

1. **COUNCIL CONVENES - O CANADA**

- 1.1 Warden Hunter called to order the April 16, 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 Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher. Councillor Gillis was absent.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 7.3 – Springhill Chamber of Commerce AGM

Deletions: 2.5 and 3

- 2.2 Approval of the Minutes from April 2, 2014 Council Session – The minutes of April 2, 2014 were approved with minor spelling corrections.

- 2.3 Business Arising – Action List of April 2, 2014 – There was no discussion on this item.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

Council directed Warden Hunter to sign the Year of the Family Farm and to forward this to the appropriate agencies.

- 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**

- 4.1 Capital Projects Update – Provided in the information package.

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BYLAW ISSUES**

- 5.1 Health and Safety Policy – **IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the amended Health and Safety Policy.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-063**

- 5.2 Low Income Exemption Policy – Mr. MacDonald advised this Policy was forwarded prior to the meeting. This Policy is reviewed yearly.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to give Notice to Consider adoption of the amended Low Income Exemption Policy at our next Council session.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-064**

Staff were also directed to find out the poverty level of NS and bring this information back to the next meeting and to increase the level on the Exemption to \$300 and \$205.

- 5.3 Personnel Policy – This item was on the last Council agenda as well. It was proposed to make changes to Section 11.2. These changes will allow term employees to apply (during internal competitions) for positions.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Baker to amend the Personnel Policy (S 11.2) to add term employees to the positions eligible for internal competitions.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-065**

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**

- 6.1 Tax Collection Report – Revenue Officer, Jennifer Moore presented this information to Council.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Rector to accept the report of the Revenue Officer as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-066**

- 6.2 Community Development Grants – Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the follow requests:

**Maccan Baseball & Playground**

This request is for lawn care & maintenance in Maccan. Places serviced include the ball field, the playground, the cemetery, the cenotaph and the community centre. The request is for **\$1,500**. This group was granted the same funding in 2012 and 2013.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$1,500 from District 2 funds for the lawn care and maintenance of the Maccan Baseball field, playground cemetery, cenotaph and community centre.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-067****River Hebert & Area Garden Club**

This group is focused on encouraging organic gardening and local food growing, especially among children and youth, in order to preserve this essential skill, as well as to promote the associated social, health and environmental benefits. This year they would like to organize five free public workshops related to local food security. 1) Food preservation – canning workshop; 2) Organic food growing; 3) Seed saving; 4) Edible plant identification; 5) Mushroom walk. They serve River Hebert and area, but also have members in Parrsboro and Amherst. They are requesting **\$1,250**.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve a community development grant in the amount of \$1250 from District 9 funds for the River Hebert and Area Garden Club to assist with the costs of five, free public workshops.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-068****Tidnish Crossroads & Area Community Association**

The TCCA is requesting assistance to replace a bridge on a shared-use trail just off the Green Road in the Tidnish area. This trail currently connects Tidnish to the provincial snowmobile and ATV trail system. The current bridge was a temporary structure built by TCCA members and community volunteers a few years ago. Now that the trail has been established and the Cumberland Snowmobile Club is working on restoring the Ship's Railway, the time has come for a permanent structure. The request is for **\$4,800**. The estimated total cost of the project is \$9,600. They have not requested funding from anywhere else.

*This item is deferred to a future meeting.*

**Cumberland Y Service Club**

This group will be hosting the 66<sup>th</sup> Maritimes Region Y's Men Convention from May 16-18 at the Amherst Wandlyn. There will be delegates from all over the Maritimes, as well as Ontario, Alberta, the Eastern USA and as far away as Denmark. They are requesting a financial contribution from the County to help with hosting this event.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Baker to approve a \$500 (\$50/District) community development grant to the Cumberland Y Service Club to assist with defraying costs of their Maritimes Region convention.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-069**

Cobequid Christmas Tree Producers Association – This item died for lack of a motion.

- 6.3 Unsanitary Premises Report – Mr. Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Enforcement Administrator provided this report and answered questions of Council.

- 6.4 Correspondence

DNR – Newville Lake Day Park – Advising of the property in question being leased from a private land owner and capital contributions that would be required.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to lease the property of the Newville Lake Day Park, put up appropriate signage and operate this park as a Municipal Day Park.**

**MOTION CARRIED #14-070**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to amend Motion #14-070 to include that staff would also investigate the leasing of the land and the option of a two year lease, and look into responsibility for removal of the fence now surrounding the property.

**MOTION CARRIED #14-071**

Mr. Bugley advised that Council should consider the upkeep and maintenance of this property and the costs of doing so. Mr. Bugley wants to discuss the operational side of this issue with our Director of Public Works as well.

Fox Harbour – Advising they are not in favour of the Marketing Levy at this time and outlining their reasons why.

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Baker to rescind the motion approving the CNTA Marketing Levy.

**MOTION DEFEATED #14-072**

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Cumberland Libraries Report – Circulated for Information

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to forward correspondence to Canada Post advising that Council is not in favour of a reduction in Service or hours of service at the Southampton, Advocate Harbour, River Hebert, Westchester, Collingwood, River Hebert East, and Northport Post Offices.

**MOTION CARRIED #14-073**

7.2 Correspondence Distributed to Mailboxes - For information.

7.3 Springhill Chamber of Commerce AGM – Warden Hunter advised of the Springhill Chamber of Commerce AGM being held April 24, 2014 at the Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Centre.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

9. **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

God Save the Queen was sung.

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Warden Keith Hunter

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Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore