

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 O'Canada

Warden Hunter called the October 1, 2014 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Brookdale Community Hall due to building renovations of the E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building. O'Canada was sung.

1.2 Roll Call

Executive Assistant to the CAO, Shelley Hoeg called the roll with the following councillors being present:

Deputy Warden Don Smith, Warden Hunter, Councillor Kellegrew, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher.

Councillor Rector was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Staff present were: CAO, Rennie Bugley, Director of Policy and Research, Steve Ferguson, Director of Finance and Administration, Andrew MacDonald, By-Law and Enforcement Administrator, Peter Cottingham, Revenue Officer, Jennifer Moore, Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator, Vicki Weaver and Executive Assistant to the CAO, Shelley Hoeg.

1.3 Brookdale Community Hall

A letter was read by Warden Hunter from the Volunteers of the Community Hall, thanking Council for past funding and advising that the Hall is an integral part of the Community and was able to have been repaired due, in large part, to funds received from the Municipality.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following Addition(s)/Deletion(s);

Additions: 1.3 – Brookdale Community Hall, 6.5 – Correspondence; 6.6 – Deputy REMC, 6.7 – Sunset Financing Request; 6.8 – Sports Field; 6.9 – Public COW

Deletions: 3, 4, 5

2.2 Approval of Minutes of September 11, September 17, and September 24, 2014

The minutes of Council sessions held September 11, September 17, and September 24, 2014 were approved as circulated.

2.3 Business Arising of September 17, 2014 meeting

It was discussed that once information is received on the army worm infestation, it will be brought to Council.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamation

a) Cumberland County Blues

Mr. Joe Laurie was on hand to provide this presentation. He provided a background on the team for Council's information. He also provided information on the financial situation of the team and fundraising efforts they have taken to date.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Laurie for his presentation and advised we will have this item on the October 22, 2014 Council session and will inform Mr. Laurie of a decision after that meeting.

2.5 Public Hearing

Warden Hunter called to Order the Public Hearing at 1:29 p.m. The Warden asked for a report from the Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises.

- a) Demolition – 4652 Highway 242, Maccan, N.S. PID 25057647, AAN 02120194

Mr. Cottingham provided information to Council, including photos. Staff are recommending that Council should Order the demolition of the structure, disposal of the debris at an approved facility and the filling/levelling of any basement or crawlspace and the work to be completed by October 31, 2014.

The Warden asked for a representative or property owner was present who wished to speak and there were none. The Warden then asked for questions of Council of which there were none. Final comments were received from the Administrator.

Warden Hunter then closed the public hearing at 1:32 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Fletcher that Council Order the demolition of the structure, disposal of the debris at an approved facility and the filling/levelling of any basement or crawlspace with the work to be completed by October 31, 2014 for PID 25057647, AAN 02120194, 4652 Highway 242, Maccan, N.S.

MOTION CARRIED #14-197

- b) Warden Hunter then called the 2nd Hearing to Order at 1:32 p.m. and the Administrator provided a report.

Demolition – 91 Pit Road, Joggins, N.S., PID 25062829, AAN 00389765

Staff provided information to Council, including photo's of the property. Staff advised Council that the property owner has written Council and is requesting that he be given the opportunity to renovate the building next year.

The Warden then asked if there were members or the owners present and the Owners were present and spoke to Council. They advised the property has been vacant since December 2013 due to a flu fire. The flu has since been removed and a window has been boarded up due to vandalism. The owners plan on repairing the house and moving back into the residence once the owner is allowed back on the property (18 Months). The Administrator then provided his recommendation to Council.

The Warden closed the Public Hearing at 1:40 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to allow the property owner until October 31, 2015 to remedy the property and make the house livable which is identified as PID 25062829, AAN 00389765, 91 Pit Road, Joggins, N.S.

MOTION CARRIED #14-198

- c) The Warden opened the 3rd Public Hearing at 1:40 p.m. and the Administrator provided a report to council.

Demolition – 3803 Highway 366, Tidnish Bridge, N.S., PID 25101783, AAN 00266639

Staff provided information to Council, including photo's of the property. Staff recommend Council Order demolition of the structure, removal of the derelict camper and trailer, disposal of the debris at an approved facility and the filling/levelling of any basement or crawlspace and the work should be completed by October 31, 2014.

The Warden asked if any members present wanted to speak to this issue and there were none.

Final Comments were provided by the Administrator.

The Warden closed the Hearing at 1:42 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew that Council Order demolition of the structure, removal of the derelict camper and trailer, disposal of the debris at an approved facility and the filling/levelling of any basement or crawlspace with the work to be completed by October 31, 2014 for the property identified as PID 25101783, AAN 00266639, 3803 Highway 366, Tidnish Bridge, N.S..

MOTION CARRIED #14-199

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

There were no strategic priorities for today's meeting, therefore this item was deleted.

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

There were no major organizational issues for today's meeting, therefore this item was deleted.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES

There were no organizational policy/bylaw issues for today's meeting, therefore this item was deleted.

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

6.1 Community Development Grants

Vicki Weaver, Physical Recreation and Activities Coordinator advised of the following:

Healthy Parrsboro & Area Committee

This annual event is scheduled to take place on December 4th. During the Christmas season seniors often get lonely and this event provides a social opportunity to gain new friends and to catch up with old ones, as well as to provide Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. We have funded this project for many years. Last year we funded them for \$500. They are requesting **\$500** from council again, and they have applied to the Town of Parrsboro for the same amount.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve a grant in the amount of \$500 (\$250/districts 8 and 10) to the Healthy Parrsboro & Area Committee for their Christmas Luncheon.

MOTION CARRIED #14-200

6.2 Remittal Request

Jennifer Moore, provided a remittal request from a resident for the removal of interest from their tax account. Staff also provided background information regarding this item and advised of contact that had been made on several occasions during 2012.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Deputy Warden Smith to not provide a remittal for accumulated interest on AAN 01255088.

MOTION CARRIED #14-201

6.3 Canine Control Report

This report was provided as information.

6.4 Unsightly Premise Report

This report was provided for Council's review.

6.5 Correspondence

Correspondence was received from:

Nova Scotia Environment re changes to the Watercourse Alteration Program. Advising they will do Council presentations if so requested. Council requested a presentation at a future meeting.

Correspondence was received from CUPW requesting support to save Canada Post and providing a draft resolution.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to forward the following resolution to Canada Post and FCM:

WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services-killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices;

WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected;

WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country; and

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the County of Cumberland will write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the County of Cumberland asks the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government properly consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

MOTION CARRIED #14-202

(Councillor Gilbert declared a conflict of Interest and did not vote or partake in the discussion).

6.6 Deputy REMC

Staff advised Council of the resignation of our Deputy Regional Emergency Management Coordinator and then staff provided a recommendation of a new Deputy REMC.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve the appointment of Jim Hannon as the Municipality's Deputy Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator.

MOTION CARRIED #14-203

6.7 Sunset Financing Request

Council received correspondence late yesterday requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Council directed staff to invite Sunset Staff to the October 22, 2014 Council session to present information regarding this funding request.

6.8 Sports Field

Staff advised a meeting was held between our Municipality and the Town of Amherst regarding the Sports Field Issue. The Town of Amherst would like to know the interest of the Municipality for the construction of a multi-use Sports field facility.

It was agreed to put this item to the “Sports Field Facility Committee” to request them to put forth a business plan for the development of a sports field facility at the Dolan property.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Baker to support “in- principal” a new sports field facility for Amherst and Area.

MOTION CARRIED #14-204

6.9 Public COW Meetings

Councillor Welton and Warden Hunter advised they don’t see the rationale for a Public Committee of the Whole meeting when those items can be discussed at the Public Council session.

IT WAS AGREED to not hold a public COW meeting for the next few weeks to determine if this system works.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 UNSM Vice President Nomination

Council was advised that Claire Dethridge is running for the position of UNSM Vice President.

7.2 Illegal Dumping Charges

This was provided for information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.