

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** – Warden Hunter called to order the December 2, 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 CAO, Rennie Bugley, Director of Policy and Research, Steve Ferguson, Director of Finance, Mr. Andrew MacDonald, Accounts Payable Administrative Support, Kellie Seaman, GIS Technician, Maggie Pitts and Records Management/Clerk Treasurer, Brenda Moore.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Deletions: # 6, 7, 9, 10, and 13

Additions: 3.1 Employee Recognition, 14.1 Jail, 15.3 Pugwash and Area Master Plan, 16.2 Oxford Transfer Station, 16.3 Wetlands, 16.4 UNSM Wellness Committee.

 - 3.1 **Employee Recognition** - Mr. Bugley advised that Ms. Kellie Seaman, Department of Finance Administrative Assistant, has received a Bursary from the Woman in Local Government Program in the amount of \$1,100/yr for the next two years. Mr. Bugley and Council congratulated Ms. Seaman on her accomplishments.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from the November 18, 2009 Council Session** – The minutes of the November 3, 2009 Council session were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, November 18, 2009 Council Meeting** – There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
This item was deleted
7. **Public Hearings**
This item was deleted.
8. **Correspondence**
 - 8.1 **Information Correspondence**

From	Summary
Bayview Communities Health Foundation	Don Fletcher, President, providing a copy of correspondence to Premier Darrell Dexter, concerning the status of the planned construction of additional long term care beds at Bayview Memorial Health Centre. Requesting an update on the progress of this issue. COPY ENCLOSED
Municipality of Colchester	Bob Taylor, Mayor, providing a copy of correspondence to Moya Greene, President and CEO of Canada Post Corporation regarding their rural mailbox review program. COPY ENCLOSED
Fenwick United Church	Thanking Councillor Kellegrew and Council for the recreation grant they received.
MLA, Murray Scott	Providing a copy of correspondence to the Honourable Maureen MacDonald, Department of Health, requesting a meeting to discuss the issue of the request for proposals for a long term care facility for the Western portion of Cumberland South. Asking if the RFP deadline has been extended and requesting an update on this project. Also requesting a discussion regarding the renovation project for two additional beds and space at the Bayview Memorial Health Centre in Advocate Harbour.
SNSMR	Marvin MacDonald, Executive Director, providing the Municipal Services Division Report, Supporting Communities; Collaboration and Cooperation.
CCHN	Donald Agnew, Heritage Marketing Coordinator, advising that the Cumberland County Heritage Network appreciates the feedback regarding their concerns over the distribution and dissemination of tourism information currently available to visitors on the heritage and cultural sites in Cumberland County.

Advocate District Development Association	Don Fletcher, President, thanking Council and staff for their continued support to Cumberland's small communities. Also wishing Council and staff a Merry Christmas.
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	Bill Estabrooks, Minister, providing us with copies of information materials such as a brochure with information on the departments winter maintenance standards and road safety tips. They also included a fact sheet on their plowing priorities, magnets with contact information for the latest road conditions, and a poster with winter driving tips to provide to the public.

8.2 Action Correspondence

From	Summary	Action
Atlantic Mayor's Congress	Mayor Peter Kelly, advising the Atlantic Mayors Congress is a regional organization for municipalities in Atlantic Canada. Advising the AMC provides a forum for exploring these commonalities and establishing common policy positions and a unified voice for advocating for these policies to government partners at the provincial and federal levels. Inviting the Warden to join the AMC. <i>Staff were requested to provide further information to Warden Hunter on this subject.</i>	Refer to Council
Cumberland Energy Officer	Shawna Eason, providing a copy of the Regional Energy Strategy Report for review by the Warden and CAO. Also advising that a meeting will be held to discuss the document within the next three weeks.	Refer to Warden and CAO for review and attendance at the meeting.
CREDA	Rhonda Kelly, Executive Director, thanking Council for correspondence outlining concerns of the Cumberland County Heritage Network and providing background and context along with potential options for actions to move forward.	Refer to Staff
The Royal Canadian Legion	Steve Wessel, Project Chairman, NS/NU Command, providing a copy of the "Veterans' Service Recognition Book" of our NS/NU Command. Also enclosing a certificate of appreciation acknowledging the Municipality's generous support for our Veterans. Also enclosing an invoice for an advertisement purchased for the 2009 Telephone Appeal.	Refer Invoice to staff for payment
Jim Hannon	Advising that as a result of a request from an area Councillor, an evening patrol was made to the Pugwash area, #6 Highway, corner of the Wallace Bay Road. Recommending a safety light. COPY ENCLOSED. IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to erect a safety light (LED if possible, to be determined by the Warden and CAO) at the corner of #6 Highway and the Wallace Bay Road in the Pugwash Area and in the Northport Area on the first pole south east of the Northport Bridge. MOTION CARRIED	#09-125
Jim Hannon	Advising that as a result of a request from an area Councillor, an evening patrol was made to the Northport area to investigate a safety light request. Mr. Hannon is recommending a safety light. COPY ENCLOSED.	Refer to Council
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia	Honourable Mayann E. Francis, inviting the Warden to celebrate "The Season of Christmas" at the historic site of Government House, 1451 Barrington Street, Halifax. Thursday, December 17, 2009, 4 – 7 p.m. Dress is Business Attire. <i>The Warden respectfully declined this invitation. The Deputy Warden may attend if his schedule allows.</i>	Refer to Warden
UNSM	Kenneth R. B. Simpson, thanking Mr. Bugley for choosing to serve on the UNSM Wellness Committee.	Refer to Council

9. Planning Issues
This item was deleted

10. Strategic Planning

This item was deleted

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

11.1 Recreation Grant Statements – These were circulated for the review of councilors.

11.2 Update – Grants to Organizations – These were circulated at the meeting for review.

11.3 Tax Exemption Request - Camp Pagweak has requested a tax exemption. Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance advised that normally camps are assessed and taxed a commercial rate, but could, if an exemption is requested tax them at a residential rate. Camp Pagweak is already being taxed residential, so therefore a tax exemption could not apply to their situation. Mr. Bugley requested that Tax Exemptions should be reviewed (process) as part of budget deliberations.

Staff will forward a reply to Camp Pagweak advising that this item will be discussed during budget deliberations.

11.4 Recreation Grant Request – Easter Seals, Take Part, Adapted Sports – This item is deferred to a future meeting.

12. **Operational Services Reports/Issues**

This item was deleted

13. **Committee/Other Reports**

This item was deleted

14. **Old Business**

14.1 Jail

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Deputy Warden Gilbert to write a letter to the Premier, Minister of the Department of Justice, and local MLA's to forward correspondence stating the Municipality's objection to having the jail built outside Cumberland County.

MOTION CARRIED #09-126

15. **New Business**

15.1 Municipal Website – Ms. Maggie Pitts, GIS Technician, provided a quick update of the website components. Ms. Pitts advised that the first step was determining why do we need a website and what do we want our website to accomplish. The first accomplishment would be Communication; second, to provide a high level of service; and third, promotion. The website should be operational within one month. Ms. Pitts answered questions of Council. Mr. Bugley expressed his appreciation to Ms. Pitts for her leadership of this venture. Warden Hunter thanked Ms. Pitts for her presentation.

15.2 Land Access – Highway Interchanges – This item will be referred to the Director of Planning and Development and will be discussed at the next Council session. If Councillors have any questions, concerns, or issues, please forward them to Ms. Henneberry.

15.3 Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Mr. Bugley informed Council that over the last few years there have been a number of projects that have come forth from the Pugwash area. It is felt these capital projects require an organization with a level of authority to work on these projects. Staff are recommending that council approve a motion that the Pugwash and area master plan be one of council's strategic priorities.

Councillor Reid feels that the County should take a support role, but not necessarily a leadership role.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor MacNutt that Council

assume the leadership role in the community master plan for the Pugwash area.

MOTION CARRIED #09-127

16. **Information Items**

- 16.1 Chignecto Game Sanctuary – Ms. Hoeg advised Council that DOE, DNR, Cumberland Wilderness Society, Snowmobile Clubs and ATV Clubs had been invited to the December 16, 2009 Council session that will begin at 10:00 a.m. Staff were requested to invite adjoining land owners and our local MLA's.
- 16.2 Oxford Transfer Station – Councillor Donkin informed Council that in the Mayor's column of the Town of Oxford Community News Letter the Mayor is questioning whether or not Municipality residents are using their Transfer Station.
- 16.3 Wetlands – Councillor Read requested staff follow up on having the Department of Environment do a presentation for Council.
- 16.4 UNSM Wellness Committee – CAO, Mr. Bugley informed Council that he has been requested to sit on the UNSM Wellness Committee as a representative of the AMA.
- 16.5 Overhead Signs - Councilor Redmond advised that the cost for running power to the overhead signage on the Cobequid Pass is \$125,000. Councillor Redmond would have liked to see them go with solar signs as they would be more cost effective.

17. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**