

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the July 4, 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 Ron MacNutt, Councillor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Phillip Donkin, Councillor Ernest Gilbert, Councillor John Reid, and Councillor Ratchford Merriam. Councillor Gillis was absent. Many staff were also in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:
  - Additions: 11.7 – Community Development Grants, 15.8 – License Agreement
  - Deletions: #7 and 15.2
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - 4.1 **Minutes from June 13, 2012 Council Session**  
The minutes of June 13, 2012 were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - 5.1 **Action List, June 13, 2012** – Councillor Gilbert asked about the funding request for Highland Cadet Corps 272 and was advised that this Corp is located in Amherst and the request is now possibly moot as the event has already taken place. We will receive an update later in the meeting under item 11.7.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
  - 6.1 **Years of Service** – Warden Hunter presented Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk and Records Manager with a certificate of appreciation for her 10 years of dedicated service with the Municipality.  
  
Warden Hunter also presented Thomas Trenholm with a certificate for 25 years of exemplary service to the Municipality as a Building Official.
  - 6.2 **Grassroots Cooperative** – Mrs. Jillian Foster was on hand to make this presentation. Mrs. Foster went over the crisis that beef farmers are now experiencing. Part of the solution would be the Grassroots Cooperative. The community of the Cooperative is those who recognize the historical significance; the health, social and economic benefits of eating naturally raised home grown grass finished beef in Nova Scotia. Investors will work together to raise capital for cattle purchases through, membership sales, donations, shareholder loans, fund raising, member affiliations, etc.  
  
Ms. Foster explained the contribution to our economy by beef farms.  
  
Ms. Foster explained the expertise that Linden Leas and local farms have and the fact that they need flexible financing, guaranteed financing, returns.  
  
Grass Roots Up is a cooperative spirit and a prescription for change. Ms. Foster explained that any capital contribution would be invested in cattle which would graze on the local farms and then the cooperative would buy the cattle from the farms where leased and the cooperative would look after getting the cattle out to the market. There would be fair trade from farm to consumer.  
  
Warden Hunter asked how many local farms will be participating in the cooperative? Mrs. Foster advised that 4 other farms are interested in this proposition.  
  
Warden Hunter thanked Mrs. Foster for her presentation.
7. **Public Hearings**  
This item was deleted.
8. **Correspondence**  
Correspondence was circulated in the Kits and there were no items requiring action.
9. **Planning Issues:**
  - 9.1 **Heritage Advisory Committee Recommendations** – Ms. Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development advised of the background of this issue which is as such: A formal application has been made via email 4 February 2012 by Faye Langille to affect repairs to the municipally registered Heritage Building known as the Wentworth United Baptist Church. They wish to replace the current asphalt roofing shingle materials with a new metal roof. It is a requirement that the Heritage Advisory Committee review Alteration Applications and make a recommendation to Municipal Council.

The building was registered with the Registry of Deeds as a Municipal Heritage Property 29 October 1992 (Book 589, page 410, Document 7840). Its Statement of Significance is attached to this report.

Staff conducted a site visit on 31 May 2012 to physically inspect the site and the building.

The Heritage Advisory Committee has several options

1. Reject the Application. If this option is selected, the Wentworth Church must wait one year and then they can alter the structure.
2. Accept the application and allow the alteration
3. Accept the Alteration with conditions as determined by the Committee

Staff recommends to the Heritage Advisory Committee that **Option 3** would be the most suitable to this application. The limiting conditions would be: that the material be long slats versus shingle-style materials; that the colour remains black (matte finish versus glossy); the use of slate grey would not be permissible; and that the pitch of the roof not be altered.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Donkin to allow the application to alter the Wentworth Baptist Church roof by replacing the asphalt shingles with metal with the following conditions: that the material be either long vertical slats or plain shingle style (not scalloped shingle style); that the colour, black or gray, be of a matte finish; and that the pitch of the roof not be altered.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-104**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Donkin, seconded by Councillor Merriam to alter the Advocate United Church roof by replacing the asphalt shingles with metal with the following conditions; that the material be either long vertical slats or plain shingle-style (not scalloped shingle style); that the colour, black or gray, be of a matter finish; that the pitch of the roof not be altered; and that the eight sided steeple not be altered and remain with wooden shingles.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-105**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor MacNutt, that Council formally recognize the wishes of the land owner of the Fromstein property and not proceed with registering said property as a Municipal heritage property and that this notice should be placed at the Registry Office.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-106**

9.2 Request from Town of Amherst re Setbacks -

This item was referred to our next Council session due to new information becoming available. Councillor Gilbert asked us to contact the developer to determine if their distance may be greater than the setback of our by-law. Ms. Henneberry advised that this information will not be available as the developers have not designed their projects as yet.

10. **Strategic Planning**

- 10.1 Citizen Engagement and Public Relations Strategic Plan - Council was provided with a memo outlining that, as Council is aware, the Citizen Engagement Committee has been working for eight months on a new Strategic Plan for Citizen Engagement and Public Relations.

The Committee has now completed a draft of the Plan, which is provided to Council, and is recommending it to Council for consideration and adoption.

The Committee hopes that all Council members will take the time to familiarize themselves with the document, as it contains a number of well thought out new initiatives the Municipality can use to enhance citizen engagement and public relations in the County.

In addition to the benefits that implementation of the ideas in the Plan would provide, there are questions of priority and budgets that Council will need to address. It is suggested that the Plan be discussed in detail at one or more Public Committee of the Whole meetings before it is presented and adopted by Council.

*It was agreed to place this item on the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Public Committee of the Whole for discussion.*

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

- 11.1 Remittal (s) – AAN – 00664189 AND 04895665 - Mr. Derek Chitty, Accountant advised that Mr. Corey purchased the property through the public tender process in March of 2012 and that the Municipality had demolished the structures on these accounts a number of years ago under dangerous and unsightly premises orders and did not correctly update the account to reflect the removal of the structures and the sewer area rate.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve remittals for AAN 0064189 AND 04895665 in the amounts of \$524.04 and \$378.32 respectively.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-107**

AAN 07514425 – Council was advised by Derek Chitty, Accountant, that the Owners changed their mortgage over to a new type of loan and were not informed that their new loan would not be paying the property taxes. The Owners also moved and did not forward their new address to the Municipality.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to approve a remittal in the amount of \$1,648.09 to AAN 07514425.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-108**

- 11.2 Wentworth C@p Site - This entity is no longer under the WCDC umbrella and Councillor Redmond would like funding to be provided under Community Development Grants.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to provide \$2,000 for the Wentworth C@p site from District 6 Community Development Grants.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-109**

- 11.3 Request for Refund – Mr. Chitty, Accountant provided the background on this item. The land owner appealed his taxes this year (which he purchased 9 years ago) and won his appeal so now he would like a refund on the of taxes that he has paid in the last nine years.

Council directed no action on this item as under the MGA it is not allowable to provide a refund on previous years taxes.

- 11.4 2011/2012 Audit Update – Director of Finance, Mr. MacDonald provided information to Council advising that the audit began in Mid May and the on-site work was completed in approximately one week. Advising that the only work left to complete is the consolidated statements that will be done once the audited financial statements of the CJSMA are received. Also advising that the Auditors will present the statements at the first Council session in September.

- 11.5 Funding Commitment – Pugwash Multi-Purpose Centre – There was discussion on the amount that had been approved during budget deliberations and the additional amount required.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Reid to raise the funding commitment for the Pugwash Multi Purpose Centre RFP to a maximum of \$25,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-110**

- 11.6 CJSMA Budget Approval re Special Resolution –

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve via special resolution the CJSMA Budget for 2012/2013.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-111**

- 11.7 Community Development Grants - Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the following applications that have been received:

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Deputy Warden Reid to fund two Junior Sponsorships in the Annual Highland Classic Golf Tournament in the amount of \$1,000. (\$100 per District).**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-112**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Reid to provide the following Community Development Grants to the following organizations:**

<b>Wentworth Ball Association</b>	<b>District 6</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Wentworth Valley School House</b>	<b>District 6</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>
<b>Westchester Baptist Church</b>	<b>District 6</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

**MOTION CARRIED #12-113**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Read to provide the following community development grants:**

<b>N.S. Highland Cadet Corps 272</b>	<b>District 1</b>	<b>\$ 227.70</b>
	<b>District 2</b>	<b>\$ 227.70</b>
	<b>District 3</b>	<b>\$ 569.25</b>
	<b>District 7</b>	<b>\$ 113.85</b>
<b>Amherst Curling Club</b>	<b>District 1</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
	<b>District 2</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
	<b>District 3</b>	<b>\$ 350</b>
	<b>District 7</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>
	<b>District 9</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
	<b>District 10</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>

**MOTION CARRIED #12-114**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Reid to provide up to a maximum of \$5,600 (\$4,000 from Grants to Organizations and \$1,600 from District 3 Community Development Grants) to the Tidnish Crossroads and Area Community Association for summer staffing.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-115**

**12. Operational Services/Reports Issues**

This item was deleted

**13. Committee/Other Reports**

13.1 Cumberland Public Libraries – This report was provided for Council’s perusal.

13.2 Cumberland RCMP Advisory Committee – Councillor Gilbert wants to recommend this, on behalf of the Committee, to our Policy Committee for a Policy on length of appointment, etc.

13.3 Policy/By-Law Committee – Notice to approve Private Road Signage and Standards Policy - Council was advised that this Policy will be given consideration for adoption at the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council session.

**14. Old Business**

14.1 Nobel peace Medallion Custodial Agreement – Mr. Bugley, CAO, advised that the Municipality has received a request to display the Medallion at Thinker’s Lodge. A draft agreement has been provided and Mr. Bugley went over the points of the Agreement. It was agreed to include a clause that the medallion only be housed at Thinker’s Lodge during the open season and to shorten the termination clause to 90 days.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt and seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to authorize the Warden and CAO execute a custodial agreement with Cumberland RDA regarding providing the Nobel Peace Medallion for display at Thinker’s Lodge with the amendments to the draft clause that were: the medallion only be housed at Thinker’s Lodge during the open season and to shorten the termination clause to 90 days.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-116**

14.2 Pugwash Wind Farm – Land Assessment -

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor MacNutt, seconded by Deputy Warden Read to direct staff to draw up and execute a license agreement for the Pugwash Wind Farm consistent with previous terms and conditions (Amherst Wind Farm) and to authorize the CAO and Warden to execute said license agreement.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-117**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Redmond to postpone the motion regarding the license agreement (12-117) until the Councillor for District 4 is present at the meeting as the property in question lies in his District.

**MOTION DEFEATED #12-118**

15. **New Business**15.1 **Procurement Agreement** -

**IT WAS MOVED** by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor MacNutt, to authorize the Warden and CAO to execute the Procurement Agreement with the Town of Amherst that had been circulated today.

**MOTION CARRIED #12-119**

15.2 **Provincial Change in Decibels for Wind Farms** – This item was deleted as information is not presently available.

15.3 **Long Term Plan for Municipal Infrastructure Funding** –

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Deputy Warden Read that

**WHEREAS,** the Building Canada Plan and a number of important federal-provincial transfer agreements vital to Canada's cities and communities, will expire in March 2014;

**WHEREAS,** Federal investments over the last few years have helped to slow the decline of our cities and communities, and the Government of Canada has committed to develop a new long-term plan for municipal infrastructure funding in consultation with municipal and provincial/territorial governments;

**WHEREAS,** a seamless transition from the Building Canada Plan to a new long term plan is necessary to ensure that municipalities can continue planning their capital spending effectively;

**WHEREAS,** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign to ensure the new plan reflects municipal priorities across the country and asks its member municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign;

**AND WHEREAS,** our community has continuing infrastructure needs, such as water and sewer, that can only be met with through the kind of long term planning and investment made possible by a national plan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council endorses the FCM campaign and urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure the new long term infrastructure plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to ensure that the new long term plan is fully in place when existing programs expire in 2014; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, to the Provincial minister of municipal affairs, to Scott Armstrong, M.P., to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Union of Nova Scotian Municipalities.

**MOTION CARRIED #12-120**

15.4 **Organizational Priorities** – Mr. Bugley, CAO, went over the revised document with Council.

15.5 **Alarm System for Prisoner Escapes (Springhill Institution)** – An e-mail from a concerned resident was circulated and advised that over the last several months the Springhill Institution's Air Horn has been non-functional. In addition, the Institution has taken the position that because it is not required by regulation that it will not be repaired.

In the past this air horn was used to alert citizens, within the sound, off an inmate escape or a prison riot.

The resident advised that Under Bill C10 Public Safety is the top priority of the Department of Public Safety and that Correctional Services Canada falls under the Department of Public Safety.

Councillor Redmond is the Chair of this Committee and will look into this issue.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Reid to forward correspondence to the Springhill Institution requesting repair of their air horn due and advising of the concerns from area residents.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-121**

- 15.6 DOTIR Issues – Councillor Donkin has had complaints of gravel trucks trucking on the Beckwith Road and the dust that the constant trucking has caused since early May. The Department had advised that they would chloride the road in mid June and this has not been done as yet.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Donkin, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to forward correspondence to the N.S. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and or traffic safety requesting that when large projects are being undertaken that the Department take measures such as reducing the posted speed limit, and putting on a water truck to reduce the dust.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-122**

- 15.7 Building Official Appointments – Ms. Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development advised that as a ‘good neighbour policy’, we currently provide emergency backup service for the Town of Amherst for building inspection and they also assist us as required. In order to ensure this continues we will be required to appoint their new Building Officials.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Reid to remove Tim Peters (former Amherst Employee) as a Municipal Building Official and hereby appoint Brian Wood and Trevor Isenor (current Town of Amherst employees) as Building Officials for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland in order to provide emergency assistance for Building Inspection purposes.**

**MOTION CARRIED #12-123**

16. **Information Items**

- 16.1 Municipal Engineer Appointment – Council was advised that Peter Cottingham, Municipal By-Law and Enforcement Officer, is appointed as the Municipal Engineer until such time as it is no longer necessary.
- 16.2 Energy Article – Provided as information.
- 16.3 2012 Kraft Celebration Tour – Warden Hunter advised that Pugwash has been nominated for the 2012 Kraft Celebration Tour which is where communities from all across Canada can be nominated and then judged by a panel. Pugwash has made the TOP 20 in the country where now we will go into a head-to-head voting round against Port Hawkesbury NS. Voting is on July 12 @ 1:00pm until July 13 @ 12:59pm. Everyone can vote online at [www.kraftcelebrationtour.ca](http://www.kraftcelebrationtour.ca). Should they beat out Port Hawkesbury we will receive \$25,000 to upgrade our Ball Field and Facility, as well as a LIVE TSN Sportscentre broadcast from our location here in Pugwash NS. Everyone is encouraged to vote.

17. **Adjournment:** On motion the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**

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Warden Keith Hunter

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Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore