

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the June 15, 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, Warden Keith Hunter, Councillor Allison Gillis, Councillor Ron MacNutt, Councillor Phillip Donkin, Councillor Ernie Gilbert, Councillor John Reid, Councillor Ratchford Merriam. Councillor Redmond was not in attendance. Staff in attendance: Rennie Bugley, CAO, Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Penny Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development; Peter Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Administrator; Emily Lutz, Municipal Intern, Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator and Stephanie Fage, Summer Student.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:
 - Additions: 11.5 – Sewer Connections, 11.6 – Banking – Sunset, 13.3 – FCM Report, 14.1 – Department of Environment, 15.4 – Advocate Seawall, 16.4 – Wind Farm Announcement
 - Deletions: #’s 7, 9, 10
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Minutes from June 1, 2011 Council Session were approved as circulated.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Action List, June 1, 2011 there was no discussion regarding this item.
6. Delegations and Presentations
 - 6.1 Introduction of Municipal Intern – Warden Hunter introduced Ms. Emily Lutz who will be interning with the Municipality of Cumberland for the next year. Ms. Lutz thanked Council for the opportunity and explained her background and her excitement to be working with a rural Municipality.
 - 6.2 Wind Prospect Inc – Mr. Austen Hughes was on hand to provide the presentation to Council. Mr. Hughes gave a background of Wind Prospects Inc. which is that the Company was established in 1995 and is owned by the staff. The Company has 210 staff worldwide. To date the company has:
 - To date Wind Prospect Inc have:
 - advised upon >24 GW / >170 contracts
 - constructed 1.2 GW / 83 projects
 - operate 334 MW / 27 projects
 - secured 2.1 GW of consents / 56 projects
 - Development pipeline of >1.4 GW / 29 projects
 They have offices in Nova Scotia and BC, and a team of 8 development staff

 Their Canadian Portfolio is as such:
 - Ontario: 88 MW (assets sold in 2010/11)
 - BC: 500 MW early stage development
 - Atlantic Provinces: 4 MW PPA awarded in 2010 (Nova Scotia), COMFIT, RFP call
 Mr. Hughes advised that benefits of their proposal would include:
 - **Meeting renewable targets**
 - **Education**
 - **Employment opportunities**
 - **Potential for local investment**
 - **Tax revenue generation**
 - **Landowner royalty payments**
 Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Hughes for his informative presentation.
7. Public Hearings

This item was deleted
8. Correspondence

This was provided for Councillors. There was no discussion as no items were action items.
9. Planning Issues

This item was deleted
10. Strategic Planning

This item was deleted

11. Financial Reports/Issues

- 11.1 Remittal – Property Acct #09865195 – Staff advised Council of a request for a remittal for AAN#09865195. The reason for this remittal is that the property is a 11,529 acre piece of forestry land which in January 2010 had parts of the land split off and transferred to the Province. After the transfer of land the property became a 7,758 acre piece of forestry land. This transfer occurred after the December 2009 deadline to change the assessment for the 2010 tax year.

The company has been working with the Municipality for over a year to have the 2010 tax bill corrected. The company is requesting that there be an adjustment in the 2010 tax bill and interest.

The current bill for 2010 is \$4611.60 plus interest of \$691.80 for a total of \$5,303.40 owing for 2010.

Staff is recommending that the Municipality provide a remittal of \$2200.20 to bring the 2010 taxes to \$3103.20.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Kellegrew , seconded by Councillor Read to approve a remittal for AAN#09865195 in the amount of \$2,200.20.

MOTION CARRIED #11- 083

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew to approve a remittal in the amount of \$801.59 for AAN# 04243781.

MOTION CARRIED #11 - 084

- 11.2 Request for Tax Reduction – Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance advised that a letter had been received from the Wentworth Ski Racing Club requesting a tax reduction on tax account #10345057. The Club purchased a building to be used as a training center and storage facility. They have received a bill classed as Commercial and staff are of the opinion that this group qualifies for a tax reduction from commercial to residential under the Municipality's Tax Reduction and Exemption Policy. Based on the 2011 assessment this reduction would equal \$397.50.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Read to give notice to amend the Tax Reduction and Exemption Policy to include tax account #10345057 in Schedule "B" at the next Council session.

MOTION CARRIED #11- 085

- 11.3 Grants to Organizations –
Cumberland Snowmobile Club – They are requesting \$2,500 for groomer repairs and bay improvements.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to provide a Grant to the Cumberland Snowmobile Club in the amount of \$2,500.

MOTION CARRIED #11- 086

Chignecto and Area ATV Club – They are requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,000 towards a \$30,000 maintenance project.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor Reid to provide a \$2000 grant to the Chignecto and Area ATV Club.

MOTION CARRIED #11-087

Cumberland Trail Association – They are requesting a grant in the amount of \$2,600.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a grant in the amount of \$2,600 to the Cumberland Trails Association.

MOTION CARRIED #11-088

Sunrise Trail ATV Club – They are requesting \$5,000 for a signage project.

This request was declined due to lack of need by the organization.

Northumberland Boating Association – They are requesting \$3,000 to purchase additional navigational aides to be placed seasonally in both Pugwash River and River Phillip.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to approve a grant to the Northumberland Boaters Association in the amount of \$3,000.

MOTION CARRIED #11- 089

11.4 Community Development Grants -

- **Northport Community Organization**-The Northport Community Organization is looking for assistance to help upgrade the look of their hall. Their building is currently an “eyesore” due to the peeling and flaking of old paint. They hope that a new paint job will inspire a higher level of pride in the community as well as inspire new members of the community to become involved in their activities. They are requesting **\$1,000** from the County to purchase painting supplies (The primer and paint quote was for \$1,005.96).

Funds coming from District #3 - \$1,000

- **Amherst Chapter Kidney Foundation**-The Amherst Chapter Kidney Foundation would like assistance for the 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This year it will be held at the Amherst Golf Club on July 9. They are requesting **\$100** from the County.

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- **Lady Minto Rebekah Lodge No 23**- The Lady Minto Rebekah Lodge would like assistance with renovations to the Capital Building. Renovations are needed for the kitchen and washroom which includes a new counter top, an energy efficient dish washer, a new toilet, new flooring in both areas, repairs to the roof, replacement of windows, and repairs to the front and back steps. The total for these projects comes to over \$6,800. They have requested \$5,000 from the Department for Seniors. They are requesting **\$600** from the County. Their concern is that without these repairs the seniors will no longer be able to use the building.

This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

- **Amherst Rambler Alumni Scholarship Society**-The Amherst Rambler Alumni Scholarship Society is having their 4th Annual Golf Tournament at the championship Amherst Golf Club on Saturday August 13, 2011. They are requesting a donation of a gift certificate or merchandise that they could use for prizes or the sponsorship of one hole at the cost of **\$150**. All profits raised from this tournament will go into their bursary fund.

1, 2, and 3 to split the amount of \$150 equally

- **The Brookdale Community Hall**- The Brookdale Community Hall is looking for assistance to replace the roof and siding. The hall is used to hold birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers, etc. They also donate uses of the hall to the local 4-H group and the Church for fundraisers. The project entails stripping and replacing roof shingles, new ice and water shield drip edge, synthetic tar paper and flashings. The contractor will dispose of all garbage but the cost does not include the replacement of rotten boards. The total cost of the project is \$8,200. They have a projected ending cash balance of \$4,197.19. The last time they received funding from Council was 2004 for \$3,000

District 1 and 2 to split equally the amount of \$3,000

- **The River Philip Community Hall Association**-The River Philip Community Hall is looking for assistance in the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the Community Hall. The money requested would assist with ensuring that some safety needs are cared for, such as keeping the insurance up to date, fire extinguisher inspections, lights are replaced as needed, furnace cleaned regularly, salt is available in the winter for steps, etc. They are requesting **\$600** from the County.

District 6

- **PDHS Yearbook Committee**-The Pugwash Yearbook Committee would like assistance with publishing and providing yearbooks for the 2011 year. Each yearbook costs \$45, which does not cover the costs of producing the book. Their goal is to raise \$2000 from multiple fundraising events and local contributions. Any support the County is willing to offer would be greatly appreciated by the school and Yearbook Committee. (waiting on some financial and budget information)

Deferred for further information

- **River Hebert Summer Soccer**- River Hebert Summer Soccer provides kids in River Hebert and surrounding areas with an organized soccer program and fair play. They would like assistance with upgrading their equipment, as well as with uniforms and maintenance. They are requesting **\$1500** from the County. (waiting on some financial and budget information)

\$900 from District 9 and \$200 from each of District 10, 8, and 2

Cumberland Health Care Foundation- Cumberland Health Care foundation is looking for a donation to assist with the 16th annual Highland Classic Golf tournament at the Amherst Golf Club. The Cumberland Health Care Foundation depends on unrestricted donations which allow “*financial support to be directed where it is most needed, when it is most needed.*” Proceeds from this event support them in being able to support both current and future health initiatives that help make the communities a choice place.

This will go under a grant to organization for \$200

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the above Recreation grants

MOTION CARRIED #11- 090

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Merriam that \$350 from each districts recreation fund be put into a pool for a \$500 bursary for a County student for each of the 7 schools located in the Municipality of Cumberland.

MOTION CARRIED #11- 091

11.5 Sewer Connections – Councillor Kellegrew advised of an issue with sewer connection charges in the Maccan area. Staff were directed to look into this issue.

11.6 Banking – Sunset – Andrew Macdonald reported that several months ago the Municipality passed a temporary borrowing resolution (TBR) in the amount of \$4,655,000 for the purpose financing renovations to Sunset’s facilities. This TBR has since been approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia. The Bank of Nova Scotia is providing the short term financing for this project. As a co-borrower, the municipality is required to enter into a financial services agreement with Scotiabank and approve a banking resolution.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Read that Council authorize the Warden, CAO and Director of Finance to execute the Financial Services Agreement with Scotiabank and banking resolution.

MOTION CARRIED #11 – 092

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

12.1 Municipal Engineer – Council was advised that due to the leave of absence of our Director of Public Works who was the Municipality’s appointee as Municipal Engineer, the position of Municipal Engineer must be appointed to another staff member.

Council appointed Mr. Peter Cottingham as Municipal Engineer.

12.2 Special Collection Tender –

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Reid, to award the Contract for Special Collection Tender number MSW11-01 to PBS Waste Services of Amherst in the amount of \$135,000 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED #11- 093

12.3 CJSMA FY 2010/2011 Summary – This was provided as information.

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 Cumberland Regional Library – This report was provided for the information of Council.

13.2 CREDA Minutes – This report was provided in Councillors boxes.

13.3 FCM Report – Councillors provided their comments on the recent FCM Conference held in Halifax. Cumberland County had a first class, professional booth that had been prepared by CREDA and Councillor MacNutt felt they should be commended for their job.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Read to forward correspondence to Ron Robinson and Paul Hopper to thank them for their first class display at the FCM Conference held in Halifax, and being excellent ambassadors of Cumberland

MOTION CARRIED #11-094

14. Old Business

14.1 Dept. of Environment –

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew to send a letter to Dept of Environment advising that staff representing the DOE at their crown lands information meetings were felt to be argumentative and rude.

MOTION CARRIED #11- 095

15. New Business

15.1 Tidnish Bridge Repairs –

15.2 Goodwin Road Right of Way –

Both of the above items should be dealt with with our local area DOT. Warden Hunter has contacted the Dept of Transportation for over a year regarding these issues and has received the same answer that there isn't any money to affect these repairs.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam and seconded by Councilor Reid to forward correspondence to the N.S. Department of Transportation and Public Works in Halifax requesting that repairs be effected to the Goodwin Road Right of Way and to expedite the process of the repairs to the Tidnish Bridge; and also that a meeting be requested with our local area manager as soon as possible to get these repairs affected.

MOTION CARRIED #11 – 11-096

15.3 Call for Nominations – UNSM President and Vice President – If anyone is interested, please put your name in.

15.4 Advocate Seawall – Mr. Bugley advised that a request was received from Department of Fisheries and Oceans to determine if the Municipality has any interest in acquiring the advocate seawall property.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor Gilbert, to advise the Department of Fisheries and Oceans that the Municipality is not interested in acquiring the Advocate Seawall.

MOTION CARRIED #11 - 097

16. Information Items

16.1 CHA Semi-Annual Meeting – Provided as information

16.2 Town of Amherst Golf Tournament – Provided as information

16.3 Cross Border Challenge – Provided as information

16.4 Sprott Announcement – Windfarm – Provided as information

17. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

18. God Save the Queen