

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** - Warden Hunter called to order the April 15, 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 Brenda Moore, Recording Secretary, Present were Warden Hunter, Deputy Warden Redmond, Councillor Read, Councillor Gillis, Councillor MacNutt, Councillor Donkin, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor Reid and Councillor Merriam were in attendance. Also in attendance were Rennie Bugley, CAO; and Stephen Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research.

Councillor Kellegrew was absent.

3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following changes:

Deletions	4. Approval of minutes of April 1, April 8 – deferred to next meeting
	5. Action Lists – April 1, and April 8 - deferred to next meeting
	7. Public Hearings
	9. Planning Issues.

Additions:	10.4 Recreation Grant Request
	11.2 Pugwash Fire Station
	14.2 Hospital Beds
	14.3 Provincial Announcement re School Capital Projects
	15.1 Wallace Cap Anniversary

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 March 4, 2009 Council Session – Approved as presented.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Deferred to next meeting.

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

6.1 Volunteer Recognition the following volunteers were recognized by the Municipality for their contribution to their communities: Hope Bridgewater, Don Fletcher, Dorothy Lavers, Larry Ogden and the Pick and Grin Family. MP Bill Casey, Susan Embree for MLA Ernie Fage and Kathy Redmond for MLA Murray Scott also presented the volunteers with certificates of recognition.

6.2 Pugwash Harbour Fest – Mr. Dennis Brown gave Council an update on the upcoming Harbour Fest. This year Pugwash is expecting 6 Tall Ships during the Harbour Fest weekend.

7. **Public Hearings**

There were no Public Hearings

8. **Correspondence**

Atlantic Institute for Market Studies

Charles Cirtwill, Executive Vice President, enclosing the County's Report Card, referring Council to its website at www.aims.ca and encouraging Council to use the Report Card as part of an overall review of performance. Council will, through our Board Member, request UNSM to assess the objectives of the Report Card, the validity of the information, and to provide advice to N.S. Municipalities

2nd Annual Nursing with Power and Passion Conference

Conference organizers, advising of their 2nd annual conference to be held May 7, 8, and 9, 2009.

Requesting Council's support, non-financial and/or financial sponsorship. ACTION – Determine type and level of support.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by Councillor Merriam that \$250 be donated to the support of this conference through Grants to Organizations.

MOTION CARRIED 09-036

Warden Hunter and/or Deputy Warden Redmond will attend the official opening. Councillor Gillis also requested a County Pin and literature promoting our County be given to all participants of this conference.

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Dave Smith, Assistant Provincial Director of Planning, advising of the Nova Scotia Planning Directors conference. This will be referred to staff.

Northern AIDS Connection Society

Tom Harrison, Events Planner, requesting Council to approve a resolution proclaiming May 17, 2009 as the International Day Against Homophobia in the County of Cumberland. Council approved this resolution and directed the Warden to make the proclamation.

Nova Scotia North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

Dawn Perrin, Steering Committee member, requesting Council to approve a resolution proclaiming the week of May 3, to May 9, 2009 as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week in the County of Cumberland. Council approved this resolution and gave direction to the Warden to make the proclamation.

Chignecto Central Regional School Board

Trudy Thompson, Board Chair, inviting Council to meet with the Board on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 60 Lorne Street, Truro, 3:00 p.m. to discuss topics of mutual concern. Councillors to forward specific issues to the CAO on or before Friday, April 17, 2009 and confirm your attendance to Shelley Hoeg. The attendance of rural students at West Highlands Elementary School and the announced closure of the Cyrus Eaton Elementary were both mentioned as topics to be added.

Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Cecil Clarke, Minister, advising that the Province is working at replacement of the Correctional Facility in Cumberland County, including location.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam and seconded by Councillor Gerald Read that correspondence be sent to the Province requesting they undertake a consultation process with Corrections Facility staff, the RCMP and Municipal Police Departments, the Sherriff's department and the legal profession regarding the most cost effective and service efficient site for a new corrections facility, including the County, the Town of Amherst, and the Town of Springhill. Request that the results of this consultation process be made public.

MOTION CARRIED 09-037

Office of the Ombudsman

Dwight Bishop, Ombudsman, enclosing their annual report.

Ralph Welton

Expressing appreciation for his retirement gift; inviting Councillors to drop in to 13153 Sunrise Trail.

9. **Planning Issues**

There were no Planning Issues

10. **Financial Reports/Issues**

10.1 Rennie reminded Council there are two more budget meetings scheduled for April and three for May. The long weekend in May is the target for budget completion.

10.2 Funding Request – Cumberland Regional Library

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt and seconded by Councillor Gillis that \$641.70 be approved for the purchasing of road signs for the county library sites.

MOTION CARRIED #09-038

10.3 Property Valuation Services Corp. - Information Item

10.4 Recreation Grants – Cross Border 10k Challenge

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gerald Read and seconded by Deputy Warden Redmond that each of the ten Councillors will contribute \$200.00 from recreation funds to the “Cross Border 10k Challenge (\$2000.00 total contribution).

MOTION CARRIED # 09-039

11. **Operational Services Reports/Issues**

11.1 FANS – Response from the Fire Services Coordinator John Fredericks to the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia Position Paper. **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor John Reid and seconded by Councillor MacNutt that A response voicing our position our concerns regarding this Position Paper be forwarded to the UNSM, the FANS and a copy of said correspondence be sent to the appropriate Provincial Ministers.**

MOTION CARRIED 09-040

- 11.2 Pugwash Fire Hall – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis and seconded by Councillor Gilbert that the Director of Public Works, Robert Streach be appointed as Construction Representative for the Municipality for the duration of the construction contract for the Pugwash Fire Hall.**

MOTION CARRIED 09-041

11 **Committee/Other Reports**

- 12.1 UNSM – NS Fire Safety Advisory Council Representative – Information Item. If Councillors are interested in serving on this committee they must submit their application to do so by April 24, 2009. Staff will assist Councillors in preparing their resumes and applications.
- 12.2 UNSM Cap Review Committee – If Councillors are interested in serving on this committee they must submit their application to do so by April 24, 2009. Staff will assist Councillors in preparing their resumes and applications.
- 12.3 CREDA Minutes - Information Item
- 12.4 Update on YMCA – Rennie gave an update on the YMCA. It was reported that Council met with representatives of the Cumberland YMCA on Friday, April 3, 2009 to discuss the need for a revised business plan. This was due to the fact that revenues included in the initial plan have not been provided. Accordingly, the YMCA Board presented a revised business plan to Council this morning.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gerald Read and seconded by Councillor Gillis that the Municipality confirm it will, subject to the conditions previously communicated to the YMCA including concluding a satisfactory funding agreement with the Town of Amherst and the provision of regular financial reports, enter into a funding agreement with the YMCA to provide annual capital and operating funding in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year for a period of five years; the agreement to be subject to annual reviews and confirm the YMCA's continued sustainability.

MOTION CARRIED 09-042

- 12.5 Wellness Committee Minutes – Information Item

13. **Old Business**

- 13.1 UARB Hearing – Rennie gave an update on the UARB hearing regarding the application to have the Village of Pugwash boundaries changed. This hearing will take place June 2, 3, 2009.
- 13.2 Climate Change Adaption Project - Stephen Ferguson gave a review and a handout from the meeting he attended regarding Adapting to Climate Change. On Steve's request Council agreed to send a letter of support for the project stating a commitment to use the data produced by this project in developing By Laws and in making other decisions that will affect or be affected by climate change.

14. **New Business**

- 14.1 School Review – Cyrus Eaton Elementary- Rennie indicated that the CCRSB has requested current or future infrastructure projects in this school catchment area that may increase future enrolments. The CCRSB has also requested input regarding potential community/school partnerships that may generate additional revenues to offset operational costs. A meeting will be held early next week with CREDA and the Pugwash Village Commission to prepare a submission to the School Board.
- 14.2 Hospital Beds – Councillor John Reid requested the Cumberland District Health Authority be invited to come to Council and explain why the additional beds that were part of the terms of the agreement for the donation for the new operating room have not been made available.

15. **Information Items**

- 15.1 Wallace Cap Site Anniversary - Information Item. Councillor MacNutt extended an invitation to all Councillors to attend the 10th Anniversary Open House for the Wallace area Cap Site to be held in the Wallace Consolidated Elementary School starting at 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 26, 2009.

15.2 Provincial Government announcement re Capital Project Funding – Information item. Councillor John Reid informed Council the Provincial Government has committed \$6m to renovate the River Hebert High School to make it a P-12 school. Councillor Reid suggested that appreciation be extended to Murray Scott, the School Review Committee, the Home and School, the School Advisory Committee, students and teachers and the community at large for their tireless efforts over the last number of years to keep the River Hebert Schools open.

16. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on motion by Councillor Gerald Read.

17. **God Save the Queen**

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