

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Deputy Warden Smith called to order the January 29, 2014 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, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher. Warden Hunter was not present as he had a prior commitment.

3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 9.1 - Land Use By-Law Amendment
 13.3 – Appointment of Jim Campbell to Steering Committee
 15.8 - Service Reduction/Canada Post
 15.9 – Susan Taylor Theatre Committee
 15.10 – Upcoming Council Dates

Deletions: 6.1 – Sign Contest Winners – Deferred
 7 – Public Hearings
 10 – Strategic Planning

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Minutes from December 11, 2013 Council Session**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Baker to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2013 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED #14-001

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 **Action List, December 11, 2013**

There was no discussion on this item.

6. **Delegations and Presentations**

6.1 **Sign Contest Winners** – This item was deferred to a future meeting due to the unavailability of one of the recipients.

6.2 **Petition re: ATV Use Within Road Right of Way** – This petition was presented and accepted by Council.

7. **Public Hearings**

This item was deleted.

8. **Correspondence**

There was no discussion on this item.

9. **Planning Issues:**

9.1 **By-Law Amendment** – Ms. Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development, advised of the Secondary Plan for the Central Area and the need to review the By-Law and the need for an amendment.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to direct staff to begin the process to amend the Central Area Plan.

MOTION CARRIED #14-002

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:

Cumberland African Nova Scotian Association

This organization is hosting the regional launch for the official African Heritage Month Poster, with a focus on youth this year. The featured African Nova Scotian youth is Summer Joy Upshaw from River Hebert and the Hon. Tony Ince will be at the launch to assist with the unveiling. They have a confirmed contribution of \$250 and the venue site from the Town of Amherst and a confirmed financial contribution of \$500 from African Nova Scotian Affairs. They are requesting **\$350** to

offset the cost of the performance of the African Children's Choir (cost shared with the Town) and a contribution towards the sound cost and Honorius for youth performer from our community.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to approve a community development Grant to CANSA up to the amount of \$350 for assisting with the cost of the African Children's Choir for the African Heritage Month Kickoff.

MOTION CARRIED #14-003

Cumberland Trails Association

This association is the umbrella group for six different ATV Clubs and Snowmobile Clubs in the County. The goal of the association is trail development. This group requested \$7,500 and received \$5,000 in funding from the County in 2012 to build a 50 foot bridge at Black River and do some work on the trail leading up to the bridge site. With the construction of this bridge, ATV and Snowmobile users no longer have a reason to cross the highway and put themselves in danger. CTA had requested funding from the provincial OHV fund for \$16,700 and they were denied due to the number of outstanding projects not yet complete. This leads to the present situation where the work was completed in 2013 and now there is an outstanding debt with the contractor for \$6,328. This group is requesting the full **\$6,328** in funding from Council.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve a Community Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$6,328 to be broken down as such:

District 1, 4, 6 and 9	\$500/ea
District 7	\$2,000
District 8	\$2,328

MOTION CARRIED #14-004

Collingwood Community Hall

This group is looking for funding to help with general upkeep/operating costs of the community hall. This group has received annual funding for a number of years. They are asking for **\$1,000**.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve a community development grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the Collingwood community hall upkeep and operating costs.

MOTION CARRIED #14-005

Joggins Fossil Centre

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve a community development grant to assist the Joggins fossil centre with the costs of the 2014 March Break Camps in the amount of \$1025 with the funds coming from District 9.

MOTION CARRIED #14-006

11.2 **Notice of Intent to Amend the Tax Reduction and Exemption Policy**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor McLellan to give Notice to Amend the Tax Reduction and Exemption Policy and Schedule to include the Advocate District Development Association Campground Property located at 95 Mills Road, Advocate Harbour, AAN 03403424, PID 25194150, and that this will be considered at the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED #14-007

11.3 **2014 Property Assessments** – Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance went over the document provided to Council regarding the 2014 Property Assessments.

11.4 **Tax Collection Report – November 2013** – These documents were provided prior to the meeting and discussed at the meeting.

11.5 **Tax Collection Report – December, 2013** - These documents were provided prior to the meeting and discussed at the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to auction off the remaining three properties with a minimum bid of \$200.

MOTION CARRIED #14-008

11.6 **Financial Statements** – These documents were circulated prior to Council. Director of Finance, Andrew MacDonald, went over the document and provided highlights to Council.

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

12.1 Dangerous and Unsightly Premise Report – Solid Waste and By-Law Enforcement Administrator, Peter Cottingham, reviewed the report provided to Council regarding Dangerous and Unsightly Premises.

12.2 Transfer Station C&D Billing Program – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to implement tipping fees at the three transfer stations effective March 1, 2014.**

MOTION CARRIED #14-009

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Welton to defer the Motion regarding implementing tipping fees at the three transfer stations effective March 1, 2014 (#14-009) to the next Council session for further information to be provided.

MOTION CARRIED #14-010

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 Appointment to Building Officials Training Working Group – Councillors were reminded that the deadline for submissions of interest is January 31, 2014.

13.2 Appointment to E911 Cost Recovery Committee - Councillors were reminded that the deadline for submissions of interest is January 31, 2014.

13.3 Appointment of Jim Campbell to Pugwash Steering Committee – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to appoint Jim Campbell to the Pugwash Thinkers Lodge Steering committee.**

MOTION CARRIED #14-011

14. Old Business

14.1 CNTA Marketing Levy Proposal – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Baker to approve the CNTA Marketing Levy Proposal.**

MOTION CARRIED #14-012

14.2 Canine Control Officer Request for proposals – This was provided as information.

14.3 Nappan River/Smith Road Flooding – Mr. Phalen Giffen was on hand to speak on this subject. Mr. Giffen advised that this issue is a yearly issue and that an aboiteau would solve the issue of the yearly flooding, at least in the section of road adjacent to the L. A. Animal Shelter. He is requesting a Committee to be struck by Council to initiate the process of replacing the aged aboiteau. He feels the remediation would not be extremely costly and could be easily accomplished. For the other section that floods, the only solution would be to dredge the river.

Deputy Warden Smith would be interested in sitting on a Committee struck to remediate the Smith Road flooding issue. Mr. Giffen will contact the Deputy Warden to initiate the process of forming such a committee.

15. New Business

15.1 School Review Consultation – Council was advised of the report Jim Campbell provided regarding this subject at a public meeting held last week.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to ratify the report presented by Jim Campbell at the School Review Process Public Consultation meeting.

MOTION CARRIED #14-013

There was also discussion regarding the lack of accountability of the CCRSB and the frustration with the CCRSB not returning phone calls and addressing parents concerns with regards to bussing etc. There was further discussion on overall dissatisfaction with the considerable funds provided to the School board and the lack of accountability back to the funding bodies.

Councillor Welton will provide a copy of the notes of the meeting she attended in Wallace and it will be circulated to Councillors.

15.2 Naming of New Provincial Holiday – Council agreed that this is a Provincial Issue and will not be acting on this item at this time.

- 15.3 2014 Municipal Electoral Boundary Review Process – Distributed for information. Advised Planning and Development Department will be working on this issue.
- 15.4 Provincial 2014/2015 Capital Plan – There was correspondence circulated pointing out noteworthy projects.
- 15.5 2014 Volunteer Award Nominations – Councillors were advised of the categories and \ deadlines for nominations for our 2014 Volunteer Awards.
- 15.6 Designation Under the Fences and Detention of Livestock Act – CAO Bugley will bring back further information regarding this issue. He has requested clarification from the Province as to what exactly Designation or Non-Designation would entail.
- 15.7 Municipal Engineer – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to appoint Justin Waugh-Cress as the Municipal Engineer for the Municipality of Cumberland.**

MOTION CARRIED #14-014

- 15.8 Canada Post Service Reductions – A petition was received by residents of Maccan requesting support for their stance that hours at the Maccan Post Office to not be reduced.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert that Whereas the elimination of Saturday Service and the reduction of counter operation hours throughout the week could ultimately affect your standard of postal service;

Whereas the services offered by the Canada Post Corporation are an integral part to the ongoing support and development of our community;

Whereas to be efficient and meet the needs of our citizens it is necessary to maintain the current levels of service;

Be it resolved that the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Cumberland is opposed to any reduction of services proposed by the Canada Post Corporation, including the Saturday hours

MOTION CARRIED #14-015

- 15.9 Susan Taylor Theatre Committee – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to appoint Deputy Warden Smith as the Council representative on the Susan Taylor Theatre Committee.**

MOTION CARRIED #14-016

- 15.10 Upcoming Council Dates – Wednesday, February 5 will be a budget meeting that will commence at 10 a.m. Council will be held February 19th, 2014.

16. Information Items

- 16.1 African Heritage Month Regional Launch 2014 – Councillors were reminded of the African Heritage Month kickoff taking place Tuesday, February 4th, 2014 from Noon until 1 p.m. at the Amherst Town Hall.

17. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

18. God Save the Queen

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore