

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the February 15, 2012 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: Warden Keith Hunter, Deputy Warden Gerald Read, Councillor John Kellegrew, Councillor Allison Gillis, Councillor Ron MacNutt, Councillor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Phillip Donkin, Councillor Ernie Gilbert, Councillor John Reid and Councillor Ratchford Merriam. There were also a number of staff in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

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| Additions: | 13.4 – UARB Hearing re the Dissolution of the Village of Pugwash; 13.5 – Pugwash and Area Master Plan Community Meeting |
| Deletions: | #6, 8, 9, 12, 14 and 15 |
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from February 1, 2012 Council Session**
The minutes of February 1, 2012 were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, February 1, 2012** –
Warden Hunter requested the item of signage for New Brunswick denoting Sunrise Trail be on future business arising lists.
6. **Public Hearings**
This item was deleted.
7. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 7.1 **Trans Canada Trail** – Ms. Vanda Jackson of N.S. Trails and Mr. Garnet Maclaughin of Cobequid Trail Consulting provided information on the 2017 challenge which focuses on connecting the Trail by 2017, Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation, and the Trail’s 25th anniversary.

They advised that funding guidelines are as follows:
 - Currently no funding available for upgrade or spur trail projects
 - Up to 100% funding available for gap projects:
 - Wayfinding and safety signage
 - Trail Planning (engineering studies, environmental assessments etc.)
 - Up to 50% funding available for:
 - Trail construction of greenway gap projects
 - Gaps caused by natural disasters
 - Opening events (maximum of \$2,500)
 They also explained what a types of Trails there are such as Red Line, Yellow Trail and a Greenway Trail and the funding options for those trails.

They summarized by requesting Council to Join NS Trails and the other municipalities and communities in Nova Scotia that have taken on the 2017 Challenge.

Warden Hunter thanked the presenters for their information.
 - 7.2 **Cumberland Sportsplex Development Society** – Andrew Wallis, Chair of the Cumberland Sportsplex Development Society was on hand to provide information to Council regarding the proposed Sportsplex. He advised that a Needs Assessment was completed prior to Christmas. The Needs Assessment did determine the need for a Sportsplex, primarily for football and soccer. The next step is a feasibility study, which would determine what to type of facility should be built, where the facility should be built, and how much it will cost. The approximate cost for the feasibility study is \$17,250. Mr. Wallis advised that the Department of Health and Wellness has committed \$5,000 for the study. As such, the Cumberland Sportsplex Development Society is requesting a maximum of \$8,625 or a minimum of \$6,125 from the Municipality. They will be requesting funds from the Town of Amherst as well.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Wallis for his presentation and advised he will be notified once Council has reached a decision.
 - 7.3 **Critical Incident Stress** – Malcolm Noble, was on hand to present information to Council re Critical Incident Stress management. He advised what Critical Incident Stress is and what a management

intervention consists of. Mr. Noble also advised that this information is presently being provided to all fire departments within our jurisdiction.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Noble for his insightful presentation.

8. **Correspondence**

This item was deleted.

9. **Planning Issues**

This item was deleted.

10. **Strategic Planning**

10.1 **Climate Change Adaptation Planning** – Information was provided by Mr. Ferguson regarding this matter. Council agreed to have a presentation at one of the March sessions.

10.2 **Citizen Engagement Committee (Minutes)** – This information was to update Council on the activities of this Committee.

10.3 **Community Meetings – Physical Activity and Recreation** – This information was provided to Council to keep them apprised of the progress.

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

11.1 **Community Development Grant Applications** – Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator, Vicki Weaver, advised Council of the following Community Development Grant requests:

Students Against Drinking and Driving (ARHS Chapter) – The ARHS Chapter of SADD has been involved in many activities at the school including Safe Grad, Grad Beach Party, National Students Against Impaired Driving Day, Operation Christmas, jacket and food drives for the Amherst Food Bank, as well as International Women's Day activities. One of their most costly activities is the CYAID (Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving) conference. This year the conference is being held in Edmonton. The cost is \$400/student for registration and airfare to send students runs at about \$700/student. They are requesting any assistance Council could provide.

Council directed staff to determine the amount of attendees that were County residents.

Wentworth Pioneer Club – The Wentworth Pioneer Club is organizing a reunion of six Wentworth one-room schools for August 25, 2012 at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. The schools were closed in 1959 when amalgamation took place. The alumni of the one-room schools are now all seniors. The planning committee consists of 12 alumni. By organizing the reunion community members will benefit by re-establishing friendships, by doing historical research, by planning displays, by contacting alumni living elsewhere, and preparing entertainment. It will also encourage active living. The entire event is proposed to cost \$4,225 and they are \$925 short of balancing their budget. They are requesting **\$500** from Council.

Amherst Powerlifting Club – This group is planning to add some new equipment at their facility. The equipment is required to hold sanctioned contests in the Cumberland area. Their goal is to properly train strength athletes (new, seasoned, special Olympic and teen) and provide a place for them to do so, free from the prejudices of commercial gyms, with proper up-to-date equipment and a chance to compete with their peers locally, without the need to travel outside of NS. The event they wish to host would be very unique and also the first Canadian Powerlifting Federation event in Eastern Canada/NS ever. They are requesting **\$2,500** from Council (they are also requesting some funds from Sport NS and the Department of Health & Wellness).

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Border Town Run – The Cumberland Y Service Club organizes and operates the Border Town Run in conjunction with the Amherst Striders Running Club. Last year, during the Cross Border Challenge a half-marathon distance was added. They had 79 participants, and based on that success they have decided to offer another half marathon in the fall. The plan is to hold the 1st Annual Border Town Half Marathon on September 22nd, and they are planning on 150 participants. The course will remain much the same – starting in Amherst, crossing the marsh to Mt Whatley, and returning on the same route to Amherst. They are in the process of lining up sponsors, advertisers and volunteers to support this new event. They are making it a no-frills event to keep the costs low, but the expectation is that it will cost \$1,500 to stage the run and they are asking Council to support them by granting **\$500**.

Cross Border Challenge – The Cross Border Challenge has continued to grow each year. Last year it attracted 485 participants, up from 385 runners in 2010. For the 4th annual event, they plan to continue with their success and growth. They will be moving the event away from the July 1st long weekend to June 23rd to increase the number of participants and volunteers. This

decision is based on feedback from participants in last year’s event. The cost to stage the event will increase again this year. They are asking that we continue our support by maintaining our sponsorship for the 2012 event at **\$4,000**, the same level as last year.

Recommended to budget deliberations

Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County – The SHCCC is once again offering Go Girl Self-Esteem workouts. They have been offering this program since 1997 to 9-12 year old girls throughout Cumberland County. Two and four day programs are offered, focusing on good self-esteem including the importance of healthy lifestyle. Past locations include Amherst, Springhill, Oxford, River Hebert, Pugwash, Parrsboro. This coming summer they are hoping to expand the program to Advocate, at the request of local residents. Last year they registered 119 girls for these programs (just shy of 50% were county residents). They are requesting **\$750**.

Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association – The CCMHA is looking for some help offsetting the costs of the past 2 seasons’ registrations. We did not receive a request before now, so had not provided funding for either year. The breakdowns are as follows:

| District | 2009-2010 | @ \$30/player | 2010-2011 | @ \$30/player |
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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Redmond to approve the following Community Development Grant requests:

- Wentworth Pioneer Club** - **District 6 - \$925**
- Border Town Run** - **District 1 - \$500**
- Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County** - **Each District - \$75**
- Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association** - **See Table**

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MOTION CARRIED #12-022

11.2 **Remittal – AAN 07482868** – Council was advised of a request for a remittal for AAN 07482868. The rationale for the request is that a building permit was issued prior to a subdivision being approved and the permit was never transferred to the new lot. As a result, AAN 07482868 was assessed as having a newly constructed house for 2007 to 2010 when the property is in fact, still a vacant lot.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Reid to provide a remittal of \$9,475.34 for the 2007 to 2010 taxes of the building incorrectly assessed to AAN 07482868.

MOTION CARRIED #12-023

- 11.3 Remittal – AAN 07515294 – Erika Kromm, Revenue Officer, provided Council with information regarding AAN 07515294 – River Hebert Athletic Association. Council was advised that the River Hebert Legion had turned over a ball field to the River Hebert Athletic Association, but the Association was disbanded in the 90's and the field has not been in use. The rationale for the exemption is that if the property had been turned back over to the Legion at the time the Association disbanded, a balance would not have accumulated on the tax account. Also, since the Association was a non-profit organization, they would have qualified for an exemption under the Tax Reduction and Exemption Policy.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Reid to provide a remittal in the amount of \$3,424.82 for AAN 0751294.

MOTION CARRIED #12-024

- 11.4 CJSMA 2012/2013 Budget -

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the 2012/2013 CJSMA operating budget.

MOTION CARRIED #12-025

12. **Operational Services/Reports Issues**

This item was deleted

13. **Committee/Other Reports**

- 13.1 New Garage Facility – Information Only

- 13.2 CREDA Minutes (Sept 28, 2011) – Information Only

- 13.3 CREDA Minutes (Dec 7, 2011) – Information Only

- 13.4 UARB Hearing – Councillor Gillis advised that the Hearing took place last week, beginning on Monday and completing on Wednesday afternoon. The Board is reserving 90 days for a decision.

- 13.5 Pugwash and Area Master Plan Community Meeting – Information on this meeting was circulated to Council.

14. **Old Business**

This item was deleted

15. **New Business**

This item was deleted

16. **Information Items**

- 16.1 FOIPOP Officer - Information Only

- 16.2 N.S. Power Capital Expenditure Plan – Information Only

17. **Adjournment**

On motion the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**