

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Keith Hunter called to order the September 29, 2010 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 excepting Councillors Read and Redmond. Also in attendance were Rennie Bugley, CAO, Stephen Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, Penny Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development, Derek Chitty, Accountant, and Kellie Seaman, Administrative Assistant to the Finance Department.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Additions: 11.3 – CREDA Projects; 11.4 – Malagash Area Heritage Association Tax Exemption; 11.5 – Remittal; 13.4 – Energy Strategy Launch; 14.1 - Canada Post Rural Mailbox Assessment Program; 14.2 – Cell Phone Service; 15.3 – Recreation Grant; 16.4 – Cobequid Funtones 25th Anniversary

Deletions: #7

4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 Minutes from September 8, 2010 Council Session – The minutes of the September 8, 2010 Council session were approved as circulated.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- 5.1 Action List, September 8, 2010 – Councillors asked if there has been any information from the School Board.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Merriam to forward correspondence to the CCRSB, copied to the Minister requesting information on concerns with the bussing.

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6. **Delegations and Presentations**

- 6.1 Years of Service Recognition – Executive Assistant to the CAO, Shelley Hoeg, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for 15 years of dedicated service to the Municipality.

7. **Public Hearings**

This item was deleted.

8. **Correspondence**

Councillor Merriam would like to extend his thanks to the Municipality’s Revenue Officer, Brian Weaver, commending him on his customer service.

9. **Planning Issues**

- 9.1 Wind Energy Development Plan – Ms. Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development and Ms. Shawna Eason (Energy Officer) advised that the current Land Use By-law has text in regards to wind energy project and that the Central Plan area has a tentative project proposal and the area is zoned utility use and can proceed as of right (with a permit). Ms. Henneberry explained the process followed including public consultation. Ms. Henneberry explained that with a setback of 2000m there would be no possibility of wind energy projects in Cumberland County. The majority of respondents voted for a 500m setback with 1,500m setback coming in second place. Ms. Henneberry advised this is an ongoing issue and Council will be kept updated.

The floor was then opened for questions. There were multiple questions, which Ms. Henneberry and Ms. Eason answered.

10. **Strategic Planning**

- 10.1 Mr. Ferguson advised that this is moving along and Council will be kept updated.

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

- 11.1 Financial Statements – Mr. Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance briefly went over the Audited Financial Statements. Scott Nelson provided Council with an overview of an Auditor's responsibility regarding the audit.
- 11.2 12 Month Notice Letter – Mr. Macdonald explained that there are three things that will affect the municipalities. How they calculate crown acres, farm land and another \$60 for petroleum storage tanks, emergency management initiative (looking at a reduction).
- 11.3 CREDA Projects – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor Reid to approve the following CREDA projects with the understanding that money will not be released from the Municipality of Cumberland County until Progress Claims and supporting documentation have been submitted for each project.**

Public Sector Employment Opportunities Study	\$10,000
Beaubassin Site Development	10,000
Workshop Support	1,000
Business Retention and Expansion Support	5,000
Fundy Shore Business Development Strategy	10,000
Cape Chignecto Provincial Park	55,000
Joggins Fossil Institute Association	55,000
Cape d'Or	5,000
Fundy Shore Tourism Destination Area	5,000
Wentworth-Canada Games Community Enhancements	20,000
Mainstreet Enhancement Support (Pugwash)	5,000
Cyrus Eaton Estate-Phase 2	100,000
Age of Sail (24781.20 for two years)	49,562.40
Visitor Information Kiosk-Advocate	5,000
Northumberland Shore Craft Theme Trail	5,000
Northumberland Shore Tourism Assessment	10,000
Volunteer Capacity Building Workshop	2,500
Youth Attraction & Immigrations Support	10,000
Regional Marketing Tools & Marketing Review	5,000

Total \$368,062.40

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- 11.4 Malagash Area Heritage Association Tax Exemption - Staff feel that this organization meets the criteria for tax exemption under our policy and are recommending that Council give notice to amend our tax exemption policy at the next regular scheduled Council session.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to give Notice of Intent to Consider an amendment to the Municipality's Tax Exemption Policy at the next Council session to include the Malagash Area Heritage Association on the Tax Exemption list.

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- 11.5 Remittal – Mr. MacDonald advised Council that in 2009 AAN #03964698 was purchased at which point an error was discovered in the assessment. The purchasers had bought 1 of two lots owned by Perlina Ripley and intended to buy the account that had a house and land. This property's assessment had been mixed up in error for years with that of another lot also owned by Mrs. Ripley. The sales agreement was that the previous owner would pay all owing taxes for 2009 and then the new owners would buy the property that fall. This was done just as the agreement stated but after the sale happened, PVSC realized they had mixed up the two assessments and flipped them so that they would be correct. In doing so they removed the cap from acct 03964698 which caused a re-assessment and more taxes for 2009 that should not have happened until 2010. PVSC has since realized the error but have said that due to the wording of the legislation they cannot correct the error so this remittal will.

Staff advises that the additional tax levy for this property arose due to an error in historical data from PVSC. The correction of this error caused the property value to be removed from the cap program in the year of purchase, and the tax levy to be increased. Had there been no error, the property would have come out of the cap program in the subsequent year, and the levy would have been increased for that tax year, accordingly. Staff therefore recommends that council provide a remittance to the property owners for AAN #03964698 for the tax year 2009 in the amount of \$322.40

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a remittance for AAN #03964698 for the tax year 2009 in the amount of \$322.40

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12. **Operational Services Reports/Issues**

- 12.1 Women in Local Government Bursary Program – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Donkin to accept this program and provide \$600 towards the Bursary Program.**

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- 12.2 Speed Fines Signs – School Zones – Further information will be brought back on this once it is determined how this impacts the Municipality.

13. **Committee/Other Reports**

- 13.1 Cumberland Regional Library Board - This report was provided for Council's perusal.
- 13.2 UNSM Board – Warden Hunter will bring information to the next Council session regarding actions that may have arising from the most recent UNSM Board meeting.
- 13.3 UNSM Resolutions – This was for information.
- 13.4 Energy Strategy Launch – Ms. Eason, the Municipality's Energy Officer advised that the Energy Strategy Launch will be held Tuesday October 5, 11:45 a.m. at The All Saints Parish Hall in Springhill. All are welcome.

14. **Old Business**

- 14.1 Canada Post Rural Mailbox Assessment Program – Councillors discussed the complaints that they are receiving from their residents regarding the Canada Post Rural Mailbox Assessment Program. Councillor Kellegrew is wondering how they are going to look after the seniors or residents with mobility issues?

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Gilbert, to invite Tinna Bonner of Canada Post to a future Council session to help clarify the Canada Post Rural Mailbox Assessment Program.

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- 14.2 Cell Service – Warden Hunter requested Ms. Hoeg to follow up on the lack of cell service/reception in certain areas of the Municipality.

15. **New Business**

- 15.1 Rural Leadership Initiative Grants – Mr. Bugley advised that if any Councillor feels that this is applicable to a group in their community they should forward this information.
- 15.2 N.S. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – **IT WAS MOVED by Warden Hunter, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to forward a letter to the N.S. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting remediation/maintenance to a bump on the Tidnish Bridge, replacement of the Truemanville sign which is incorrectly spelled; repair of the Joe Bert Road Sign which is listing badly, and replacement of a sanding sign on route 366 which has been defaced.**

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It was agreed to invite representatives to a future Council session to discuss local issues and open the lines of communication. Each Councillor was requested to compile a list of issues in their constituencies.

- 15.3 Recreation Grant – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to provide a recreation grant to the Northumberland Community Curling Club in the amount of \$1,000 for the purchase of grippers and equipment for elementary school children. The funds would be dispersed as \$250 from each of districts 3, 4, 5 and 6 pending approval of Councillor Redmond who is absent and receipt of proper documentation.

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16. **Information Items**

- 16.1 Pugwash and Area Master Plan – Mr. Bugley, CAO, advised that the Steering Committee has met and has provided a draft report. Revisions are now being made to the draft report and it is hoped that a final report will be completed immediately.
- 16.2 New Horizons for Seniors – Mr. Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, explained this program to Council. Any Councillors with questions were requested to contact Mr. Ferguson. The deadline for applicants is October 8th, 2010.
- 16.3 Lighthouse Divestiture – This was provided as information.
- 16.4 Cobequid Funtones' 25th Anniversary – Councillor Donkin advised that the Cobequid Fun Tones will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Donkin, seconded by Councillor Reid to forward a letter of congratulations to the Cobequid Fun Tones on their 25th Anniversary.

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17. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore