

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the December 15, 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 Councillor Gillis who sent regrets as he is out of the Country. Also in attendance Rennie Bugley, CAO, Stephen Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, Andrew MacDonald, and Director of Finance and Administration.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:
 - Additions:** 11.2 – Collingwood Community Hall Grant Request; 11.3 – IT Training Session; 12.2 – Dangerous and Unsightly Premise; 13.1 – Advisory Committee Member, Thinker’s Lodge; 16.3 MFC Questionnaire
 - Deletions:** 7, 9, and 14
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 Minutes from November 17, 2010 Council Session – The Minutes of December 1, 2020 were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 Action List, November 17, 2010 – Councillor Merriam would like to be notified re: the ditching issue in Advocate along the Dyke. The issue of Committee appointments shall remain on the Business Arising until it is completed.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 Canada Post – On hand were Ms. Tinna Bonner, Keirnan Stubbart, and Terry MacDonald. Ms. Bonner advised that they are willing to answer any questions that our Council may have and thanked Council for the invitation to return. There were numerous questions from Councillors regarding safety, greenhouse gas emissions, lack of service, community mail boxes, etc. Warden Hunter advised that, Roger Bacon who was to be the next presenter to merely ask questions of the Canada Post presenters rather than doing a complete presentation. Mr. Bacon requested if Canada Post was ordered by the Government of Canada to conduct this rural mailbox review. Mr. Bacon feels that this program is costing families of Cumberland County money for their gas to get to their mail box and is creating an unsafe situation for residents. He feels this is a disruption to our way of life and that this is putting a tax on the residents. His recommendation is that Canada Post give mail drivers a four way light for their vehicle. Mr. Stubbart advised that the vehicles have all got flashing lights and clear markings to identify them as a rural mail carrier. Mr. MacDonald advised that this model will save lives.

The Warden thanked the presenters for their presentation.
 - 6.2 Roger Bacon – Mr. Bacon’s questions and comments are contained above.
 - 6.3 Police Services Advisory Committee – Cpl. John Berry and Ms. Christine Manuge provided a presentation regarding our Municipal Police Service Advisory Committee. Cpl Berry introduced Staff Sgt. Gary Fournier who is replacing Staff Sgt. Frank Kingston at the Cumberland Detachment. Cpl. Berry advised of how many members are here in the Municipality, of office locations and the formation of a Street Crime Unit. The Integrated Street Crime Unit is an integrated unit with our policing partners in Cumberland. 3 positions were given to Cumberland RCMP, 2 with the Amherst Police Department and 2 with the Springhill Police Department for a 7 member team.

Three initiatives/goals for Cumberland RCMP in 2010/2011 are:

 - Youth initiative
 - Reduce property crime
 - Safer roads

At this point, Cpl. Berry turned the presentation over to Christine Manuge, who is one of the three Municipal representatives (Citizen Appointee) on the Police Services Advisory Committee.

Ms. Manuge informed Council of who the PSAC Committee is, what are their functions and what have they accomplished. The Committee is made up of three Citizen Representatives who are: Christine Manuge, Manson Gloade, and Morris Haugg. Council representatives are Councillor Gilbert (Chair), Councillor Redmond and Councillor Reid. RCMP representatives are Cpl. Berry, who is moving and will be replaced on the Committee by Staff Sgt. Gary Fournier.

The functions of the PSAC are:

1. To provide advice to council in relation to the enforcement of the law and maintenance of law.
2. Ensure the chief officer establishes programs and strategies to implement the priorities objectives and goals
3. Ensure that community needs and values are reflected in policing priorities, objectives, goals, programs and strategies.
4. To act as a conduit between the community, RCMP, and Council.

To date they have undertaken the following:

1. Quarterly meetings
2. Community members attended town hall meeting with the RCMP
3. Provided input to council on changes to the Noise By Law
4. Participated in consultation meetings regarding amendments to the Police Act to allow for the creation of an independent investigation unit to deal with incidents of death, serious injury or other incidents resulting from the actions of a police officer.
5. Provided input into the RCMP strategy to deal with false alarms

Warden Hunter thanked all three presenters for their informative presentations.

- 6.4 Service Recognition(s) – Warden Hunter provided recognition to Councillors Redmond, Reid and Merriam for 10 years of dedicated service to the Municipality. Receiving 15 years recognition was CAO, Rennie Bugley who thanked Council and staff and advised that it is a pleasure to work with this Council which is probably a leader in the Province of being forward thinking.

7. **Public Hearings**

This item was deleted

8. **Correspondence**

This was provided to Council prior to the session. Ms. Hoeg advised that two pieces of correspondence have been received. The first was from the Office of the Minister of the Department of Energy responding to correspondence from the Municipality on October 19, 2010. The correspondence was in regards to large land purchases in Cumberland County particularly in Wentworth. Providing information re a Committee which will bring together all representatives involved in land management, land data coordination and land use decisions. Also providing contact information of the person leading this joint initiative. Council has referred this issue to staff to determine the uses of these lands.

The second piece of correspondence was a Thank You to Council from the Social Committee.

9. **Planning Issues**

This item was deleted

10. **Strategic Planning**

- 10.1 Fire Truck RFP – Council was advised that the Fire Vehicle Physical and Mechanical Assessment RFP Review Committee met to evaluate the RFP submissions for the Fire Vehicle Assessment.

Three submissions were reviewed and evaluated based on the same criteria utilized to assess the Building Assessment RFP. The proposal from Maritime Fire Apparatus, Maintenance and Consulting Ltd. was the most thorough and detailed and met the criteria as set out in the RFP.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Reid to accept the proposal from Maritime Fire Apparatus, Maintenance and Consulting Ltd. for the Fire Vehicle Assessment in the amount of \$36,799.

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11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

11.1 Financial Statements – November 2010 - These were circulated for Councillors information and Council was advised that an anticipated tax sale will be held in March of 2011.

11.2 Collingwood Community Hall Grant Request – Grant from District 6 Subdivision funds to assist with capital repairs to washrooms and kitchen facilities and to upgrade to wheelchair accessibility.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Read to approve a grant up to \$10,000 for the Collingwood Community Hall from District 6 Subdivision Funds to assist with capital repairs to washrooms and kitchen facilities and to upgrade to wheelchair accessibility.

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11.3 I.T. Training Session – Director of Finance, Andrew MacDonald advised that a firm will be brought in on Thursday, December 16, 2010 to provide training to Council and staff re: computer security training.

12. **Operational Services/Reports Issues**

12.1 Biggs Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant – Mr. Bugley, CAO, advised that the Biggs Drive WasteWater Treatment Plan is being commissioned and is on schedule and under budget.

12.2 Dangerous and Unsightly - Council was informed of an Order that has been placed on PID 25200379 No. 2 Highway, Prospect, Cumberland County, requesting remediation of the dangerous and unsightly condition of the property by removing all derelict vehicles, scrap metal and other debris from the property. This work to be completed by January 10, 2011.

13. **Committee/Other Reports**

13.1 Advisory Committee Member – Thinker's Lodge – CREDA is requesting a Councillor to sit as a member on the Advisory Committee for the restoration and development of the Thinkers' Lodge national Historic Site and the Cyrus Eaton Estate generally.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to appoint Councillor Gillis to the Advisory Committee for Thinker's Lodge.

MOTION CARRIED #10-221

14. **Old Business**

This item was deleted.

15. **New Business**

15.1 Community Based Wind Energy Projects – Shawna Eason, Energy Officer provided a memorandum to explain the acronyms of COMFIT and CEDIF. The correspondence also advises that they will be willing to meet with representatives. This will be discussed at the staff level and brought back to a future Council session.

15.2 N.S. Business Journal – Mr. Bugley, CAO, advised that the Cumberland Energy Strategy received front page coverage on the N. S. Business Journal.

15.3 Safety Program – This item is on the agenda to keep Occupational Health and Safety on the forefront of Council's mind. This item will be brought to Council each year. A responsibility of Council is to provide the necessary resources so that a safety program can be maintained for our staff. This will be included on the January 5th Council agenda.

16. **Information Items**

16.1 Volunteer Workshops – Council was reminded that the Municipality recently funded a joint training program with CREDA. The goal was to build the capacity of our local volunteers in the field of Board Governance. Workshops were hosted in Joggins and Pugwash and were very well received. Both sessions were fully booked with 30 participants. Council was advised that these

workshops met the needs of the Recreation and Physical Activity Strategy Completely.

16.2 Plowing Priorities in N.S. – These were provided for Councillor’s information.

16.3 Municipal Finance Corporation Questionnaire – Warden Hunter advised that a questionnaire will be circulated and that the Warden would like all Council to respond.

17. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**

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