

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the December 11, 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.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 11.2 – Revenue and Expenditure Report, 15.4 – Council Meeting Dates

Deletions: 7, 9, 10, 12, 16
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from November 27, 2013 Council Session**
The Minutes of November 27, 2013 were approved with the amendment to show that Councillor Kellegrew and Warden Hunter were present.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, November 27, 2013**
There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 **Service Recognition** –
Warden Hunter recognized John Burbine, Public Works Operations Supervisor, for his 15 years of dedicated service to the Municipality of Cumberland.
7. **Public Hearings**
This item was deleted.
8. **Correspondence**
Town of Yarmouth – Thanking all municipal partners for their support, encouragement and efforts in assisting Yarmouth’s efforts to see the return of the Yarmouth-New England ferry service.

Teamsters Canada – Advising that railway self-regulation must come to an end and that public safety must come before profit. Advising that if there are any questions to please contact them.
9. **Planning Issues:**
This item was deleted.
10. **Strategic Planning**
This item was deleted.
11. **Financial Reports/Issues**
 - 11.1 **Community Development Grants** – Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the following grants:

Linden 4-H Club
The signage this group has at their meeting place (The Linden Community Hall) is aging and they would like to replace with a new sign to show that they are still a strong and active community group. They are requesting \$600 from the County.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Baker to provide a \$600 grant from District 6 Community Development Grants to the Linden 4H Club to assist with the costs of replacing their sign.

MOTION CARRIED #13-237

Northport Elementary School

This is a request to help fund the multi-use sports pad project in Northport. There are three stages to this project: Stage 1 is the paving/concrete of a 50’ x 100’ area; Stage 2 is the equipment necessary for making the pad into a basketball and/or tennis court; stage 3 entails adding boards and a building to store equipment. The sports pad will have several purposes; it will serve as a rink in the winter and will be available to the public after school hours, evenings and weekends. Basketball and tennis court will be available during the spring, summer and fall seasons. The area can also be utilized - provided the proper equipment is purchased - as a skateboard park. The school is requesting funding from the county to put towards this project. They have also requested

funding from the NS Department of Health & Wellness (\$12,000).

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to provide \$8,500 from District 3 Subdivision funds to the Northport Elementary School to assist with the costs of a multi-use sports pad project. If District 3 Subdivision funds do not contain the \$8,500 then the remaining amount will be deducted from District 3 Community Development Funds.

MOTION CARRIED #13-238

Malagash Mine Community Hall

The Community Hall wants to offer yoga classes twice a week and walking once a week for residents in their community. They also host regular luncheons, card parties and cater to birthdays, anniversaries, and suppers on request. They are requesting \$1,000 in funding to contribute to some of the costs associated with these events.

Councillor Welton recommends that \$700 be debited from District 5 Community Development funds.

Wallace Country Community Christmas

The Wallace Community received a Community Spirit award this past summer from the NS government. To enhance this spirit, every year we have a Christmas celebration with crafters, a Santa Claus parade, children's games, community dinners, sale specials at our retailers, church fairs, fireworks, etc. This organization is requesting \$500 from Council to help offset some of these costs.

Councillor Welton recommends that \$400 be debited from District 5 Community Development funds.

Pugwash District High School (Senior Girls Basketball)

The basketball team is looking for assistance in paying for referees, travel and tournament fees. They are requesting \$1,000. We funded them for \$500 in 2010 & 2011 and for \$1,000 in 2012.

Councillor Gillis recommends that \$1,000 be debited from District 4 Community Development funds.

Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch #60

This group is requesting \$5,000 in funding to replace a 25 year old ramp to the second floor.

Councillor Gillis recommends that \$3,300 be debited from District 4 Community Development funds.

Councillor Welton recommends that \$700 be debited from District 5 Community Development funds.

Councillor Baker recommends that \$1,000 be debited from District 6 Community Development funds.

Pugwash Communities in Bloom

This group is requesting \$3,000 for the beautification of the playground area of Eaton Park. The public will benefit from this project through continued use of the playground by children in much improved surroundings including a seating area for parents. They were able to fund \$3,000 of this project as well.

Councillor Gillis recommends that \$3,000 be debited from District 4 Community Development funds.

Oxford Marksmen Association

This association is requesting \$10,000 from the county. They have raised \$10,000 on their own already towards the purchase of the land where their range is housed. The property had been leased and the group was recently informed that the lease runs out at the end of December. They only have until the end of December to purchase the land, because otherwise it is sold. All of their equipment and range is there, and it would be a great loss to their group. Councillor Rector will provide further information on this request at the Council session.

Councillor Rector recommends that \$10,000 be debited from District 7 Community Development funds.

Also, I would like to revisit this grant request now that I have received further information, as requested by Council last month.

Special Olympics Amherst

This group is sending a large number of athletes to the 2014 National Games. The cost for sending a single athlete to the National Games is \$1,000. By accepting the position on team NS they have accepted a financial obligation far beyond their yearly operating costs. They are requesting any donations that Council is willing to commit. Athlete breakdown is as follows:

District 2 = 2 athletes

District 7 = 8 athletes

District 3 = 2 athletes

District 8 = 1 athlete

District 4 = 14 athletes

Councillor Gillis recommended \$1,000 be debited from District 4 Community Development funds – this was approved by Council on November 13, 2013.

The breakdown will be : \$200 from Districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10 and \$1,200 from District 7 Community Development Funds.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew, to provide the following Community Development Grants:

Malagash Mine Community Hall	District 5	\$ 700
Wallace Country Community Christmas	District 5	\$ 400
Pugwash District High School (Senior Girls Basketball)	District 4	\$ 1,000
Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch #60	District 4	\$ 3,300
	District 5	\$ 700
	District 6	\$ 1,000
Pugwash Communities in Bloom	District 4	\$ 3,000
Oxford Marksmen Association	District 7	\$10,000
Special Olympics Amherst	District 1	\$ 200
	District 2	\$ 200
	District 3	\$ 200
	District 6	\$ 200
	District 7	\$ 1,200
	District 8	\$ 200
	District 9	\$ 200
	District 10	\$ 200

MOTION CARRIED #13-239

- 11.2 Revenue and Expenditure Report - Director of Finance and Administration, Andrew MacDonald provided a Revenue and Expenditure Report to Council.

There was discussion on the loss of revenue due to not implementing a system for payment at our transfer station C&D sites.

Council would like to see an invoice system rolled out by February 1st, 2014. Staff were directed to look into this and report back to Council.

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

This item was deleted. Warden Hunter inquired why information on the Dangerous and Unsightly Premise report wasn't provided. This will be provided at the first meeting in January, 2014.

13. Committee/Other Reports

- 13.1 Wellness Committee – Exercise Equipment – Staff are requesting the ability to purchase exercise equipment via a payroll deduction plan, similar to our employee computer purchase plan with a maximum purchase amount of \$2,000.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher, to approve an employee exercise equipment purchase payment program, up to a maximum of \$2000.

MOTION CARRIED #13-240

- 13.2 Nominating Committee Report – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to accept the report of the Nominating Committee regarding Council appointments to Committees for the 2014 year.**

MOTION CARRIED #13-241

14. Old Business

- 14.1 CNTA Marketing Levy Proposal – CAO, Mr. Rennie Bugley, advised that Council may want to request further information from CNTA ex; business proposal, budget, etc. This item will be placed on a January meeting agenda.

15. New Business

- 15.1 Notice of Intent to consider amendment to the Meetings and Proceedings of Council Policy – Staff are recommending a format change of our Council agenda's to focus on more strategic and operational issues. This requires a change to the Meetings and Proceedings of Council Policy. The agenda set out in the Policy must be changed.

IT WAS MOVED BY Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton to Give Notice of Intent to Consider amending the Meetings and Proceedings of Council Policy at our first January, 2014 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED #13-242

- 15.2 Capital Investment Plan – The Committee met this week and reviewed all projects that had been previously scored and added additional ones as well. They are scored based on 19 criteria.

The current list of projects is worth \$49,000,000.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the Capital Investment Plan presented today.

MOTION CARRIED #13-243

Councillor Kellegrew would like to see a service put in place to determine the number of people who would actually walk to the hospital. He feels that this would be a cost saving over the cost of the sidewalk project. Staff were directed to discuss this subject with the Town of Amherst again and possibly review the project.

Mr. MacDonald advised that it is anticipated to have the CIP discussed and approved during the budget deliberation cycle. Therefore it would be approved sometime in May.

- 15.3 Climate Change Adaptation Plan – Mr. Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, gave an overview of the Plan, which had been previously circulated to Council. The plan deals with climate change issues, the hazards and expected locations.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve the Climate Change Adaptation Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED #13-244

- 15.4 Council Meeting Dates – Council will meet January 8th and 22nd, 2014, and the 5th and 19th of February and March, 2014. At the January meeting, a tentative schedule of meeting dates for the upcoming year will be circulated.

16. Information Items
This item was deleted.
17. Adjournment
On motion the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.
18. God Save the Queen

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore