

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** – Deputy Warden Kellegrew called to order the May 18, 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.
2. **Roll Call** - The roll was called by Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer. Councillors in attendance: Councillor Gerald Read, Deputy Warden John Kellegrew, Councillor Allison Gillis, Councillor Ron MacNutt, Councillor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Phillip Donkin, Councillor Ernie Gilbert, Councillor John Reid, Councillor Ratchford Merriam. Absent: Warden Hunter. Staff in attendance: Rennie Bugley, CAO, Penny Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development. Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance and Administration; Steve Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, Jim Triff, Fire Protection Services Coordinator; Peter Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Administrator; and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk/Records Manager
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:
 - Additions: 6.2 - Introduction of student from Mt. Allison University.
 - Deletions: 7, 9, 10, 12
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Minutes from May 4, 2011 Council Session were approved with the correction of Warden Hunter's name.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Action List, May 4, 2011 there was no discussion regarding this item.
6. Delegations and Presentations
 - 6.1 Colchester – Cumberland Wind Field – Mr. David Stevenson, President, of the Colchester – Cumberland Wind Farm provided Council with a company overview which is as follows:

CCWF is an active business pursuing wind power in Colchester and Cumberland Counties since 2006 and which is open to all Investors (shareholders). Their focus is on local economic development and local electricity. The Directors are made up of volunteer Directors from the community. Mr. Stevenson also advised they have had CEDIF Share Offerings in 2007, 2010 and 2011.

The Vision of CCWF is to develop wind energy in Colchester and Cumberland Counties and to encourage Community-owned and Municipal renewable electricity. Also, to provide economic benefit and environmental pride to the community.

Mr. Stevenson explained that the CCWF is a COMFIT company and then explained who is COMFIT eligible. He advised that in order to be COMFIT eligible you must:

Be **Community-based** -rooted in the community, investments and benefits remain here

Ownership Must be :

Municipality or wholly-owned subsidiary

Community Economic Development Corporation (at least 25 shareholders in municipality)

Co-operatives (at least 25 members in municipality)

Not-for-profit (at least 25 members in municipality)

Mi'kmawband councils

Universities

COMFIT eligible groups are allowed to partner with one another

COMFIT eligible groups may partner with a private sector entity as long as 51% ownership remains with an eligible partner or partners.

CCWF is inviting the Municipality to work with them on Projects for the investment in the Energy Future of our Communities.

Deputy Warden Kellegrew thanked Mr. Stevenson for his presentation, which was very interesting.

- 6.2 Introduction of Mt. Allison Student – Penny Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development introduced Alycia Daniel who is a student of Mt. Allison University and who will be working with our Planning and Development Department throughout the summer.
- 7. Public Hearings
This item was deleted
- 8. Correspondence
This was provided for Councillors.
- 9. Planning Issues
This item was deleted
- 10. Strategic Planning
This item was deleted
- 11. Financial Reports/Issues
11.1 2011/2012 Budget Approval -

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Gilbert that the following operating budget, totaling \$15,981,868 be approved as presented.

Operating Budget

Revenue	
Taxes	\$ 14,343,324
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	293,050
Services provided to other governments	67,768
Other revenue from own sources	364,345
Unconditional transfers from other governments	847,281
Conditional transfers from Federal or Provincial governments or agencies	<u>66,100</u>
	<u>\$ 15,981,868</u>

Expenditures

General Government Services	\$ 2,617,854
Protection Services	4,767,692
Transportation Services	383,170
Environmental Health Services	2,095,678
Public Health	32,676
Environmental Development Services	830,690
Recreational & Culture Services	454,162
Education	3,126,080
Financing & Transfers	<u>1,673,866</u>
	<u>\$ 15,981,868</u>

MOTION CARRIED #11-064

2011/2012 Tax Rates

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Redmond that the residential tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessment and the commercial tax rate of \$2.63 per \$100 of assessment be approved for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED #11-065

Area Rates

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Reid that that the village, sewer, school enhancement, Jackson’s Point Road Improvement and Street Light rates, as listed on page 5 and 6 of the 2011/2012 budget document, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED #11-066

Due Date and Interest

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Merriam that the due date for the 2011/2012 levy be June 30, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED #11-067

Capital Budget

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Donkin, seconded by Councillor Read that that Council approve the following 2011/2012 capital budget totaling \$2,973,446.

Capital Budget

Project Description

General Government

ED Fullerton Building	\$90,000
Software	59,000

Protective

Fire Apparatus	1,250,000
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Environmental Health

Waste Water

Maccan Water Waste Treatment Design	65,000
Maccan Water Waste Treatment Construction	1,115,176
Septage Treatment Facility(aeration)	50,000

Environmental Development

Geothermal Studies	344,270
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Total	<u>\$ 2,973,446</u>
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Financing

General Revenue	\$ 1,542,006
Reserves	232,982
Gas Tax	735,258
Building Canada Fund	<u>463,200</u>
Debt	

\$ 2,973,446

MOTION CARRIED #11-068

Borrowing Resolution - Operating

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor MacNutt that a borrowing resolution in the amount of 2.5 million dollars, for the purpose of defraying 2011/2012 operating expenditures be approved.

MOTION CARRIED #11-069

11.2 Community Development Grants

Cumberland North Academy Home and School Association- This Association is looking for assistance with recreational programs for their students such as Skating, Bowling and swimming. Their total costs listed in their 2011 budget are \$8,350. These Costs include the Breakfast program, YMCA pool rentals, Christmas dinner, Class trips, Field Days and more. They are requesting \$1,500 from the County.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Donkin to provide a community development grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the Cumberland North Academy Home and School Association with the funds being split equally between Districts 1, 2, 3, and 7.

MOTION CARRIED #11-070

Fenwick Community Hall-The Fenwick Community Hall would like assistance with the maintenance for the Community Rink behind the hall. They need to replace boards and posts on the north side wall. They are requesting \$1000 for the materials as the labour is volunteered

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Read, to provide the Fenwick Community Hall with a community development grant in the amount of \$1000 from District 2 funds.

MOTION CARRIED #11-071

Age of Sail Marathon 2011-The Age of Sail is requesting sponsorship to assist their first Marathon held on August 14th, 2011. Any participating sponsors will be advertised with their name and logo printed on all promotional materials such as T-shirts and banners for the Age of Sail Marathon and will be invited to make a presentation at the awards ceremony for the runners at the FPW Community Centre in Port Greville. There are different levels of sponsorship- Full-rigged sponsorship for donations of \$4000 to \$5000, Barque \$3000, Brig \$2000, Tern Schooner \$1000, and Bank Schooner at \$500. They also welcome donations from \$50 to \$500 to put their area on the Marathoners map.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor Reid to provide a community development grant to the Age of Sail Marathon 2011 Committee in the amount of \$1,500. The funds to be split as such: District 10 - \$1,000
District 7 - 500**

MOTION CARRIED #11-072

**RHDH Safe Grad – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to provide a community development grant to the RHDH safe grad committee in the amount of \$400. Funds to be split as such: District 9 - \$200
District 2 - 200**

MOTION CARRIED #11-073

RHDH Elementary – The elementary is requesting financial assistance with the purchase of a bicycle and helmet for their annual bicycle rodeo.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve a community development grant for the River Hebert Elementary to assist with the purchase of a bicycle and helmet for their annual bicycle rodeo. The funds will be split as such:
District 9 - \$100
District 2 - 50 -100 to be determined by the final cost.
District 8 - 50 -100 to be determined by the final cost.**

MOTION CARRIED #11-074

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues
This item was deleted

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 CREDA Status Report – This was provided to Councillors.

13.2 CREDA Minutes – January 26 and February 23, 2011 – These were provided to Council.

14. Old Business

14.1 River Philip Triangle – Correspondence has been forwarded to Ms. Harrison. Mr. Ferguson, Director of Policy and By-Law also advised that he has met with the District Manager of DOTIR and it pretty clear that DOTIR own the property. Ms. White will ascertain if there is any agreement with other parties concerning this property. DOTIR advised that they would not be interested in maintaining the property other than their regular brush cutting.

Councillor Redmond advised Ms. Harrison that if a group is willing to look after this site, she would be willing to provide recreation funds up to a maximum of \$800 for the upkeep.

14.2 Age Friendly Communities – Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised the following:

The Committee has Monika Wohlmuth working full-time on this project. There was a lot more organizing and other bits & pieces than we realized, and it certainly has been great having her help.

Ms. Wohlmuth, along with Pam Harrison, will be facilitating focus groups. There are 5 focus groups set up, starting immediately. 5 locations have been chosen and are spread out throughout the county so that people would be able to attend without too much travel, and each one is being hosted in a very diverse location (community halls, churches, care facility). The dates and locations are as follows:

May 18 – Advocate (Chignecto Manor from 12:00-3:00pm)

May 19 – Pugwash (Chatterbox Café from 11:00am-2:00pm)

May 20 – Tidnish (Tidnish Crossroads & Area Community Assoc. from 11:00am-3:00pm)

May 24 – Wentworth (Wentworth Recreation Centre from 11:00am-3:00pm)

May 25 – River Hebert (River Hebert United Church Hall from 11:00am-3:00pm)

Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions and speak up for what you would like to see in your communities. The sessions are for adults ages 60 and up.

Ms. Wohlmuth is also distributing surveys to both seniors and caregivers. **We hope that you would be able to speak up as a caregiver, as a senior 60+, or in your role as a councilor for things that you feel need to be changed in your communities to make it more Age-Friendly.**

This information is going to give us a great leg up on what sort of changes need to take place to make Cumberland County more Age-Friendly. The data will also allow us to move forward with further funding from the Department of Seniors, and we can make some positive changes associated with the results.

- 14.3 Application for the Dissolution of the Pugwash Village Commission – Mr. Bugley advised that a Draft Hearing Order has been provided and will take place in October, 2011. The tentative dates set aside are October 4-6 and October 11-13, 2011. Also, a second preliminary hearing (by telephone conference) will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. This second preliminary hearing conference call is for the purpose of addressing procedural matters.

15. New Business

- 15.1 Canada / NS Building Fund Top Up –
This item was a deletion.

16. Information Items

- 16.1 Chignecto Crown Lands Evaluation – Consultation Newsletter #3 – Councillor Reid feels that these communication bulletins are cutting down on public participation in the process.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Merriam to forward correspondence to the Department of Natural Resources requesting that they maintain all the off road vehicle trails that have already been established in the area of the Chignecto Game Sanctuary.

MOTION CARRIED #11-075

- 16.2 Shades of Fun – Deputy Warden Kellegrew advised that May 26, 2011 will be declared Shades of Fun Day in the Municipality of Cumberland and encourages residents to wear their sunglasses to raise awareness about vision health and how vision loss can be prevented.

17. Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor Gilbert the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

18. God Save the Queen