

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the May 16, 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 CAO. Councillors in attendance were: Warden Keith Hunter, Councillor Gerald Read, Councillor John Kellegrew, Councillor Allison Gillis, Councillor Ron MacNutt, Councillor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Phillip Donkin, Councillor Ernest Gilbert, Councillor John Reid, and Councillor Ratchford Merriam. Staff in attendance were: CAO, Rennie Bugley, Director of Finance, Andrew MacDonald, Director of Policy and Research, Steve Ferguson,
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Additions:	None
Deletions:	6, 9, 14
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from May 2, 2012 Council Session**
The minutes of May 2, 2012 were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, May 2, 2012** – There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Public Hearings**
This item was deleted.
7. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 7.1 **Nature Conservancy of Canada** – Craig Smith, of the Nature Conservancy of Canada explained that the Conservancy works to protect private land that has conservation value.

Who are they? Mr. Smith explained they were founded in 1962. Their approach is to take conservation directly to the people. They are a non advocacy group. They are grounded in conservation science.

Their mission statement is to lead, innovate and use creativity in the conservation of Canada’s natural heritage.

Mr. Smith explained that the approach of the Nature Conservancy is to Identify, Secure, and Steward.

Define: Review data, consult with partners to determine conservation priorities
Plan: Spatial, map-based approach to identifying priority sites
Action: Obtain legal interest in land with determined ecological value *or* influence future management and uses.
Measure and Manage: Are we accomplishing what we set out to do?

They reach land securement through the following ways:

 - Fee simple title: purchase, donation, split receipt
 - Conservation Agreements
 - Retirement of rights

Mr. Smith explained that the landscapes we love are changing forever...

 - 🌿 65% of Atlantic Canada’s coastal marshes have been filled or drained.
 - 🌿 Wild Atlantic salmon populations have declined over 95% over the past 30 years.
 - 🌿 Less than 7% of Canada is in protected status; we are ranked 61st worldwide.
 - 🌿 36 of Canada’s native species are Extinct or Extirpated; 541 more are designated as Endangered, Threatened or Of Special Concern.

The Conservancy feels that we must not allow the rate of change to outpace the rate of conservation.

The Conservancy is currently working in the Pugwash area.

Why is the work of NCC so important?
Because Canada is a vast country but . . .

 - 🌿 Highly productive, biologically rich lands are under great threat of being lost forever.
 - 🌿 90% of Canadians live and work in an area covering only 10% of privately held land in the country along the Canada-U.S. border.
 - 🌿 This 10% of Canada is home to 85% of Canada’s terrestrial species at risk.

🌿 These are Canada's most highly threatened landscapes – landscapes that are vital to Canada's ecological integrity and its clean water and air.

Recognition opportunities would be the following:

- 🌿 Participation in and recognition at campaign event(s).
- 🌿 Recognition of gift in NCC's online annual report and in our quarterly magazine, The Ark.
- 🌿 Public recognition as a campaign donor during the campaign's public phase.
- 🌿 Partner profile in NCC e-newsletter.
- 🌿 Provision of editorials and articles on the NCC work supported which can be included in newsletters, annual reports or websites.
- 🌿 Customized personal NCC web log-in accounts.
- 🌿 Engagement in hands-on volunteer activities at project sites across Canada.

Jackson-McLaughlin property in Pugwash is a property that is currently of interest to the Conservancy.

Mr. Smith made a request for funding to this project in the Pugwash Estuary. Their need is \$50,000 and they are requesting \$10,000 from Council.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation and advised that he'll be notified once a decision regarding funding, has been reached.

7.2 Cumberland Public Libraries - Beth Clinton, Chief Librarian, was on hand to present to Council. Ms. Clinton provided an overview of the Cumberland Public Libraries.

Ms. Clinton advised that there are 9 Regional Library Boards in the Province of Nova Scotia who are run by their independent Boards. There are 7 branches in Cumberland County and the Books by Mail service.

Ms. Clinton explained that libraries are funded by population, Provincial Government, Municipal Units and via fundraising. The funding they received in 2010/11 was \$543,300 and for 2011/12 and 2012/13 will be \$541,100.

Municipal units are responsible for building space for the library, furniture and maintenance. There are 24 employees including summer students and contract positions. There are 18 FTE containing 3 professional librarians.

Ms. Clinton advised of programs offered such as: summer reading, craft and fun programs, book clubs, classic movie nights, kids teen and family movies, author visits, information sessions, classes, etc.

Downloadable e-books and audio books is a popular offering with 410 people using the program so far and 3800 items checked out. They also offer online services.

How they do.

131,152 items borrowed

6,541 people attended the programs

Public computers in use for over 20, 000 hours and wifi in use for 7,700 hours

An estimated 70,000 people came through the doors.

In the Communities

Partnership with Maggie's place

Partnership with sexual health centre

CART early literacy program

Author visit invitations to schools

Festivals and events

Tantramar seniors college partnership

C@P

Why It Makes Sense

Public space open and accessible

Community gathering place

Addressing the digital divide

Life long learning opportunities

Recreational and cultural opportunities

Draws visitors and residents to central meeting spots

Why it makes sense as a library user

Free programs

Free internet and wireless

Welcoming community space for leisure and recreation

Friendly, knowledgeable staff
 Something for everyone

At this point Ms. Clinton welcomed questions.

Warden Hunter thanked Ms. Clinton for her presentation.

8. **Correspondence**

This was provided to Council.

9. **Planning Issues:**

There was no discussion on this item.

10. **Strategic Planning**

10.1 Citizen Engagement Committee Minutes – These were provided for Council’s perusal.

10.2 Award of Excellence – Ms. Henneberry reported to Council of the study undertaken by Stantec regarding Environmental Assessment. The Municipality of Cumberland and Stantec were joint recipients of an Award of Excellence from the Planning Association of Nova Scotia.

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

11.1 Remittal (s) – AAN 04619528 – IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve a remittal in the amount of 220.11for AAN 04619528.

MOTION CARRIED 12-073

AAN 05611679 - IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis seconded by Councillor Reid to approve a remittal for AAN 05611679 in the amount of \$226.46.

MOTION CARRIED 12-074

11.2 2012/2013 Operating and Capital Budget Approval -

2012/2013 Budget

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor Reid that the following operating budget, totaling \$16,355,659, be approved as presented.

Operating Budget

Revenue

Taxes	\$14,814,028
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	295,523
Services provided to other governments	71,090
Other revenue from own sources	233,550
Unconditional transfers from other governments	910,468
Conditional transfers from Federal or Provincial governments or agencies	<u>31,000</u>
	<u>\$16,355,659</u>

Expenditures

General Government Services	\$2,718,416
Protection Services	5,280,646
Transportation Services	393,184
Environmental Health Services	2,456,483
Public Health	35,000
Environmental Development Services	945,148
Recreational & Culture Services	451,735
Education	3,268,669
Financing & Transfers	<u>806,378</u>
	<u>\$16,355,659</u>

MOTION CARRIED #12-075

2012/2013 Tax Rates

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, 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 2012/2013 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED #12-076

Area Rates

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor Merriam, that the village, sewer, school enhancement, Jackson’s Point Road Improvement and Street Light rates, as listed on page 9 and 10 of the 2012/2013 budget document, be approved

MOTION CARRIED #12-077

Due Date

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor Gillis, that the due date for the 2012/2013 levy be June 30, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED #12-078

Capital Budget

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor MacNutt, that Council approve the following 2012/2013 capital budget totaling \$6,682,507.

Capital Budget

Project Description

General Government

ED Fullerton Building	\$ 131,750
Software	45,000

Protective

Fire Apparatus	2,060,000
Vehicle	25,000

Environmental Health

Waste Water	
Maccan Water Waste Treatment Construction	1,950,288
Septage Treatment Facility	15,000
Water Systems	
Maccan Water – Design	220,000
Pugwash Water – Test Wells	225,000
Compost Green Carts	711,314

Environmental Development

Geothermal Studies	<u>1,299,155</u>
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Total \$6,682,507

Financing

General Revenue	\$ 936,750
Reserves	1,774,954
Gas Tax	1,656,314
Building Canada Fund	2,166,295
Debt	65,048
Other Municipal Funding Partners	<u>83,146</u>

\$6,682,507

MOTION CARRIED #12-079

Borrowing Resolution - Operating

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor Gilbert, that a borrowing resolution in the amount of 2.6 million dollars, for the purpose of defraying 2012/2013 operating expenditures be approved.

MOTION CARRIED #12-080

At this point Warden Hunter thanked Council and the staff of the Finance Department for all the hard work during the budget process.

11.3 Community Development Grants -

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Merriam to approve the following Community Development Grants:

River Hebert District High School (Defibrillator) – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to provide \$600 from District 9, \$200 from District 8 and \$200 from District 2 to RHDH to assist with the purchase of a public access defibrillator.

MOTION CARRIED #12-081

Cumberland Area Scout Camp – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Deputy Warden Read to provide \$500 (\$50 per district) to the Cumberland Area Scout Camp to assist with their weekend camp.

MOTION CARRIED #12-082

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to approve the following Community Development Grant requests:

Diligent River Community Hall Association	\$2,500	District 10
Joggins Legion	\$1,035	District 9
Chignecto Glooscap Snowmobile Assoc.	\$1,000	District 8
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Amherst Powerlifting Club	\$ 500	District 1
Oxford Marksman Association	\$3,154.89	District 7
Oxford Area Skating Club	\$ 700	District 6
	\$ 700	District 7
Cumberland County 4-H Beef Clinic	\$ 400	District 1
	\$ 200	Districts 2 – 9
Cumberland Early Intervention Program	\$1,600	\$160 per District
Cumberland North Academy Home and School	\$ 500	District 1
	\$ 500	District 2
	\$ 500	District 3
East Cumberland Lodge	\$2,000	\$200 per District
River Hebert Christmas Hampers	\$ 600	District 9
	\$ 266.66	District 1
	\$ 266.66	District 2
	\$ 266.66	District 8
Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival	\$2,000	\$200 per District
Amherst Food Assistance Network	\$2,000	\$500/Districts 1,2,3,7
Friends of the Pugwash Estuary	\$1,500	District 4
Northport Community Organization	\$2,800	District 3
Victoria Quilts Canada	\$1,000	\$100 per District
Cross Border Challenge	\$5,000	from Districts 1,2,3,4,5,7,8

MOTION CARRIED #12-083

The following grants were deferred for further information:

- Lady Minto Rebekah Lodge
- Amherst Curling Club
- Cumberland Wolfpack Minor Football
- Springhill Mixed Martial Arts
- Nova Scotia Highland Cadet Corps 272

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

12.1 Municipal Intern Position – Council was provided with a Thank You from our Municipal Intern, Emily Lutz for the opportunity to work with the Municipality of Cumberland for the last year.

Warden Hunter thanked Ms. Lutz for her exemplary work with the Municipality and wished her well in her future endeavours.

12.2 Street Light Repair – Staff are looking into this issue and will report back to a future Council session.

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 UNSM Spring Workshop – Deputy Warden Read felt the UNSM Conference was very well received this year and thanked Warden Hunter for his involvement in the Conference. Councillor Gilbert felt that there were some interesting workshops, especially Electronic Voting and Using Media for Campaigns. Warden Hunter suggested that we look into a Municipal Awareness Week and have Shelley get the information so that it can be discussed at a future meeting.

13.2 Fire Inspection Policy – Mr.Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research advised Council of the mandatory requirement to have a system of inspection and that adoption of this policy is a matter of protocol.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Deputy Warden Read that Council be hereby notified a Fire Inspection Policy will considered for adoption at the June 13, 2012 meeting

MOTION CARRIED #12-084

13.3 By-Law and Policy Committee Meeting Notes - Provided as information.

14. **Old Business**
This item was deleted.

15. **New Business**
15.1 Seniors Advisory Council Appointment -
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to appoint Deputy Warden Read to the Seniors Advisory Council.

MOTION CARRIED #12-085

16. **Information Items**
16.1 Council Agenda Revisions – Mr. Bugley, CAO, advised that he will be taking suggestions to the Policy Committee on revisions to our Council agenda's.

17. **Adjournment:** On motion the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore