

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 O' Canada

Warden Hunter called the October 7, 2015 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order. The meeting was held at 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:
 Councillor Smith, Councillor Kellegrew, Warden Hunter, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Deputy Warden Gilbert, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Williams and Councillor Jackson.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition(s)/Deletion(s) of:

Addition(s): 6.10 Cumberland County Attraction Brochures

Deletion(s):

2.2 Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2015

The minutes of September 16, 2015 were approved as circulated.

2.3 Business Arising from the September 16, 2015 Council Session

The Business Arising of the September 16, 2015 Council session was discussed.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

i) ***Morris Haugg re: Immigration***

Mr. Haugg presented on the need for a citizens organization which would be a Multicultural/Multinational Society. He has been working with the Town of Amherst and other organizations to begin this process and would like support from the Municipality for this Organization as well. He is requesting \$1,000 to assist with advertising in order to get this Committee/Organization up and running.

Warden Hunter thanked Mr. Haugg for his presentation and advised that the funding request will be considered at the next Council session.

ii) ***Good Attendance***

Warden Hunter advised of the successful recipients for Good Attendance , which is a Policy in place in the Municipality of the County of Cumberland.

Recipients were:

John Boyle	John Hardie
Steve Varner	John Burbine
Dave Stuart	Wayne Christie
Brian Herteis	Richard Hicks
Joan Ellis	David Buell
Jamie Spicer	Rennie Bugley
Mike Carter	Peter Cottingham
Jack Gilroy	Mike Johnson

2.5 Public Hearings

Warden Hunter called the Public Hearing to Order at 3:56 p.m.

(i) ***Dangerous and Unsightly – AAN 00798126, PID 25230194
 127Herrett Street, Springhill***

Mr. Ron Moore, Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator, advised of the condition of the property and provided photo's.

Warden Hunter then asked if any members of the public wished to speak on this issue. He then asked if any Councillors would like to speak. Councillor Jackson

asked if the L.A. Animal Shelter or KARMA is notified before demolition so that feral cats can be looked at prior to the demolition. Mr. Moore advised a walk through is done just prior to the demolition and no cats have been found to date.

Warden Hunter then closed the Public Hearing at 3:59 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Williams to demolish the house, level the lot and remove all debris to an approved facility by October 14, 2015 for AAN 00798126, PID 25230194, 127 Herrett Street, Springhill.

MOTION CARRIED #15-209

Warden Hunter opened the second public hearing at 4:00 p.m.

- (ii) *Dangerous and Unsightly – AAN 01992511, PID 25243429, 43 Victoria Street, Springhill*

Mr. Ron Moore, Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator, advised of the condition of the property and provided photo's.

Warden Hunter then asked if any members of the public wished to speak on this issue. He then asked if any Councillors would like to speak. There were none to both requests.

Warden Hunter then closed the Public Hearing at 4:02 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Williams to demolish the house, level the lot and remove all debris to an approved facility by October 14th, 2015 for AAN01992511, PID 25243429, 43 Victoria Street, Springhill.

MOTION CARRIED #15-210

Warden Hunter then opened the third public hearing at 4:02 p.m.

- (iii) *Dangerous and Unsightly – AAN 01107178, PID 25239898, 297 North Street, Springhill.*

Mr. Ron Moore, Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator, advised of the condition of the property and provided photo's.

Warden Hunter then asked if any members of the public wished to speak on this issue. He then asked if any Councillors would like to speak. There were none to both requests.

Warden Hunter then closed the Public Hearing at 4:04 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to demolish the house, level the lot and remove all debris to an approved facility by October 14th, 2015 for AAN01107178, PID 25239898, 297 North Street, Springhill.

MOTION CARRIED #15-211

Mr. Moore then advised of a property that is now owned by the Municipality and advised that the Municipality will be tearing down the house and cleaning the land in the immediate future.

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**3.1 Springhill Transition Report

This report was included in the package and will be communicated to the public as well through a variety of mediums.

3.2 Capital Investment Plan

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Deputy Warden Gilbert to approve the 5 year Capital Investment Plan as presented to Council today.

MOTION CARRIED #15-212

4. **MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**4.1 Evening Meetings

Councillor Jackson asked if Council was opposed to holding one session of Council in the evening and one session of Council during the day. This would be a compromise for the members of Council who work full time and to possibly encourage further public participation in the meetings.

Councillor Welton was opposed to this suggestion and Councillor Fletcher proposed that the meetings go back to the previously followed schedule of beginning the meetings in the morning rather than 1 p.m. Councillor Gillis agreed with Councillor Fletcher's sentiments.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Smith to undertake a three month trial of holding one Council session per month (the first monthly meeting) in the evening and one per month, the second monthly meeting, in the daytime.

MOTION CARRIED #15-213

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Welton to hold the daytime Council session would begin at 10 a.m. (or earlier pending the length of the In Camera agenda) for a three month trial period.

MOTION CARRIED #15-214

4.2 Outdoor Ice Surface Proposal

The Director of Social Capital advised of a proposal by a private company to place an outdoor ice surface on the existing cement pad from the former Springhill Arena.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Williams to approve a MOU between the Municipality and Ray McCormick and Sons Ltd. for an outdoor ice surface at the site of the former Springhill Arena.

MOTION CARRIED #15-215

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES**5.1 Divestiture of Surplus Property Policy

Municipal Clerk/Records Manager, Brenda Moore advised Council that included in the Council Kit was a draft "Divestiture of Surplus Property Policy". Mrs. Moore advised there have been no changes to the intent of the policy. There was a need for some editing such as removing the reference to CREDA and replacing it with the Municipality's Director of Community Development.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Baker to provide notice to Council that Council will consider the Divestiture of Surplus Property Policy for adoption at the next Council Session.

MOTION CARRIED #15-216

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**6.1 Department of Agriculture

Councillors were requested to provide any changes to the Executive Assistant and if none are supplied a letter will be forwarded advising that Council is in agreement with the amendments.

6.2 CNTA Report

Provided as information.

- 6.3 Unightly Premise Report
Provided for the review of Council.

- 6.4 Springhill Tennis Courts Repaving
Over the past number of years the Springhill tennis courts have deteriorated beyond playable conditions. Staff have previously undertaken steps to help improve the conditions of the courts; however not all issues have been solved.

Social Capital staff has worked with Engineering staff to determine that a full repaving of the courts is necessary. As part of the Springhill Capital paving for 2015, the tennis courts were included and was determined to be an expected cost of \$17,000. The contractor for the Capital paving project has advised staff that this includes proper site prep and providing the proper thickness of asphalt.

Social Capital staff has identified some sources of funding cover the expenditure. We have identified approximately \$12,000 of funding at this time and will continue to search for the remaining \$7,000. Our sources of funding are as follows:

Parks Maintenance budget - \$5,000
Dept. of Health and Wellness (CRCG Grant) - \$5,000
Springhill Lions Park Revitalization Committee - \$2,000

As this expenditure was not covered in this year's budget, Council approval is required. Staff are recommending Council approve the expenditure of up to \$7,000 for this project.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Smith to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5000 for the repaving of the tennis courts surface in Springhill. The funds would be transferred from the Operating Reserves.

MOTION CARRIED #15-217

- 6.5 Canine Control Report
Provided for the review of Council.

- 6.6 Community Development Grants
Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator, Vicki Weaver, advised of the following community development grant requests:

Springhill Minor Baseball

The goal is to lower registration costs for players and work towards free baseball in Springhill. Assistance will go toward daily operation expenses such as umpires, gear, insurance, etc. They would also like to be able to provide more assistance to their teams travelling across NS to represent Springhill in tournaments.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Baker to approve a community development grant for Springhill Minor Baseball in the amount of \$2,000 which will be split evenly between districts 8, 11 and 12.

MOTION CARRIED #15-218

Advocate District School

Christmas by the Sea Dance (door prizes, DJ services, healthy snacks) and soccer uniforms for the boys team. \$600 from district 10

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a community development grant in the amount of \$600, from district 10 funds, for the Advocate District School's Christmas by the Sea Dance.

MOTION CARRIED #15-219

CANSA

CANSA will be hosting 4 events between November 2015 and March 2016 with a total budget of \$52,870. They are requesting \$1,000 towards a \$7,600 budget for promotion of health and wellness for employers/community resource organizations. They have requested funding from Culture4support, Citizenship & Immigration, African Nova Scotia Affairs, Health & Wellness, Town of Amherst. \$1,000 (split between all 12 districts)

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Deputy Warden Gilbert to provide a community development grant to CANSA in the amount of \$1000 which will be split evenly between all districts.

MOTION CARRIED #15- 220

River Hebert Seniors Building

Need to erect an oil barrel for heating of building. They host weekly card parties. The estimate to replace the barrel is for \$1,000.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Williams to provide a community development grant in the amount of \$1,000 from district 9 funds for the River Hebert Seniors and Pensioners for replacement of an oil tank.

MOTION CARRIED #15-221

Spookarama Oxford

Spookarama Dance in Oxford. Council has funded this event for the past 10 years for \$700.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Williams to provide a community development grant to Spookarama – Oxford in the amount of \$700 with fund split with \$500 coming from district 7 and \$200 coming from district 6.

MOTION CARRIED #15-222

River Hebert District High School

Spookarama Dance in River Hebert. Their event is estimated to cost \$2,000. This has traditionally been split between Districts 2, 8, 9.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Gilbert seconded by Councillor McLellan to provide a grant of \$1,000 to the Spookarama dance in River Hebert with the funds split evenly between districts 8 and 9.

MOTION CARRIED #15-223

Parrsboro Spookarama

Spookarama Dance in Parrsboro. This has traditionally been an even split between districts 8 & 10.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Deputy Warden Gilbert to provide a community development grant to the Parrsboro Spookarama in the amount of \$500 split evenly between districts 8 and 10.

MOTION CARRIED #15-224

IT WAS AGREED to provide funding for the Springhill Community Centre shortfall for their teen Halloween dance in the amount of \$1000. These funds will be coming from each of District 11 and 12 (split equally) to the Springhill Community Centre Halloween Dance.

6.7 Grants to Organizations

Chignecto ATV Club

Requesting funds to assist with trail maintenance.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Williams to provide a Grant to Organization to the Chignecto ATV Club in the amount of \$2,000.

MOTION CARRIED #15-225

Anne Murray Centre

This presentation was at the September 16, 2015 Council session.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Williams to provide a Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Anne Murray Centre for operations

out of our Community Economic Development Budget amount. Staff are also directed to discuss the options of future, long term, funding with the Anne Murray Centre.

MOTION CARRIED #15-226

6.8 Director of Social Capital Report
Provided to Council.

6.9 Former Crossroads Transfer Station
The Director of Social Capital reminded Council of the request for leasing property which was formerly the Crossroads Transfer Station, to a resident for storage of bees.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve the draft license agreement with Dave Harrison for the use of the property of the former Crossroads Transfer Station for the storage of bees.

MOTION CARRIED #15-227

6.10 Cumberland County Attraction Brochures
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Smith, second by Councillor Welton to provide a display of tourism brochures in our upstairs lobby and in the lobby of the Springhill Service Centre.

MOTION CARRIED #15-228

6.11 Septage Facility Tender
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve the Tender of the Septage Facility to Higgins Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$468,029.

MOTION CARRIED #15-229

At 4:20 p.m. Deputy Warden Gilbert and CAO, Rennie Bugley left the meeting to attend a previously scheduled meeting. Councillor Fletcher left shortly after, to attend the same meeting.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 THRIVE Program

The Province of Nova Scotia's "Thrive" plan for a healthier Nova Scotia was launched in 2012 and contains four strategic directives, each with priority actions designed to create environments that make it easier for Nova Scotians to eat well and be active. One of the strategic directives is to "Plan and Build Healthier Communities".

This directive includes an objective to "improve access to facilities and places to be active". The Major Sport and Recreation Facility Access Program is one action designed to meet this priority.

Major Facilities

Major facilities for the purpose of this program are defined as indoor and outdoor venues that provide opportunities for community participation in unstructured sport, recreation and physical activities. These facilities would typically charge an access/rental/program fee and would include the following: pools, arenas, multi-purpose recreation centres, civic centers and community centers.

The Social Capital Department and the Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre applied and were successfully awarded the maximum of \$5,000 to increase the quantity of free skates provided at the facility and purchase new skate aids for the younger generation.

Due to this program the Community Centre now offers all public skating times free of charge and has increased the quantity of skates offered by 50%. Public skates are now offered 7 days a week, with times divided into groups for Parents and Tots, Adults, After School, and Families.

We have already witnessed a large increase in the amount of skaters and received very positive feedback on this initiative from people of all ages. Stephanie Moreau is preparing and offering healthy snacks to the after school youth for their skates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, which is a great complement to physical activity.

This funding may not be the most lucrative; however within the first month it is evident that it may be one of the most valuable the community centre has received, to support and increase free public physical activity.

7.2 Adapted Equipment
Provided as Information.

7.3 Consultant Costs
This information will be forwarded once staff has had the opportunity to compile it.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 The Queen
The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m. and The Queen was sung.

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore