

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the December 5, 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, Deputy Warden Don Smith, Councillor Kellegrew, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, and Councillor McLellan. The CAO and many staff were in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Additions: None

Deletions: 7, 9, 10,

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Minutes from November 21, 2012 Council Session**

The minutes of the November 21, 2012 Council session were approved with the amendment to wording to advise that a grant was not provided to the Amherst Ramblers for a supper, it was to assist with the costs of their 45th anniversary celebration.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 **Action List, November 21, 2012** – There was no discussion on this item.

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

6.1 **Public Procurement Officer** – Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance, introduced the Procurement Officer, Ms. Julie Rushton, which is a shared position with the Town of Amherst.

7. **Public Hearings**

This item was deleted.

8. **Correspondence**

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Gilbert, to forward correspondence to the Minister requesting action/remediation for the issues surrounding Blair Lake Road due to the volume of traffic at the intersection of the Blair Lake Road and the Highway 104. Requesting support for the reassessment of this location to be considered for a reduced speed limit and also for the installation of traffic lights.

MOTION CARRIED #12-198

9. **Planning Issues:**

This item was deleted.

10. **Strategic Planning**

This item was deleted.

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

11.1 **Tax Sale Report** - A full report of a recent Tax Sale was provided to Council.

11.2 **Community Development Grants** –

Oxford Home and School – this group is requesting funding for physical activity programs for students, including an equestrian program for grade 3 students, a downhill ski program for grade 4 students and a swimming program for grade 5 students. They are seeking **\$3,925**. We have assisted this initiative for the past 4 years, giving \$4,125 (\$1,125 District 6, \$3,000 District 7) in 2011, \$3,500 (District 7) in 2010, \$3,000 (\$250 District 6, \$2,750 District 7) in 2009 and \$2,700(\$200 District 6, \$2,500 District 7) in 2008. The organization is currently looking into additional support from the Town of Oxford, but they have never been supported by the town in the past.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Baker to fund the physical activity program of the Oxford Home and School in the amount of \$3925 with funds coming from District 6 and 7 equally.

MOTION CARRIED #12-199

The Travelers – this group is requesting funding to help with the costs associated with running their music program. The Travelers tour around the county providing musical entertainment to nursing homes and seniors living complexes across the county. Their budget estimates the cost of running their program for the year to be \$1015.00. The group chips in with funds from their

own pocket and also covers their own transportation costs to provide these musical services to residents. They are asking for assistance in the amount of **\$900.00**. We have assisted this group in the past, giving them \$750.00 last year.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton to provide \$90 from each District to the Travelers for assistance with their music program.

MOTION CARRIED #12-200

Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association – this group is requesting funding to help with the costs for ice rental. The intent of the association is to provide an opportunity for all skill levels to participate in a well-organized and structured hockey program. The qualities of sportsmanship and good citizenship are promoted and the welfare, education and social development of the participants are the paramount objectives. They are asking for **\$30.00 per registrant** that resides within the county. We have funded this group in the past, providing \$30.00 per each county resident who participates. There are 104 county residents registered. The breakdown of players is as follows:

District	Number of Participants
1	28
2	24
3	18
4	2
5	0
6	7
7	5
8	9
9	11
10	0

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to fund CCMHA at \$30 per child for the 104 County participants.

MOTION CARRIED #12-201

Minudie Community Hall – this association is seeking funding to help with the costs associated with running the hall. The hall is currently used for different events like dinners, dances, wedding receptions and monthly meetings. The Minudie Community Hall Fund currently owes \$1,025.79 for various expenses including oil, insurance, etc. They are requesting **\$1,000** in assistance. We have assisted this group in the past; giving them \$800 a year since 2008 for general operating and maintenance costs.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to provide Community Development Funds to the Minudie Community Hall to assist them with expenses in the amount of \$1,000 debited from District 9 funds.

MOTION CARRIED #12-202

Amherst Minor Basketball Association - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton, to provide a Community Development Grant of \$1,500 (\$150 each district) to the Amherst Minor Basketball Association to host a Division 4 and 5 Girls Provincial basketball tournament.**

MOTION CARRIED #12-203

- 11.3 **Remittals** –
AAN – 00612138 – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew approve a remittal for AAN 00612138 in the amount of \$883.39 for accumulated interest.

MOTION CARRIED #12-204

AAN 10156718 – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Smith, to approve a remittal in the amount of \$1,990.99 for taxes and interest from 2009 to 2010.

MOTION CARRIED #12-205

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Baker that a remittal be approved in the amount of \$8,285.55 for AAN 07424108 and it be processed after the discharge from bankruptcy.

MOTION CARRIED #12-206

AAN 04729625 – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve a remittal in the amount of \$5,890.55 to AAN 04729625.

MOTION CARRIED #12-207

AAN 09711767 - IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve a remittal for AAN 09711767 in the amount of \$1730.02.

MOTION CARRIED #12-208

- 11.4 RFP – Auditing Services – Mr. Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance advised Council that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for External Auditing Services for the Municipality of Cumberland, East Cumberland Lodge and Sunset Residential and Rehabilitation Service Inc. was posted to the Provincial Procurement Site on November 27, 2012.

The closing date for this RFP is January 4, 2013. It is our intention to have a recommendation for Council at the second regular meeting in January.

12. **Operational Services/Reports Issues**

- 12.1 Appointment of Fire Inspector –

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to appoint Mike Carter as Fire Inspector of the Municipality of Cumberland.

MOTION CARRIED #12-209

13. **Committee/Other Reports**

- 13.1 Capital Projects Update – This information was provided in the Kit.

- 13.2 New Councillor Orientation – New Councillors attending the two day workshop were requested to provide an update to Council regarding the Orientation. New Councillors advised that the workshop was very well done, and very information filled.

- 13.3 Returning Officer's Report – CAO, Rennie Bugley provided an update on the 2012 Municipal Elections.

- 13.4 Atlantic Mayor's Congress Resolutions – Warden Hunter advised that the Mayor's Congress would like to have these passed by our Council.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve the resolutions that are as follows:

Resolution re: CN Northern NB rail line

WHEREAS CN Rail has given notice to abandon the CN line from Moncton through Miramichi to Northern New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS VIA Rail rents / leases running track from CN Rail; and

WHEREAS such action would eliminate the CN Freight and VIA passenger Service to Eastern and Northern New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS VIA is reducing its services by half from 6 round trips per week to 3 round trips in the Ocean Corridor (Montreal to Halifax) in November 2012; and

WHEREAS many communities in Canada have been trying to increase VIA service and improve scheduling to meet the economic development needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS Senior citizens on fixed incomes, students, health care recipients travel to Halifax, Moncton, Quebec City and Montreal for these services; and

WHEREAS VIA Rail's mandate is to provide safe, efficient more environmentally sustainable and cost effective passenger transportation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlantic Mayors' Congress request that CN and VIA Rail maintain and improve rail service frequency across New Brunswick and Atlantic Canada; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to VIA Rail, CN, the Minister of Transport, Minister of ACOA, Minister of Industry and the Council of Atlantic Premiers.

WHEREAS, an ambitious Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement with the European Union would provide a 20% increase in two-way trade and would create almost 80,000 net new jobs in addition to many economic opportunities to all regions of Canada, especially the Atlantic Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the EU market — with 500 million people and annual economic activity of over \$17 trillion is the largest integrated economy in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic Provinces are strategically placed to take advantage of such an agreement and find a net gain in key industries such as fish and seafood, agriculture, chemicals and plastics and services; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has committed that any Canada-EU Agreement will reflect the principles identified by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the governments of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island and all Canadian provinces, have affirmed that “there is no more important Canadian trade negotiating priority today than the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Atlantic Mayors' Congress support the comprehensive economic and trade agreement with the European Union, and affirm that Atlantic Canadian workers and their families will benefit from the jobs and prosperity that result from the new opportunities in the European Market Atlantic Mayors' Congress, Conception Bay South, October 26, 2012

Draft Resolution on Housing and Homelessness

WHEREAS: Cities and communities throughout Atlantic Canada and across the country understand that a healthy housing market with a broad range of housing options are the cornerstones of a strong economy and a vibrant community; and

WHEREAS: Record high housing prices and consistently low rental vacancy rates have made it increasingly difficult for moderate and low-income earners to find adequate housing while cities aren't able to house the workers and newcomers they need to grow their economies further; and

WHEREAS: Expiring federal operating agreements and housing programs which will see a growing reduction in federal annual housing expenditure further threaten the viability of one-third of Canada's social housing stock which will only put more pressure on market priced and affordable rental housing stock;

THEREFORE be it resolved that: the Atlantic Mayors Congress call on the Government of Canada to renew much needed housing and homelessness programs and work with municipalities to develop incentives to increase rental housing and other initiatives to grow the economy and preserve and enhance housing options for Canadians.

Draft Resolution- Target 2014- Infrastructure Plan

WHEREAS, a major study released recently by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and three industry partner organizations, the first-ever Canadian Infrastructure Report Card, has showed that core municipal infrastructure like roads and water systems, assets critical to Canada's health, safety and economic prosperity, are at risk;

AND WHEREAS, the new federal wastewater system effluent regulations will require communities to substantially upgrade more than one out of every four wastewater treatment systems in Canada, and the challenge will especially be great in the Atlantic and Maritime regions;

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

AND WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign to ensure the new plan reflects the municipal priorities across the country and has called upon the Atlantic Mayors' Congress to pass a resolution supporting the campaign;

AND 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 governments;

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

AND WHEREAS, municipalities across Canada appreciate the leadership and financial support of the federal government through the Economic Action Plan (EAP) and the federal Gas Tax Fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Atlantic Mayors' Congress endorse the FCM campaign and urge the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure that a new long term infrastructure plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the federal government must back up its new wastewater regulations with a funding plan that will protect both the environment and property taxpayers, and that federal and provincial governments to pay a full and fair share to meet the regulations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Atlantic Mayors' Congress urge 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 and appropriate accompanying correspondence be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Council of Atlantic Premiers and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

MOTION CARRIED #12-210

13.5 RDA Review Panel Report -

This information is provided to Council in their boxes. Mr. Bugley advised that there will be a lot of detailed work to be done between now and the Transition Date.

14. Old Business

This item was deleted.

15. New Business

15.1 Code of Conduct – Councillors will be signing this at the January Council session.

15.2 After School Physical Activity Program – Our Physical Activity and Recreation Coordinator, advised that the Department of Education has provided funding that the Department of Health and Wellness has allocated to be used to provide after school physical activity programs for kids. This grant allows schools to access up to \$5,000/year for year round after-school hours physical activity programming targeted toward youth who are inactive. Funding for the Chignecto Central Regional School Board has been available for over a year, however we only recently became aware of this funding, thus we now have 2 years worth of funds available to provide programming. Research has shown that activity levels in youth decline as they age, in both males and females. In girls in particular, activity levels are dismal, with less than 1% of grade eleven girls in Nova Scotia meeting the daily physical activity requirements. With this information, the target population for these programs is females in grade 6-9. This does not mean males cannot participate in the program; it is simply the females we are actively trying to get engaged and participating.

The 5 municipalities in Cumberland County have partnered together, along with the Cumberland YMCA to provide programs to 7 schools within the County: Advocate District School, E.B. Chandler Junior High School, Oxford Regional Education Center, Parrsboro Regional High School, Pugwash District High School, River Hebert District High School, and Springhill Junior/Senior High School. Focus groups were held at each school with the target population to determine several pieces of information, including what types of programs they want, what is

preventing them from being physically active and what types of things they like/do not like about current programs being run. With this information we hope to develop programs that will entice these females to participate and ultimately become more active so they can lead healthy, happy lives as they age. We have advertised a job position that includes a dual role as both the After School and YMCA Teen/Youth Program Coordinator. The individual will be housed at the YMCA, who will be responsible for their pay. In addition, 2 Program Leaders will be hired at each school to help facilitate the programs. The YMCA will also be responsible for these individuals. Once the coordinator is hired, meetings will be held with all schools to familiarize so that they can become familiar with whom and where they will be working. The coordinator will also visit each Municipality to become acquainted there as well. The proposed start date for this coordinator is November 26th; however this may be pushed if there are extenuating circumstances.

More details will be given to Council as ideas and events become more concrete. The Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator is very excited about this opportunity to promote physical activity and help address the issue of inactive females within Nova Scotia.

- 15.3 Active Transportation 101 Workshop – Emily Burke, Physical Activity and Recreation Coordinator, advised Council that active transportation (any form of human-powered transportation, like biking, walking, running, etc.) is a wonderful way to incorporate physical activity into our daily routines. Laura MacPherson, the Physical Activity Coordinator for the Fundy Region, has been conducting interviews around the county with stakeholders surrounding issues of active transportation. The interview in Cumberland was held in September, with lots of enthusiasm and support for increasing the number of opportunities for people to engage in active transportation around the county. It was decided that more information was needed around the issue in order to maximize the potential for these ideas to become realities.

Council was advised that an Active Transportation 101 workshop will be held at the County office on December 12th, from 1:30-4:30pm. All Councilors are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Emily Burke by December 7th if you wish to join. For more information on active transportation, please visit <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hp-ps/hl-mvs/pa-ap/at-ta-eng.php>.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to forward correspondence to DOTIR asking for input into the paving of the gulf shore road and to ask for any other paving projects coming up in the near future and request input into these projects.

MOTION CARRIED #12-211

- 15.4 Declaration of Special Election – Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the CAO, provided information to Council on a Special Election for District 10.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton , seconded by Councillor McLellan to declare a Special Election for District 10 with Advance Polls being held on Saturday, February 9, Tuesday, February 12 and Ordinary Polling Day to be held on Saturday, February 16th, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED # 12-212

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to appoint Rennie Bugley as Returning Officer.

MOTION CARRIED #12-213

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Baker to appoint Shelley Hoeg as Assistant Returning Officer.

MOTION CARRIED #12-214

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton to appoint Shelley Hoeg as Revising Officer.

MOTION CARRIED #12-215

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton to use the Provincial Voter's List for the Special Election in District 10.

MOTION CARRIED #12-216

16. **Information Items**

- 16.1 CAO Performance Development Plan – This Committee will meet within the near future.
- 16.2 Conflict of Interest – This information was provided to Council and they were requested to peruse the information and direct any questions to the CAO.
- 16.3 Atlantic Mayor’s Congress Media Release – For Information

16.4 Planning Project – Penny Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development advised that a proposal was submitted to the Dalhousie School of Planning as they were reaching out to Municipalities for real world projects that could be of benefit to both the client and the Student. Past projects are available on-line and are of a very high quality. The Cumberland proposal was one of several submitted to the school and we just received notification that a team of 3 students have been selected to work on this project.

This project will be a first use of and focus on the Stantec Environmental Planning Framework and involves several stakeholders that will benefit from this detailed study. Its purpose is to develop a language that we can adopt into our current planning documents and maybe even use as template for other areas in the County.

This is a Winter Term Project for the students and will not begin until January 2013.

16.5 VON Wellness Clinic - Emily Burke, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator reminded council that the Cumberland VON will be at the county office for the day on Wednesday, December 5th, putting on a wellness clinic for Council and staff members. The VON nurse will be administering flu vaccinations, cholesterol tests, blood pressure tests and glucose tests.

The nurse will also be writing a report so that everyone can see where they have improved since the last check and other areas that may require more work. In addition, pamphlets will be provided and consultation time will be available should you wish to discuss options and ways to improve your test scores with the nurse.

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

18. **God Save the Queen**

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore