**

**MOTION CARRIED #09-012**

11.5 Biggs Drive Waste Water Treatment Plant Committee –

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Gillis to approve the membership of this Committee as one Council representative, one Biggs Drive Subdivision representative, one representative from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour and a Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations representative; and that the mandate of this committee include: familiarization with existing conditions; development of the “Terms of Reference” for engineering services to complete a pre-design study; executing a Consultant selection process; providing regulatory information, historical data, social/political concerns and other site/project specific information to the Consultant; review Consultant recommendations; in consultation with the Consultant developing a preferred remediation plan including capital, operational and life cycle costs; ensuring the project’s outcome/deliverables will best serve the community; reviewing financing options and funding sources; developing a preferred implementation plan; liaising with the community; and making recommendations to Municipal Council at various milestones.

**MOTION CARRIED #09-013**

- 11.6 Fire Protection Services Provincial Committee – Information was provided to Council on this. A provincial committee is being formed to prepare a strategic plan for the fire service and Mr. Bugley recommended that Council appoint Mr. John Fredericks, Fire Protection Services Coordinator to said Committee. -

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Merriam to appoint John Fredericks, Fire Protection Services Coordinator to the Provincial Fire Protection Services Strategic Planning Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED #09-014**

- 11.7 Media Release – New Firehall – Mr. Streach provided Council the media release announcing that the construction of the new Pugwash Fire Station is one step closer to construction. He also advised that ground breaking is anticipated in May of this year.

12. Committee/Other Reports

- 12.1 UNSM Board Outcomes/Minutes – Information Item
- 12.2 FCM Budget Statement – Provided as Information.
- 12.3 Recreation Survey Results – Mrs. Weaver requested direction from Council. Council directed Mrs. Weaver to determine if there is need for the Municipality to provide programming; what costs might be associated with trail development; focusing on seniors; and assisting facilities with the process of becoming accessible.
- 12.4 NDP Community Leaders Meeting – Deputy Warden Redmond gave an overview of this meeting.
- 12.5 Rural Caucus Issues – Warden Hunter provided information on the discussion held at the meeting. An agenda item for the meeting was a skills inventory on all rural caucus employees and developing strategic priorities for the rural caucus.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Redmond to authorize Rennie Bugley, CAO, to take on the endeavors of a skills inventory of employees of NS Rural Municipalities and to begin the development of strategic priorities for the Rural Caucus.

**MOTION CARRIED #09-015**

13. Old Business

- 13.1 Dogs at Large By-Law – Warden Hunter provided background information on this subject. The Sheep Producers of Nova Scotia are requesting that our Municipal Dogs at Large By-Law be amended to exclude any dogs whose sole purpose is the protection of livestock and fowl while in pursuit of this purpose. They are also lobbying the Provincial Government.

**It was moved by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Read to support the resolution the Federation of Agriculture will be forwarding to the Provincial Government regarding the exemption of dogs who protect livestock being exempted from any municipal by-law.**

**MOTION DEFEATED #09-016**

13.2 Repeal McAloney Lake MPS/LUB –

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to repeal first reading of amendments to the MPS/LUB.**

**MOTION CARRIED #09-017**

14. **New Business**

14.1 Chronicle Herald Amherst Bureau – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Merriam that a letter be written to the Chronicle Herald requesting that they not close the Amherst bureau of the Chronicle Herald.**

**MOTION CARRIED #09-018**

14.2 New Jailhouse Project – Councillor Kellegrew informed Council that a new Jail will be built in Cumberland County.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Redmond to forward correspondence to the Provincial Government (Department of Justice) requesting the new Jail be constructed in Cumberland County (for example the new RCMP Headquarters, or the Provincially owned property located across from the Lumber Bureau) or a second choice would be to have it constructed in the Town of Amherst.**

**MOTION CARRIED #09-019**

14.3 Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises - Staff were directed to draft the necessary Policy and Resolution for the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council meeting to appoint the Solid Waste and By-Law Administrator, as the Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises.

14.4 Age Friendly Communities Committee – Provided at information.

14.5 SRRS Citizen Appointment –

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Gillis to ratify the appointment of Ralph Welton as a Board Member of Sunset.**

**MOTION CARRIED #09-020**

14.6 Joggins Fossil Institute Board – Council was advised that we had appointed two members to said Board and the Board is only requiring one.

Councillor MacNutt rescinded his appointment, therefore Councillor Reid will be the representative on the Joggins Fossil Institute Board.

14.7 Executive Council – Staff were directed to forward a letter of congratulations to MLA Murray Scott on his appointment as Minister of Economic and Rural Development.

15. **Information Items**

15.1 Federal Budget Commentary – Provided to Councillors as information

15.2 Capital Priorities/Programs – Provided to Councillors as information

15.3 Times Transcript Articles – Provided to Councillors as information

15.4 Computerized Records Management and Financial Reporting Policy's - Provided to Councillors as information

16. **Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m. on motion by Councillor Merriam and Councillor Gilbert
17. **God Save the Queen**