

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada**

- 1.1 Warden Hunter called to order the March 19, 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.

Roll Call

- 1.2 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.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)**

The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 5.1 – Canine Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer,

Deletions: 3, and 4

- 2.2 **Approval of the Minutes from March 5, 2013 Council Session** – The minutes of March 5, 2014 were approved as circulated.

- 2.3 **Business Arising – Action List of March 5, 2014** – Councillor Fletcher attended the National Women's Day function and it was extremely well attended. Also, Mr. Cottingham made a submission on the proposed changes to the Animal Protection Act and encouraged Councillors to submit as well. Deputy Warden Smith asked if a response was received from DNR regarding Cape Chignecto (Eatonville) and no response has been received as yet.

2.4 **Delegations, Presentations, Petitions**

- **Wentworth School Sustainability Association** – Andrea Rushton, Crystal Bushen, and Mr. Ferdinand were on hand to provide the presentation. Mrs. Rushton provided background information on the closure process the CCRSB has set in place that resulted in the formation of their Committee. She provided information to Council regarding their actions in the past year.

Council had previously agreed to have the garbage picked up and the School Board has not contacted the Committee or the Municipality to follow up with this. The contract the CCRSB currently holds will expire this August.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to request the CCRSB to provide the information that the Wentworth School Sustainability Association has requested regarding the grading of the physical location.

MOTION CARRIED #14-041

Warden Hunter feels that the building should be inspected by an independent person and that the Municipality may cover the costs of that inspection.

Warden Hunter thanked the delegation for their presentation.

- **211** – Mike Myatt was on hand to present this information. Mr. Myatt advised that 211 is a service designed to help navigate the complex network of an estimated

Why 211 works:

Locally Governed Non Profit – recognizes, understands the social challenges in your community.

Thoughtful And Compassionate Inquiry – looking beyond the symptoms of today to treat yesterday's chronic problem.

Finger On The Pulse – constant tracking of over 4,000 services

Access When And How It's Wanted – call, email or self service

Have Standards Of Excellence

211 Benefits Flow to all Elements

211 Helps Elected Officials

211 Saves Time, Money and Effort

211 Supports Local Emergency Management Efforts

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Myatt for his insightful and informative presentation.

2.5 Public Hearings – There are no public hearings for today’s Council session.

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

There are no strategic priorities issues to discuss today.

4. **MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

There are no major organizational issues for today’s meeting.

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BYLAWS ISSUES**

5.1 Canine Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Baker that the position of Canine Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer, reporting to the By-Law and Solid Waste Administrator, be added to the Municipality’s organizational structure, effective April 1, 2014.**

MOTION CARRIED #14-042

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**

6.1 Tax Collection Report – A report from the Revenue Officer, Jen Moore advised the following:

A total of \$104617 was collected in the month of February 2014. Collections are down by \$196,936 as compared to the same time last year. The 2013/14 tax levy billed was \$541,613 higher than was billed in 2012/2013.

The collection rate for current year taxes is 100.7%, in 2012 the collection rate for the current year taxes was 100.6%.

The collection rate for arrears taxes is -25.0% as compared to -4.2% last year.

Statements were issued on January 9, 2013 and hit the mail on January 13, 2014 for a total of 2,446 accounts with outstanding balances. Our office will issue statements again in April 2014.

Tax Sale Notes

The Tax Sale for Group 1 was held on January 28, 2014, the 3 properties remaining did not generate any interest.

The 60 day notices for Group 2, districts 4 -7 were issued February 21, 2014 to a total of 22 accounts. This schedules the upcoming tax sale for Thursday April 24, 2014, the 3 accounts which did not establish any interest in January will be included in the April 24, 2014 sale. The first Tax Sale Advertisement will appear in the newspapers March 19 – 21, 2014 and the second advertisement will appear April 16 – 18, 2014

Requests for lawyers to complete title searches for districts 7-10 was sent on November 25, 2013 for a total of 37 accounts. I expect them back from the Law Office by the end of March 2014.

6.2 Correspondence

Central Nova Tourist Association – requesting an increase in our per capita amount. It would be increased from .30 to .46

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to deny CNTA’s request for an increase in our per capita amount.

MOTION CARRIED #14-043

Charlie McInnis – Regarding dogs at large. Staff have looked after this issue and the parties involved will be contacted by staff.

6.3 Remittals - There were three remittals today. The first was:

Account #: 10007526
District: 04
Assessed To: Northumberland Community Curling Club

The Northumberland Community Curling Club is requesting council to exempt the penalty charge that has accumulated on their account while negotiating with the Village of Pugwash for a club exemption on their property taxes. Please find attached correspondence for this.

The Northumberland Community Curling Club has been consistently paying the sewer charges and recently remitted payment that would cover any principal tax amounts outstanding on their account.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$1,285.32 for the interest that has accumulated to March 2014.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to provide a remittal for the interest accumulated to March 2014 for the Northumberland Community Curling Club (AAN 10007526) in the amount of \$1,285.32.

MOTION CARRIED #14-044

The Second Remittal is:

Account #: 07510519
District: 05
Assessed To: Arlene Little

Councillor Welton brought to staff's attention account 07510519 which is assessed to Arlene Little. This is an inactive mobile home account accessed to a deceased individual.

The tax account reflects an inactive status.
The mobile home has been physically removed from the lot a number of years ago.
The tax billing on the account are from 1996 to 2007.
There have been no payments to the account since 1996.

The breakdown of the account includes \$2,215.96 in taxes, \$27.70 in tax sale expenses, and \$3,888.91. The balance will continue to accumulate interest.

According to the MGA section 133 (7) "Taxes ceased to be a lien on the property when six years have elapsed after the end of the fiscal year in which they were levied, but may be collected after they cease to be a lien." In order to put the mobile home up for tax sale or warrant sale staff must first locate the mobile home.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$6,132.57 for the taxes and interest that has accumulated since 1996.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to provide a remittal in the amount of \$6,132.57 for the taxes and interest that has accumulated since 1996 for AAN 07510519.

MOTION CARRIED #14-045

The third remittal is:

Account #: 03030946
District: 01
Assessed To: Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board c/o Amherst Sod Limited

In July 2013 communication between the Tax Department and Brian Creighton of Creighton Shatford occurred with regards to the Amherst Sod Limited Business Occupancy AAN 07442890 and AAN 03030946 real property tax account.

It was determined at that time that the bankruptcy claim filed by the Municipality of the County of Cumberland disallowed the secured creditor claim due to property being owned by the Farm Loan Board. With regards to the real property tax account 03030946 a total of \$36,407.82 was required to be paid on the account for property taxes and interest outstanding for the period of 2005 to 2013. This payment was received on July 18, 2013. An adjustment of \$18,778.98 was to be applied for taxes and interest from prior to 2005. This adjustment never occurred.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$19,749.22 for the taxes and interest that remain on the account.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a remittal in the amount of \$19,749.22 for the taxes and interest that remain on account 03030946 for the N.S. Farm Loan Board c/o Amherst Sod Limited.

MOTION CARRIED #14-046

- 6.4 Community Development Grants - Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the following:

Rotary Club of Amherst

This group is seeking funding to help with the costs of their Seniors’ Party on June 14th. The main objectives of the party are to provide an afternoon of fun and recreation at the Rotary Park and to create a greater public awareness of the recreational facilities the Rotary Park has to offer. The day, which is free for seniors to attend, includes demonstrations like yoga and gymnastics, musical performances, games, refreshments and food. It will also demonstrate how to use the outdoor equipment properly. The club notes that it is not their intention to make any kind of profit off the day. All participants will have an opportunity to win points that they can trade in for things like water, fruit, etc. The day has been estimated to cost \$2,000.00. The Town of Amherst is very supportive, funding the Rotary Club with \$1,000.00 for the events. They are requesting **\$1,000.00** in assistance for the party. We funded this same event last year for \$1,000. The event was rained out, as was their rain date. They returned the money and are asking for the same assistance.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$1,000 (\$100/District) to the Rotary Club of Amherst for the costs associated with their Senior’s Party.

MOTION CARRIED #14-047

Slow Food Northumberland Shore National Meeting 2014 Society

This group is organizing the National Meeting of Slow Food Canada along the Northumberland Shore from May 1-4, 2014. This meeting will bring together approximately 200 delegates, participants and volunteers from across the country and at least two international representatives. These delegates are professionals in the culinary, agricultural and media sectors that all share a passion for Good, Clean and Fair food for all. Through a series of business meetings, farm tours and meals highlighting local cuisine, delegates will experience the best of what the Maritimes has to offer with special emphasis on the Northumberland Shore. The weekend will culminate with the Gala Dinner which will see 6-8 of the best Nova Scotia chefs present a locally inspired, seasonal, multi-course dinner paired with exceptional Nova Scotia wines for 140 guests. The Gala Dinner will be hosted at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Activities are planned throughout the Northumberland Shore area. This includes a pre-conference tour at 1-2 producers between Malagash and Pugwash (Linden Leas and Holdcana will be approached); and opening reception at Jost Winery (approx. 65 guests); a kitchen party in Wallace (approx. 150 guests) which will include live entertainment, and sampling local craft beer with approximately 60 dining in Wallace beforehand. They are requesting **\$3,500** for this event. They have requested funding from Colchester County (\$8,900), Select NS (\$1,500), Taste of NS (\$1,500), and CNTA(\$500). They have confirmed funding from the Wild Blueberry Producers’ Association (\$5,000) and the North Shore Area Community Health Board (\$2,000).

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gillis, to provide a Grant to Organization to Slow Food Northumberland Shore National Meeting in the amount of \$3,500.

MOTION CARRIED #14-048

Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association

This grant request is for the annual subsidy we have given for county youth. We have given \$40/county player over the last few years, and they currently they have 80 County registrants. The full request would be for **\$3,200**. The breakdown is as follows:

District #	# players	Cost
1	24	\$960
2	20	\$800
3	12	\$480
4	2	\$80
5	1	\$40
6	5	\$200
7	4	\$160
8	4	\$160
9	8	\$320
TOTALS	80	\$3,200

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith seconded by Councillor Fletcher to provide a Community Development Grant to Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association in the amount of \$3,200 with the breakdown as follows:

District #	# players	Cost
1	24	\$960
2	20	\$800

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4	2	\$80
5	1	\$40
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MOTION CARRIED #14-049

Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia (GANS)

The GANS will sponsor a two-day conference “Old Stones – From Exploration to Preservation” in Truro on May 24/25. This conference will bring together experts from heritage, genealogical and community organizations as well as history enthusiasts from the Maritimes and beyond. It will feature seven guest speakers, each covering a topic relevant to cemetery preservation. The conference will offer an opportunity for individuals and community representatives to listen to experts discuss best practice standards and skills for cemetery preservation, thereby building a commitment to champion cemetery preservation and enhancement. They are asking for sponsors under the following format:

Organization recognition	Level of sponsorship		
	Lunch sponsor \$750	Coffee break sponsor \$500	Supporting sponsor \$100
In conference promotion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
In conference program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
In conference handout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
In conference day signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We will also include your supplied Promotional Material in Registration Packets at all Sponsorship levels, if relevant to Conference topics.			

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to provide a community economic development grant in the amount of \$500 (\$50/District) to the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia for their two day conference.

MOTION DEFEATED #14-050

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Gilbert to provide a community economic development grant in the amount of \$100 (\$10/District) to the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia for their two day conference.

MOTION CARRIED #14-051

Cumberland Archers Association

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to allow the Cumberland Archers Association to use previously provided community development funds for a different initiative

MOTION CARRIED #14-052

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Correspondence (non-action) – Provided as information

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

9. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

God Save the Queen was sung.

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore