

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** – Warden Hunter called to order the October 7, 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, Steve Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research and Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Deletions: #9 and #10

Additions: 6.2 - Accountant, 8.3 - Recognition 11.2 - Wallace Community Hall; 13.3 ICSP; 15.2 Support of Rural Post Office 16.3 Litter Pick Up; 16.4 Rural Caucus; 16.5 EMO

At this point Warden Hunter introduced former Councillor Kathy Langille, Village of Pugwash Chair, Mr. Rod Benjamin and Ms. Louise Hillhouse.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 Minutes from the September 16, 2009 Council Session – Approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 Action List, September 16, 2009 Council Meeting – Mr. Ferguson will follow up on the Land Donation Tax Credit Program.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 Northumberland Curling Club – Presenters were Richard Gray, Clarence Felderhoff and John VanDeWeil. Mr. Gray explained that the purpose of this presentation is to request a property tax exemption for the Northumberland Community Curling Club. Mr. Gray then provided a review of the project. Their tax bill is 11% of their revenue. Mr. Gray then explained the needs of the community that are being met by the facility. He explained that their sustainability is being achieved by following three principles: They are running the Curling Club as a business; They maintain an inclusive attitude to all members at all levels of ability; and it is run entirely by volunteers. Their explicit request is that the NCCC be included in Schedule “A” of the By-Law 07-07 retroactive to the beginning of the current tax year with an “Extent of Application of Exemption of 23%”. Mr. Felderhoff explained the payments of some other “rinks” in N.S.

At this point Warden Hunter opened the floor to questions which the delegation answered.

Warden Hunter thanked the delegation and explained that this item will be on a future In-Camera agenda and when a decision is made, the Committee will be notified.
 - 6.2 Accountant - Mr. Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance introduced Mr. Derrick Chitty to Council. Mr. Chitty was welcomed as the new Accountant for the Municipality of Cumberland.
7. **Public Hearings**

Warden Hunter called the public hearing to order at 1:48 p.m.

 - 7.1 Heritage Property De-registration – 183 Boomer Loop – Mr. Ferguson explained that the Former Jean Melanson Property which is currently owned by Vaughn Melanson Trucking was purchased with the intent to demolish the residence. As the property is a municipally registered heritage property it would have to be de-registered in order to be demolished. Mr. Ferguson explained that we have received no written submissions to date. There were no members of the public present who wished to speak on this issue.

Warden Hunter closed the public hearing at 1:50 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Read to de-register the former Jean Melanson Property – 183 Boomer Loop.

MOTION CARRIED #09-100

8. **Correspondence**

8.1 **Action Correspondence**

From	Summary	Action
Cumberland County Heritage Network	<p>Helen Sims, Chairperson, advising they feel an awareness campaign should be initiated to draw together the resources needed to better inform visitors. COPY ENCLOSED</p> <p><i>IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Deputy Warden Redmond to assist this group by forwarding this correspondence to CNTA and CREDA to see if they are available to offer assistance to the CCHN and for us to consider this issue in our ICSP. Also that this information will be put on the Municipality’s web site.</i></p>	Refer to Council

MOTION CARRIED #09-101

8.2 **Information Correspondence**

From	Summary
Mun. Of Annapolis	<p>Peter Newton, Warden, providing a copy of correspondence forwarded to the Federal Minister of Environment regarding the sunken Shovel Master Barge in the Gulf of Main. COPY ENCLOSED</p>
Residents	<p>An e-mail and a letter to the Chronicle Herald regarding the inequity in Nova Scotia regarding the political rights of cottage owners. COPY ENCLOSED</p>
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	<p>Bill Estabrooks, Minister, thanking Council for their correspondence regarding concerns with steel grid decking on the Athol Bridge. Advising that the Department is presently viewing options to address the noise and safety concerns and will advise further upon completion.</p>
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	<p>Bill Estabrooks, Minister, thanking Council for correspondence requesting servicing and/or repairs be carried out on several structures from River Hebert to Apple River and offering comments. COPY ENCLOSED</p>
Environment	<p>Sterling Belliveau, Federal Minister, thanking Council for correspondence concerning the possible designation of a wilderness area on Crown Lands in the vicinity of the Chignecto Game Sanctuary. Advising that any decision to establish a wilderness area will respect previous discussion, consider all affected interests, and include additional opportunities for public and stakeholder consultation.</p>
Labour and Workforce Development	<p>Marilyn More, Minister, providing formal notice of proposed amendments pursuant to the Building Code Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 46 which are planned to come into effect on or about December 31, 2009.</p>

8.3 **Recognition** – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Gillis to forward correspondence to Mr. Willard S. Boyle congratulating him on being a co-recipient of the Nobel Laureate in Physics for the invention of an imaging semiconductor circuit – the CCD sensor.**

MOTION CARRIED #09-102

9. **Planning Issues**- Deleted

10. **Strategic Planning** - Deleted

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

- 11.1 Recreation Grants – A request was received from the Springhill Jr./Sr. High for funding for the International Stand Up to Bullying Day. Staff were requested to bring further information back to Council to ascertain if all schools would be holding this day. This will be added to the agenda of our next Council session.
- 11.2 Wallace Community Hall – Councillor MacNutt advised that the Wallace Community Hall has had a furnace failure and needs immediate replacement. This hall is vital to the community and is also used as a comfort station for EMO purposes. The cost of a replacement furnace is approximately \$6,000.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Gillis to approve a \$3,000 Grant to the Wallace Community Hall, which is half of the cost of the replacement of their furnace.

MOTION CARRIED #09-103

12. Operational Services Reports/Issues - Deleted

13. Committee/Other Reports

- 13.1 Sunset Community – Provided as Information
- 13.2 CREDA Minutes – Provided as Information
- 13.3 ICSP – Mr. Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research advised that the first community meeting had been held in Pugwash and that it provided very beneficial dialogue and feedback. Mr. Ferguson also advised that the next meeting is being held at the Collingwood Community Hall.

14. Old Business

- 14.1 Regional Adaptation Collaborative – This information had been presented at the September 16, 2009 Council session.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Read to approve the following motion:

WHEREAS the international scientific community agrees that increased levels of carbon dioxide will cause a rise in the average global temperature throughout the 21st century and these changes will have significant physical, ecological and socio-economic impacts on communities around the world; and

WHEREAS changes in climatic conditions, including more severe storms with increased precipitation and stronger winds, are anticipated for Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS the majority of Nova Scotia's population and serviced communities are concentrated along the coast, making them sensitive to increases in sea level, storm surge, erosion and salt water intrusion; and some inland communities are vulnerable to flooding caused by increases in precipitation from climate change; and

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia is working with Natural Resources Canada, Atlantic municipal and engineering associations, provincial departments, the Atlantic Planners Institute, Insurance Bureau of Canada and our academic community to try and develop a regional approach to better understand the impacts of climate change in our municipalities and to assist them in preparing adaptation/response plans; and

WHEREAS these organizations have now established a formal partnership and are in the process of developing a three year work-plan to advance adaptation decision making in Atlantic Canada; and

WHEREAS an area within our planning jurisdiction has been identified as a priority location that is at high risk for in-land and/or coastal flooding where significant infrastructure which may be affected; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Cumberland has been invited to participate in a regional adaptation collaborative project to help incorporate current and future climate scenarios into local planning decisions, infrastructure designs and emergency management plans; and

WHEREAS significant funding and in-kind support will be made available to undertake this initiative that will make the Municipality of Cumberland more resilient to projected changes in climate;

THEREFORE BE IT SO MOVED that Council agrees to support the Municipality of Cumberland's participation in the Regional Adaptation Collaboration and agrees in principle to champion resulting policies that will increase the municipality's resiliency to climate change impacts.

MOTION CARRIED #09-104

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to forward a letter of support to the Atlantic Regional Adaptation Collaborative (RAC) Program offering and agreeing to make an in-kind contribution of services and/or goods valued at \$40,000 (~140 hours for a planner, engineer, emergency manager and CAO). The contribution specified is the total amount over a three year period ending March 2012.

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14.2 Wentworth Highway – Deputy Warden Redmond had nothing new to report at this time.

15. **New Business**

15.1 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy – Provided as information for the next Council session where an election will be held for Deputy Warden, if necessary.

15.2 Rural Post Office Support – Councillor MacNutt advised that Canada Post has recently released a Canada Post Strategic Review Report which recommends that CPC be permitted to use privately owned dealer outlets as a service delivery option in rural Canada, where established proximity and service criteria are fully met and maintained and where it is cost-effective to do so. This could create long distances for mail pick-up.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew that

WHEREAS the Federal Government commissioned a committee to do a “Strategic Review” of Canada Post Corporation.

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government must maintain the moratorium or similar protection against Rural Post Office closures.

AND WHEREAS the recommendations of the Strategic Review Committee will only lead to further privatization of rural post office.

AND WHEREAS All rural Canadians no matter where they live are entitled to the right to a full service federally operated Post Office in rural communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland demand that the Federal Government continue to enforce the moratorium on closures of rural post offices and abandon all proposals put forth by the Strategic Review Committee of further privatization of all rural postal services.

MOTION CARRIED #09-106

This correspondence shall be copied to the local MLA's, the UNSM, and the Rural Caucus.

15.3 November Council Meetings – There was discussion that the UNSM Fall Conference begins on the evening on November 4th, which is our traditional Council session. Council agreed to hold the first November Council session on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 and the second meeting will be held November 18, 2009.

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16. **Information Items**
- 16.1 **Jeans Day Fund** – CAO, Rennie Bugley advised Council of the contribution staff makes to wear jeans on Fridays. The monies collected are then given on a yearly basis to a local charity.
- 16.2 **Foster Child Program** – Mr. Bugley advised Council of the Foster Child that staff sponsors from the staff fund.
- 16.3 **Litter Pick Up** – Mr. Bugley, CAO advised that staff have adopted a section of highway from Fenwick to Little Forks. The litter clean up will be on Friday, October 9, 2009 and Councillors are welcome to attend.
- 16.4 **Rural Caucus** - Warden Hunter advised that he is again running for the position of Chair of the Rural Caucus and encourages all Councillors present at the UNSM Conference to come out and vote.
- 16.5 **EMO** – Mr. Ferguson advised of a severe weather warning for the area.
17. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.
18. **God Save the Queen** -