

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the July 3, 2013 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: Deputy Warden Don Smith, Councillor Kellegrew, Warden Hunter, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher. The Acting CAO and many staff were in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 14.1 – Spencer’s Island Slipway; 14.2 – Springhill Centennial Golf Club; 15.2 – LiDAR; 15.3 – Cape Chignecto; 15.4 – PSAC Conference; 16.4 – RNS Conference

Deletions: 7, 9.1, 10, 12, 13
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from June 19th, 2013 Council Session**
The Minutes of the June 19, 2013 Council session were approved with revision to the number of Girl Guides from District 2. The minutes reflect 14 participants from District 2 and there were only 12. This also changes the funds debited from District 2 Community Development Grants from \$420 to \$360.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, 29, 2013** – Staff were requested to send a response to the Fraserville Cemetary Committee advising that we received their letter and that no funds will be provided. Deputy Warden Smith requested an update on our Canine Control. Mr. Ferguson, Acting CAO advised that we are awaiting a response from the L. A. Animal Shelter to see what they may be willing to take on or what they would like the municipality to do differently.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 **CFTA** – Carl Humphreys, Chair and Bev Estabrooks, Fundraising and Marketing Manager, were on hand to provide an update on CFTA.

Mr. Humphreys advised that the primary goal is to stay in touch with the people of Cumberland and Westmorland. Council was informed the Society was formed in 2007 and incorporated on May 30th of that year. In February of 2008 they ended up with license for Tantramar Community Radio Society. Mr. Humphreys spoke of some geographic issues the station is dealing with and of their successes.

The presenters answered Councillors questions and were thanked for their presentation by Warden Hunter.
 - 6.2 **Sunset Strategic Plan** – Mary Ellen Pitoello and Ron McNutt were on hand to provide this presentation. Mr. MacNut advised of what the Sunset Community is and their Mission Statement. The Community includes an adult residential centre community based living options and sunset industries.

There Mission Statement is: “They are committed to working with adults who need access to twenty four hour support to live with serious and persistent mental and physical challenges. We will provide safe and supportive living learning and working environments to these individuals can life meaning and personally satisfying lives.”

Mr. MacNutt explained the Vision and how it ties in to their Mission Statement. Council was advised that the annual budget of \$8,000,000 and has a \$30,000 deficit for year ending March 31, 2013. Mr. MacNutt explained that 77% of total budget goes to salaries (6.4 million) and 23% goes to operations which includes food, drugs, oil, vehicles, insurance, etc.

Major renovations began in 2009 and are ongoing. DCS has funded \$2.4 Million for Fire Marshall Orders. There was \$4.6 Million borrowed to begin their renovations and another 3 million was required. These renovations are 75% complete.

The kitchen and dining area, south wing, siding and front entrance are the remaining items to complete.

Sunset is licensed for 115 beds, has private and semi private rooms, 24 hour medical coverage, provides community based living options and an Independent Living Support Program.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. MacNutt and Mrs. Pitoello for their informative presentation.

7. Public Hearings
This item was deleted.

8. Correspondence
The following is a synopsis of correspondence received since the last Council session.

INFORMATION

UNSM – Advising UNSM has been asked to participate in the development of a discussion paper that will be released to the public mid fall, 2013. Inviting Municipalities to participate in an online survey or to e-mail comments regarding the school review process.

ACTION

New Horizon's for Seniors Program – Rosemary Ulch, Manager, requesting a letter of support from the Municipality for a proposal to develop a Seniors Mentoring Students Program through a soup and sandwich bar at Heritage Models Museum for year round use.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Gilbert, to forward a letter of recommendation for the Seniors Mentoring Students Program.

MOTION CARRIED #13-139

9. Planning Issues:

9.1 Initial Consideration - Development Agreement Application – Ms. Henneberry advised the applicant has withdrawn his application and this item is deleted from today's agenda.

10. Strategic Planning
This item was deleted.

11. Financial Reports/Issues

11.1 Remittal(s) – Council was provided with information on two remittals by the Revenue Officer, Erika Kromm. The first was:

Account #: 10455170
District: 04
Assessed To: Patricia Riedell, James Verilli et al

The Land Registration Office has provided notice that this account was created in error and should not be charged taxes. This property is actually part of AAN 04757017. Property Valuation Services has been notified to remove this account from the roll. This property has only been taxed for the current tax year and the outstanding taxes are \$223.60.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$223.60 for the 2013 taxes.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to provide a remittal to AAN 10455170 in the amount of \$223.60 for the 2013 taxes.

MOTION CARRIED #13-140

The second was:

Account #: 07509693
District: 03
Assessed To: Owen Baxter

This account is for a mobile home. The taxes and interest outstanding on this account are \$1,133.68 for 2004 to 2012. In 2003, the mobile home was moved and then assessed to AAN 04854055 for the 2004 tax year, but the mobile home was not removed from AAN 07509693. In 2006, the mobile home was demolished.

Property Valuation Services has confirmed that the mobile home is not there and has deactivated the account.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$1,133.68 for the taxes and interest charged since 2004.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Smith, to provide a remittal in the amount of \$1,133.68 for the taxes and interest charged since 2004.

MOTION CARRIED #13-141

- 11.2 Community Development Grants – Emily Burke, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the following grant requests:

Amherst Junior C Colts

This group is looking to raise money to operate a Junior C team this upcoming season. They have estimated the budget for the season to be around \$34,000.00. They are seeking any assistance possible. From last year's roster, there were three County residents (District 2, 3 and 9). We have funded this group in the past, giving them \$500 in 2011 (\$50 each District, 6 County players) and \$1,000.00 in 2012 (\$500 District 1, \$500 District 7, 6 County players).

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to provide a Community Development Grant to the Amherst Junior C Colts in the amount of \$500 (\$50/district).

MOTION CARRIED #13-142

Amherst Curling Club

This group is requesting to funding to assist with purchasing rocks that are size appropriate for younger kids in order to build on their junior curling program. In addition to increasing their junior membership, they feel it will increase adult membership as the parents will be introduced to the sport as well. The rocks have been estimated to cost \$5,500.00. They are requesting the total amount of **\$5,500.00** in assistance.

(This item is deferred to a future meeting)

River Hebert Summer Soccer

This group is requesting funding to assist with the costs to run their summer soccer program this year in River Hebert. The program serves children in the area and provides them with a soccer program two nights a week for \$25.00/child. They have estimated the total cost of the season to be just under \$2,600.00. There are 46 players signed up to play, which will bring in revenue of \$1,150.00 (leaving \$1,450.00 left to be funded). They are seeking **\$1,500.00** in assistance.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Baker to provide a Community Development Grant, from District 9 funds, to the River Hebert summer Soccer in the amount of \$1,500.

MOTION CARRIED #13-143

Tidnish Crossroads and Community Centre

This group is seeking funding to purchase elements for a proposed skateboard park in Tidnish. These elements will be used in conjunction with the new multi-use surface that have just been installed at the local ball park. The youth of the community have initiated the request and have organized to support and assist with the development of skateboarding in the community. Presently, the youth have only the roads to skateboard on, which is dangerous and unsafe. The new skate park would allow them to continue skateboarding in a safe manner. The elements are estimated to cost just under \$1,800.00. Local fundraising has been done, with \$300.00 being raised. They are seeking **\$1,500.00** in assistance.

**Warden Hunter recommends that \$1,500.00 be debited from District 3 Subdivision Funds.*

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$1,500 from District 3 Subdivision Funds to the Tidnish Crossroads Community Centre for assistance with a proposed skatepark.

MOTION CARRIED #13-144

There was also a request from the Cumberland YMCA for funding assistance for

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to provide a \$500 Community Development Grant to the Cumberland YMCA with funds being debited \$50 per District.

MOTION CARRIED #13-145

- 11.3 Dr. D. M. Cochrane Medical Centre – We had approved funds contingent on a specific project and the project is now not necessary this year. They would like to have the funds for operational needs. Council advised they must re-apply for a Grant to Organization for the funds required for their operational needs.

- 11.4 Tax Reduction and Exemption Policy Amendment Approval – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Gillis to approve the amendment of the Tax Reduction and Exemption Policy to include the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary.

MOTION CARRIED #13-146

- 11.5 Rotary Club - Staff were directed to request the funds be returned and an application be made in the next fiscal year.

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues
This item was deleted.

13. Committee/Other Reports
This item was deleted.

14. Old Business

- 14.1 Spencer's Island Slipway – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Baker, to approve the advance of funds to effect repairs to the original portion of the Spencer's Island Slipway.

MOTION CARRIED #13-147

- 14.2 Springhill Centennial Golf Club – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a Grant to Organization in the amount of \$10,000 to the Springhill Centennial Golf Club.

MOTION CARRIED #13-148

15. New Business

- 15.1 Solar City - Warden Hunter discussed the Solar City initiative in HRM.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to request staff to investigate how the process of the Solar City Program could be undertaken in the Municipality of Cumberland.

MOTION CARRIED #13-149

- 15.2 LiDAR – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gillis that staff be authorized to complete negotiations with Leading Edge Geomatics for the collection of Lidar data along the Northumberland Strait and to enter into a contract in keeping with their proposal submitted in June.

MOTION CARRIED #13-150

- 15.3 Cape Chignecto – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor McLellan to forward correspondence to DNR requesting that the local residents (of six month residency) not have to pay admission to Cape Chignecto Park.

MOTION CARRIED #13-151

- 15.4 PSAC Conference – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to sponsor one of the meals at the upcoming PSAC Conference in the amount of \$250.

MOTION CARRIED #13-152

16. Information Items

- 16.1 School Review Process – Provided as information.

- 16.2 Canada Post Mailbox Review – Councillors were advised of e-mails received from Canada Post regarding reviews currently taking place.

- 16.3 Ground Breaking – Maccan Waste Water Treatment Plant – Council will be notified when this event will take place.

- 16.4 Recreation Nova Scotia Conference – Councillors were advised that the conference will take place in Sydney in October and any Councillor interested in attending should notify the Executive Assistant so she can register them.

17. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

18. God Save the Queen

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore