

1. **CALL TO ORDER**1.1 O' Canada

Warden Al Gillis called the February 15, 2017 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:10 p.m. The meeting was held at the E.D. Fullerton Municipal Building. O'Canada was sung.

1.2 Roll Call

Municipal Clerk/Records Manager Brenda Moore, called the roll with the following Councillors present: Councillor Porter, Councillor Chase, Councillor van Vulpen, Warden Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Palmer, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Deputy Warden Fletcher, Councillor Williams, Councillor Jackson, and Councillor Rafuse

Absent with regrets: Councillor McLellan

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, CAO; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations; Michele Byers, Community Economic Development Officer; Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk/Records Manager who recorded the meeting.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 The agenda was approved with the following addition(s)/deletion:

Addition(s): 6.7 Nominations Committee Report

7.1 Council meetings Policy

Deletions: 2.4 (iii) MPS/LUB Review Update

2.2 a) Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2017 council meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Deputy Warden**

**Fletcher to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 Council meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED #17-027**

2.3 Business Arising from the February 1, 2017 council meeting

The Business Arising and the On Going Business Arising were reviewed and Council was brought up to date on the status of the lists.

Business Arising

#12 - Councillor van Vulpen provided an update on the renaming of the Tidnish River Bridge. At a public meeting held on February 12 in Tidnish, the Community voted overwhelmingly to not place signs bearing 'Dr. Gillian Lawrence' on the Tidnish River Bridge. Since the Lawrence Family, the friends of the family and the Tidnish Community Association all agree with this stand by the community, the request has been dropped.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Chase that the motion made in Council on February 1, 2017, to send a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal supporting the request to name the Tidnish River Bridge the Gillian Lawrence Memorial Bridge, be rescinded.**

**MOTION CARRIED #17-028**

**Ongoing Action List**

#2 - Justin Waugh-Cress handed out a memo for information on installation of a Heat Pump in the Joggins Log Building. Staff will bring a recommendation to Council on this issue in the near future.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

(i) Brent Noiles gave a presentation on Y Reach is a Refugee Outreach Program across the province which provides settlement services in Nova Scotia. A brief question and answer period followed. Warden Gillis thanked Mr. Noiles for the presentation.

(ii) Oxford Rink

Mayor Trish Stewart and Deputy Mayor Tom Kay of Oxford gave a presentation on the Lions Recreation Center (the Oxford rink). They put forth information showing that on average over 70% of the users are County residents. Based on these numbers they are suggesting a yearly contribution

from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to help cover the operating costs of the rink. The amount of \$25,000 was suggested as a fair contribution. A brief question and answer period followed. Warden Gillis thanked them for the presentation and informed them their request will be considered during the annual budget deliberations.

## 2.5 Public Hearings

- (i) Dangerous and Unightly Premises, 12 Lorne Street, Springhill, PID #25232703, AAN #03232115

Warden Gillis called to Order the Public Hearing at 7:00

Justin Waugh-Cress provided written and photographic evidence to Council regarding the condition of the property.

Warden Gillis then asked if the property owner was in the gallery and if they would like to speak to this issue. There were none. Warden Gillis asked if any Councillors had any questions. Councillor Jackson indicated that she has had numerous complaints about this property.

Warden Gillis then closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Williams to order demolition of the house as well as the removal of all debris from the property 12 Lorne Street, Springhill, PID #25232703, AAN #03232115 to an approved facility on or before February 10, 2017.**

**MOTION CARRIED #17-029**

- (i) Dangerous and Unightly Premises, 18435 Hwy 2, Fenwick, PID #25048042, AAN #03486257.

Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:55 p.m.

Justin Waugh-Cress provided written and photographic evidence to Council regarding the condition of the property.

Warden Gillis then asked if the property owner was in the gallery and if they would like to speak to this issue. There were none. Warden Gillis asked if any Councillors had any questions.

Dorothy Bennett a neighbour of this property spoke to the rat infestation at the property and asked Council to remove the house and debris.

Warden Gillis then closed the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Chase seconded by Deputy Warden Fletcher to order demolition of the house as well as the removal of all debris and a derelict vehicle from the property 18435 Hwy 2, Fenwick, PID #25048042, AAN #03486257 to an approved facility on or before February 10, 2017.**

**MOTION CARRIED #17-030**

## 3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

### 3.1 Pugwash Waterfront Detailed Design and Costing

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Jackson that Council award the RFP for Pugwash Waterfront Detailed Design and Costing to Architecture 49 for the price of \$108,415.**

**MOTION CARRIED #17-031**

3.2 Pugwash Water Supply – Proposal for 3D Groundwater Model and Wellhead Protection Area Delineation

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor Welton that Council accept the proposal from WSP for the creation of a 3D Ground Water Model and update of wellfield protection zones for the Pugwash Water Supply for the amount of \$20,000.

MOTION CARRIED #17-032

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

There are no major organizational issues for today's meeting

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES

5.1 Wellness Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Gilbert to give notice that Council will consider the Wellness Policy for adoption at the next Council meeting

MOTION CARRIED #17-033

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

6.1 Grants

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Jackson to approve a grant from next year's grant budget in the amount of \$9,000 to the Shore Drive Community Development Association to assist in funding a project to construct a high speed internet tower in the community.

MOTION CARRIED #17-034

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve a grant for \$650 to Ca-R-Ma (Cat Rescue Maritimes) to assist in funding their "Spay-Getti Dinner and Dance" on April 15 which raises funds for spay and neuter clinics to be held throughout 2017. This funding will be \$50 from each of the 13 districts.

MOTION CARRIED #17-035

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Chase, seconded by Councillor Jackson to approve a grant of \$100 to International Women's Day Committee for Amherst, Cumberland County and Area to assist them in hosting their International Women's Day luncheon on Friday, March 10, 2017

MOTION CARRIED #17-036

6.2 Municipal Volunteer Recognition Night

Information regarding the Municipal Volunteer Recognition Night was included in the meeting material.

6.3 Cumberland Public Libraries Report

The February, 2017 Cumberland Public Libraries Report was included in the meeting material.

6.4 UNSM – Special Meeting on Accountability and Transparency

An email from UNSM, outlining details on a meeting regarding Accountability and Transparency that is to be held on February 24, 2017 at the Westin Hotel in Halifax was included in the meeting material for Councillors review. It was Council's wish that the CAO represent the Municipality at this meeting.

6.5 Provincial 2017/2018 Capital Plan

The media release regarding the 2017/2018 Capital Plan is included as part of this information Kit and also includes the link to view the plan online. A hardcopy of the plan is located in Councillor's mailboxes.

6.6 Sunset Board of Directors, Agenda and Minutes

The agenda and minutes of the January 26, 2017 Sunset Board of Directors Meeting is in Councillor's mailboxes.

6.7 Nominations Committee Report

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Rector to accept the Nominations Committee report.

**MOTION CARRIED #17-037**

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy

The policy was not changed when the motion was made to change meeting times for Council meetings. The policy will be amended and included in the material for the next Council meeting and Council will give notice of intent to consider at that meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The Queen was sung.

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Warden Alison Gillis

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Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore