

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 O' Canada

Warden Al Gillis called the September 20, 2017 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the E.D. Fullerton Municipal Building. O'Canada was sung.

1.2 Roll Call

Municipal Clerk, 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, Councillor McLellan, Deputy Warden Fletcher, Councillor Williams, and Councillor Rafuse
Absent: Councillor Jackson

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, CAO; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Haley Tattrie, of Cumberland Energy Authority Allie McCormick, Strategic Research & Community Engagement Officer; and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk, who recorded the meeting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 The agenda was approved with the following deletions and additions:

Additions:

- 4.4 Police Services Review
- 6.5 Joint Council Meeting
- 6.6 Cargo Van Truck
- 6.7 Off-Site Council Meetings
- 6.8 McCarron Park Property
- 6.9 Bear Cull
- 6.10 Raven Skye Agreement
- 6.11 Port Greville Internet Project

Deletions: 2.5 Public Hearings

2.2 Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2017 Council meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Williams to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 Council session as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED #17-307

2.3 Business Arising from the September 6, 2017 council meeting

The Action List was reviewed and Council was brought up to date on the status of the actions.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor van Vulpen to apply to the UNSM Carbon Fund for funding assistance for the installation of a heat pump at the log building in Joggins.

MOTION CARRIED #17-308

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

Climate Change Retreat – Cumberland Energy Authority

Haley Tattrie did a presentation for Council on the Thinkers Lodge Climate Change Retreat that is happening in Pugwash on September 28- October 1, 2017. Warden Gillis thanked Haley for the interesting presentation and for all her hard work over the summer.

2.5 Public Hearings

There were no public hearings for today's meeting.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

3.1 RFP Award

As per our procurement Policy the CAO has awarded the RFP MCC 17-06 Outdoor Recreation and Multi-Sport Complex Project to Architecture49 for the amount of \$25,975.00 plus HST.

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

4.1 Debenture Issue – Sunset Adult Residential and Rehabilitation Centre

A report to Council and Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate was included in the meeting materials.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Porter that a letter of commitment to participate in the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Fall 2017 Debenture Issue be sent to Municipal Finance Corporation.

MOTION CARRIED #17-309

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Palmer seconded by Deputy Warden Fletcher

WHEREAS Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (hereinafter “the Minister);

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for the Sunset Adult Residential Centre was approved by the Minister April 26, 2017;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the *Municipality of the County of Cumberland* borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$7,200,000 , for a period not to exceed 20 years, subject to the approval of the Minister;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the *Municipality of the County of Cumberland* in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

MOTION CARRIED #17-310

4.2 Surge Grit Chamber Equipment Award

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Deputy Warden Fletcher to:

- utilize the money allocated in the 2017/2018 budget to purchase piping and attachments from Wolsley Waterworks, and water control gates from Omnitech for work at the Springhill Wastewater Treatment Plant; and,
- the remaining concrete work will be included in the 2018/2019 Capital Budget and re- tendered in the spring of 2018.

MOTION CARRIED #17-311

4.3 Athol Road Watermain Design RFP Award

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Chase to award RFP-SH17-01 Athol Road Water Distribution Infrastructure Renewal to Design Point Engineering and Surveying. The amount of \$29,236.00 to be billed in this fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED #17-312

4.4 Police Services Review

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Deputy Warden Fletcher to direct the CAO to write to the Nova Scotia Minister of Justice to request that a police services review be conducted for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland in conjunction with a police services review for the Town of Oxford

MOTION CARRIED #17-313

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUESReimbursement Policy for Members of Council

Council agreed by consensus for the need to include the recommendations of the JMAT Committee in Policy and to refer to Audit Committee to prepare a revised draft Policy for Council's consideration.

6. BUSINESS ISSUES6.1 UNSM Call for Submissions

The UNSM is calling for nominations for UNSM President and Vice President. The relevant information was included in the meeting material.

6.2 Reports to Council

The following reports were submitted to council in the meeting material.

- (i) Cumberland Public Libraries
- (ii) Tax Collection Update
- (iii) Wellness Program

6.3 Cumberland/Colchester Jr. C. Colts

The Cumberland/Colchester Jr. C. Colts will be playing their 2017/2018 home games in Springhill and have requested that their ice rental fees be waived by the Municipality. Staff is recommending that a contract be negotiated.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Rector that staff negotiate a contract with the Jr C. Colts hockey team to waive the ice rental fees at the Community Centre.

MOTION CARRIED #17-314

6.4 Grant Request

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Chase seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve a local grant in the amount of \$700 for prizes for the 22nd annual Halloween Dance at the Community Centre. These funds to come from District 11 and District 12.

MOTION CARRIED #17-315

6.5 Joint Council Meeting

Council discussed last week's joint council meeting agenda and venue. Councillors were in agreement that the joint meetings are valuable. Councillor Van Vulpen thought the presentations, although valuable and interesting, took away from the time councils could use for open discussion.

Council discussed the appointment to the Municipal Alcohol Project Committee.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Chase seconded by Councillor Welton to appoint Deputy Warden Fletcher to the Municipal Alcohol Project Committee

MOTION CARRIED #17-316

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Chase to forward correspondence to the Provincial Government that will encourage our Provincial leaders to regulate cannabis in a way to safeguard our kids.

MOTION CARRIED #17-317

At the last joint meeting the three Councils agreed to each provide a list of 10 priority issues as candidates for cooperation. It is suggested that we hold a special council meeting with this one item on the agenda to narrow our list to the top 10 issues for municipal cooperation. Council was in agreement that the CAO will set a date for this meeting and provide the Municipality's list of 61 priorities with a narrative description of each for Council to discuss and agree on the top 10

6.6 Cargo Van Truck

Council had previously approved the authorization or the CAO to award this tender conditional on the successful bid being within budget. There were no bids on the initial tender. As a result of the 2nd tender staff recommends that the tender be awarded to Amherst Chrysler.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor Welton to award tender TFPS17-06 Commercial Grade Cargo Van in the amount of \$36,126.00 to Amherst Chrysler.

MOTION CARRIED #17-318

6.7 Off-Site Council Meetings

Council discussed the matter of off-site council meetings. It was the consensus of council that Council meetings should be held in the Council chambers.

6.8 McCarron Park

*** IT WAS MOVED by Warden Gillis seconded by Councillor Welton that the municipally owned property at 744 Shulie Road, PID 2506274 containing 35 acres, commonly referred to as the McCarron Park Property, be declared surplus to the Municipality and referred to the Divestiture of Surplus Property Committee to be sold in accordance with the Municipality's policies; subject to Council's right to give specific instructions to the committee regarding a minimum acceptable price.**

*** ~~MOTION CARRIED #17-319~~**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan seconded by Councillor van Vulpen to defer this to the next council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED #17-320

6.9 Spring Bear Hunt

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor Van Vulpen to write to Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources asking they initiate a spring bear hunt.

MOTION CARRIED #17-321

6.10 Raven Skye

*** IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Welton that Council is in agreement for CJSMA legal counsel work with Raven Skye's legal counsel to finalize an agreement regarding accepting the proposal to collect methane gas at the Little Forks Landfill that was presented at the September 13, 2017 Joint Council Meeting.**

MOTION CARRIED #17-322
Motion Rescinded

*** MOTION #17-319 WAS RESCINDED AT THE OCTOBER 4, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

*** MOTION 17-322 A MOTION WAS MADE AT THE OCTOBER 4, 2017 MEETING TO REMOVE THE WORDS "MOTION CARRIED" FROM THIS MOTION AS THEY AGREED THE MOTION WAS NOT VOTED ON NOR APPROVED**

6.11 Port Greville Internet Service

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher seconded by Councillor McLellan to provide the Shore Drive Development Association with bridge funding in the amount of \$9,916.65 plus a \$3000 grant to assist them to pay the HST owing on the internet project.

MOTION CARRIED #17-323

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Lead Water Service Laterals

The issue of lead water service laterals has recently received some media attention. Staff are currently preparing a briefing note for Council and a draft public information bulletin.

7.2 Letter of Appreciation – Wentworth Learning Centre

This letter is an information item.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. The Queen was sung.

Warden Alison Gillis

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore