

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 O' Canada

Warden Hunter called the February 3, 2016 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, Councillor 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): 6.1 – Temporary Borrowing Resolution, Sunset
6.5 – Tourism Brochures in the Reception Area

Deletion(s): 3, 4, 5, 6.1

2.2 Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2016

The minutes of the January 20, 2016 Council session were approved as circulated.

2.3 Business Arising from the January 20, 2016 Council Session

Council was advised that the Community Development Grants have been completed and also completed were the Purchase/sale agreements re Pugwash Wellfield Projects, and follow up on the expropriation motions.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

(i) Natural Forces

Amy Pellerin and Andy MacCallum were on hand to provide this presentation. They advised who Natural Forces are and provided the company background.

They also advised of the projects they are currently involved in and the partnerships that are currently in place.

A project update on the Amherst Wind Farm was also provided advising of the Pre-construction surveys, the turbine selection and turbine location.

The presentation then focused on the benefits of this project.

There are environmental benefits, municipal tax benefits and also an opportunity investment.

They advised the electricity generated from this windfarm will power approximately 1500 homes and will stay in Cumberland County.

(ii) Cumberland Energy Authority

Bethany Hoeg of the Cumberland Energy Authority and Allison McLean of the Municipality of Cumberland provided a presentation to Council regarding a project undertaken by students of Dalhousie University regarding the Springhill Geothermal Industrial Park and the Management without Borders Program.

Council was advised the Management without Borders program is made up of Masters students in the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University who partner with host organizations across N.S.

The objective of the project undertaken for the Cumberland Energy Authority (CEA) was to provide the CEA with a communications plan and external analysis for the development of a geothermal industrial park in the Springhill area.

The presenters then explained the methods, external environment, and went over the case studies.

Also identified were the potential target industries and economic feasibility.

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

This item was deleted.

4. **MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

This item was deleted.

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES**

This item was deleted.

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**

6.1 Sunset Borrowing Resolution

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew that

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65(x) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to borrow funds for the purpose of lands and buildings required for a municipal purpose, namely the Sunset Adult Residential Centre;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Two Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Municipality borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Two Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures, when sold.

MOTION CARRIED #16-016

6.2 Building Code Regulation Changes

Staff were directed to forward the report of our Building Official to the Province in regards to the Building Code Regulation Changes. The proposed amendments will also be advertised on our website for local the information of local contractors.

6.3 Pugwash Waterfront Development Project Update and Action Plan

A document was provided for the review of Council.

6.4 Community Development Grants

Advocate District School

Safe Grad students are raising money to organize an overnight trip to Hatfield Farm which will include wagon rides, bonfire, buffet breakfast, etc. This event encourages students to have an alcohol free event and keeps them off the streets and safe. The cost of the event will be approximately \$1750 and transportation will be an additional \$550. They are also raising funds for prom, including decorations, food and DJ. They have raised almost \$1,200 already and are planning further fundraisers.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to provide a community development grant to the Advocate District School for a safe grad trip in the amount of \$1000 from District 10 funds.

MOTION CARRIED #16-017

Getting Healthy Springhill and Oxford

These two separate groups have joined forces. Getting Healthy Springhill has been running successfully since 2012 and was recognized by Accreditation Canada as a “Leading Innovative Practice”. These groups have been sustainable because of their commitment to work together and share resources. Both communities recognize the important recreational, social and health opportunities that community gardens provide. Getting Healthy Oxford started in 2015 and had great success.

The Getting Healthy committee wants to build on their success. Resources for a summer student and programming supplies for 2016 are needed. The Town of Oxford is applying for an Acadia University Co-op summer student to provide coordination of the projects. If approved, the grant will cover half of the wages. The Town of Oxford and the community of Springhill have agreed to cover the other half. The student will be shared between the two communities.

So far the Town of Oxford, Ecology Action Centre and the Springhill Community Garden group have made major commitments. Approximately \$3,000 is still required.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Williams to provide a community development grant in the amount of \$3000 to Getting Healthy Springhill and Oxford Committee with the funds coming from Districts 7, 8, 11 and 12 equally.

MOTION CARRIED #16-018

Joggins Fossil Institute Association

Joggins and area March Break activities from March 15-17, for youth ages 5-12. The purpose of this request is to help the Centre cover the cost of supplies, mileage for presenters, and small honorariums to each workshop leader for their time and effort. The request is for the full cost of hosting these camps.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Jackson to provide a community development grant in the amount of \$850 to the Joggins Fossil Institute for March Break camps with the breakdown being \$425 from District 10 and \$425 split equally between Districts 11 and 12.

MOTION CARRIED #16-019

North Nova Novice Penguins

The final roster is not yet complete, but odds are that there will be 8 County players, including 4 from Springhill. They are actively looking for jersey sponsors for the 2016 Spring season. Minimum amount is \$150 for a 1 line jersey bar and maximum is \$600 for a 2 line jersey bar. You can sponsor multiple players if you wish. The full cost for youth to play is \$680, plus \$100 for a jersey, not to mention tournament fees, equipment and travel on top of that. If a condition of your sponsorship is the jerseys be printed locally, that will be honoured.

In addition to the jersey bar, which will be seen in at least 20 games from Bouctouche to Bedford, sponsors will be featured on their social media pages.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Baker, to provide a community development grant to North Nova Penguins in the amount of \$1200 with the breakdown being District 1 providing \$600 and District 11 and 12 each providing \$300.

MOTION CARRIED #16-020

Roy Maltby Fundy Hockey School

The intent of this hockey school is for all skill levels to participate in a well-organized and structured hockey school at an affordable price. With sponsorships, the registration fees will be kept as low as possible. Each player will receive 10 hours of ice time, a

jersey, and skate sharpening. 100% of profits from the hockey school go directly back to Cumberland County Minor Hockey.

Gold Sponsor \$500
Silver sponsor \$250
Bronze Sponsor \$100

This item will be brought back to the next meeting for further information.

6.5 Tourism Brochures in the Reception Area

This item will be looked into further. Councillor(s) Smith and Welton will meet with pertinent staff to determine what type and size of rack would be appropriate for the lobbies in our service centres. Councillors were also requested to pick up tourism brochures from their individual areas.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Thanks you from Parrsboro Welcome Refugees Committee
Provided as information.

7.2 Multi-Cultural/Multi-National Event
Provided as information.

7.3 Professional Services
A report on professional services was included in the package.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 The Queen
The meeting was adjourned at 3: 45 p.m. and The Queen was sung.

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore