

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the September 28, 2011 special session of Cumberland Municipal Council at 1:06 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, and Councillor Ratchford Merriam. Staff in attendance: Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Penny Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development; Derek Chitty, Accountant; Emily Frenette, Human Resources Administrator; Emily Lutz, Municipal Intern and Jim Hannon, REMC.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Additions:	4.4 – Joint Council Meeting, 4.5 – Fire Protection Services Coordinator Committee mandate, 4.6 – Property Tax Assessment CAP.
Deletions:	None

4. **Old Business**

With Council's agreement item 4.2 was dealt with first to allow for the Auditor to not be kept waiting.

- 4.1 **Application to Dissolve the Pugwash Village Commission** – Mr. Bugley, CAO, advised Council that this document is being worked on at the present time. Mr. Bugley advised Council that it is not a feasible or productive task to attempt to determine if or how the County would continue to provide every single specific service presently provided to the residents of Pugwash by the Village commission upon possible dissolution, the list of which is found outlined in the extensive job descriptions and responsibilities provided by the Village Clerk.

Instead, the County has opted to take a more general approach to the response by grouping certain jobs/services together. Once this report is completed, a draft will be provided to Council for their perusal and approval.

Mr. Bugley advised that this document will be provided at next week's Council session.

- 4.2 **Audited Financial Statements** – Mr. George Jorgensen, Municipal Auditor with the firm of Jorgensen and Bickerton inc. advised that they have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Municipality, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2011. Mr. Jorgensen explained the responsibility of Management, for the financial statements and also the responsibility of the Auditor. Mr. Jorgensen informed that Council that the Municipality's financial position is very good. He then went over the Audit document and answered any questions that Council had.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Jorgensen for his presentation.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Read to approve the amended 2009/2010 financial statements

MOTION CARRIED #11-125

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Kellegrew seconded by Councillor Read to approve the 2010/2011 financial statements.

MOTION CARRIED #11-126

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Kellegrew to appoint Jorgensen and Bickerton as our Auditing firm for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

This motion failed due to want of a Seconder

- 4.3 **MPS/LUB Amendments (Wind Energy)** – Warden Hunter advised that he has requested this item to be put back on the agenda due to concerns of a resident in his area. The concern was surrounding the issue of setbacks on adjoining properties wanting to also have turbines and needing a larger area of land than the initial property/project.

Some Councillors felt that we should not look into this as we would be changing a regulation County wide for one specific situation.

Warden Hunter also has concerns with our map that shows areas in the Chignecto Game Sanctuary and along the Bay of Fundy Shore which are being shown as areas that Wind Energy Development

cannot take place due to the Province deeming those areas “Protected or Sensitive”. Councillor Reid feels that this area should not be included in our map and MPS/LUB as wind mills have not been proven to be detrimental to the environment. Ms. Henneberry advised that this tool has been used in other areas of Nova Scotia and is simply another layer of protection. Councillor Reid wants the map to show they are restricted, he just doesn’t want it showing that the Municipality is restricting this area as it is the Province that has deemed them restricted. Councillor MacNutt feels that Councillors Reid and Gilbert should sit with Ms. Henneberry and assist her with the wording of the By-Law.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to rescind Motion #11-113, which reads as follows:

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew to proceed to public hearing with the proposed change which is to remove the Provincial and Other Level of Government Restricted Areas from our mapping which forms part of the MPS/LUB.

MOTION CARRIED #11-127

First reading of the amended MPS/LUB will take place at the next Council session.

- 4.4 Joint Council Meeting – A document was provided to Council for preparation of a Joint Council meeting being held October 4th, 2011.
- 4.5 Fire Protection Services Coordinator Committee Mandate – Councillor Reid advised that at the Committee meeting the Committee felt that the information did not need to be reported back to Council. Councillor Reid feels that this is a Committee of Council and that the information should be reported back to Council. Councillor MacNutt advised that the Committee agreed to report back, but not for open debate of every line of the job description that the Committee agreed to.
- 4.6 Property Tax Assessment CAP – Councillor Read informed Council that the statements of the minister of SNSMR quoted in the newspaper, regarding the CAP issue, are objectionable.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to forward correspondence to UNSM and the Minister of SNSMR stating our displeasure with the Minister’s statements regarding the purpose of the CAP Program.

MOTION CARRIED #11-128

- 17. Adjournment
On motion the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.
- 18. God Save the Queen