

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the January 19, 2011 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. At this point Warden Hunter introduced M.P. Scott Armstrong who in turn introduced his EA Christopher Guinan.
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, Stephen Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk/Records Manager.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Additions: 15.1 – Age Friendly Communities; 16.1 – Better Care Sooner
Deletions: 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from January 5, 2011 Council Session** – The Minutes of January 5, 2011 were approved with the rewording of the motion for 15.3 to reflect as such:

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Read to forward correspondence to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal supporting the installation of a Weather Highway Webcam on the top of Folly Mountain, between Wentworth and Mastown in conjunction with Seaside Communications.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, January 5, 2011**– There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 **Small Craft Harbours**
 Donald MacDonald and Peggy Thompson were on hand to provide the presentation. The presentation was in two parts – The first part covering Small Craft Harbours (SMH's) and the second part covering Harbour Authorities (HA's).
We were advised that Small Craft Harbours are:
 A branch of the Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) SCH operates and maintains a national system of harbours to provide commercial fish harvesters with safe and accessible facilities.
 The National network comprises of 1,157 harbours throughout Canada.
 - 691 are “core” (essential) fishing harbours supporting the commercial fishing industry.
 The remaining are considered non-essential. 295 are non-core fishing harbours and 171 are recreational harbours which will all be divested.

 The mandate of the SCH Program is to keep harbours critical to the fishing industry open and in good repair. Three main strategies to achieve this mandate are:
 - Maintenance of a network of core fishing harbours
 - Promoting the formation of Harbour Authorities (HAs) to ensure local control over management of commercial core fishing harbours.
 - Transfer ownership of non-essential harbours to other levels of government or local communities through divestiture.
 SCH provides major project funding and ongoing technical and business support to HAs.
 - Nationally there are six DFO regions
 - [Gulf Region](#)
 - [Maritimes Region](#)
 - [Newfoundland and Labrador Region](#)
 - [Quebec Region](#)
 - [Central & Arctic Region](#)
 - [Pacific Region](#)

SCH - Maritimes & Gulf Regions

- Divided into six SCH Management Areas
- Responsible for approximately 319 fishing harbours.

SCH - Gulf Area of Nova Scotia

Responsible for 34 fishing harbours.

Harbour Authorities have been in place since the mid 1980's. HAs are not-for-profit corporations incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act (Industry Canada). HA's lease property from DFO and assume responsibility for the long term operation and management of the facilities:

The mandate of the Harbour Authority is to operate, maintain, and manage one or more public commercial fishing harbour(s).

Harbour Authorities:

- Are separate legal business entities who have their own by-laws and operational policies and procedures.
- Have a volunteer Board of Directors.
- Directors are elected by the membership of the Harbour Authority at the Annual General Meeting.
- Set local priorities and harbour fees and re-invest revenues back into the harbour
- Carry out day-to-day harbour administration, operations and routine maintenance.

Maritimes & Gulf Regions

- There are 281 core fishing harbours - managed by 250 HAs and involving approximately 2,500 volunteers.
 - It is estimated that in the three Maritime provinces, on average, a HA volunteers approximately 10-15 hours per week to manage activities at their harbour(s). That equates to approximately 500-800 volunteer hours per year per HA.
- Breakdown of harbours managed by HAs in the three Maritime provinces:
 - 165 (58.7%) are in Nova Scotia
 - 70 harbours (24.9%) are in New Brunswick
 - 46 (16.4%) are in Prince Edward Island

Diversification Plans and Funding Sources

Many harbours that were traditionally strictly fishing related have developed into "Community" based harbours by pursuing diversification of their harbours with a focus on tourist related activities such as:

- Interpretative Centres
- Boat Tours
- Festivals and Events
- Recreational Boating

This diversification provides additional revenue for the Harbour Authorities while at the same time promoting the rural communities and tourism in general.

SCH is restricted to the funding of facilities to service the traditional commercial fishing fleet, however combined with HA's own funding (which is rather limited at most locations) and in cooperation with local RDA's HA's at some locations have been successful in securing funding for this diversification through other levels of government and agencies such as:

Provincial Programs
Municipalities
ACOA
HRDC

Diversification

HA's have the authority to decide what types of diversification (if any) can be accommodated at their harbour.

Diversification will not work at all harbour sites due to geographical locations and size of harbours.

Cooperation is required by all parties for successful diversification.

At this point the presenters asked for questions. Upon completion of the questions the Warden thanked the presenters for their presentation.

7. **Public Hearings**

This item was deleted.

8. **Correspondence**

This item was deleted.

9. **Planning Issues**

This item was deleted.

10. **Strategic Planning**

10.1 Approval of Mission Statement – Mr. Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, presented the Mission Statement that had been approved by consensus at a Strategic Planning session.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew to adopt the following as the mission statement of the Municipality of Cumberland:

The Municipality’s Mission is to promote strong, vibrant communities through support and leadership.

MOTION CARRIED #11-007

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

11.1 2011/2012 Assessments – This item will be placed on a future agenda.

11.2 Recreation Grants – Joggins Dance Troup and Sportsplex Development Society.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Reid to provide a recreation grant from District 9 recreation funds in the amount of \$500 to the Joggins Dance Troupe and a recreation grant of \$25 from each District’s recreation funds to the Cumberland Sportsplex Development Society.

MOTION CARRIED #11-008

11.3 Notice to Amend the Low Income Exemption Policy –

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to give notice to consider the adoption of the Amended Low Income Exemption Policy at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION CARRIED #11-009

11.4 Tax Collection Report – This item was provided for information. If Councillors have any questions, please contact the Director of Finance.

12. **Operational Services/Reports Issues**

This item was deleted.

13. **Committee/Other Reports**

This item was deleted

14. **Old Business**

This item was deleted.

15. **New Business**

15.1 Age Friendly Communities

Staff are recommending one or two councillors to sit on this steering committee.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Merriam to approve Councillor J Reid to be a member of the Age Friendly Communities Steering Committee.

MOTION CARRIED #11-010

16. **Information Items**

16.1 Better Care Sooner – Warden Hunter informed Council of this event taking place.

17. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore