

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

Warden Al Gillis called the October 18, 2017 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:27 p.m. The meeting was held in the council Chambers of the E.D. Fullerton 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, Councillor Jackson and Councillor Rafuse

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, CAO; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Allie McCormick, and Strategy Research and Community Engagement Officer; Will Balser Nelson Bezanson, Municipal Planner and Development Officer; Melissa Siddall, Building Official; Stephanie Moreau, Tourism Development 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: 4.3 Two stream recycling
6.5 Nominations Committee Report
6.6 Crown land

Deletions: 2.5 (i) Dangerous and Unightly 34 Million Dollar Lane, Port Howe

2.2 Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2017 Council meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 Council session.

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2.3 Action List from the October 4, 2017 council meeting

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

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

i) Years of Service Recognition

The Warden awarded Melissa Siddall, Building Official her certificate and thanked her for her 10 years of service.

ii) United Way

Dave March Vice President of the United Way of Cumberland County gave a talk and provided information about the services supported by United Way of Cumberland County including a new endeavor this year the Festival of Trees. Mr. March invited Council to become a sponsor of the Festival of Trees. The Warden thanked Mr. March for his presentation and stated Council will discuss the request.

2.5 Public Hearings

i) Deleted

ii) Dangerous and Unightly – 212 Heather Beach Road, Port Howe, N.S., AAN #03161501, PID 25122052

Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:53 p.m.

The Director of Engineering and Operations provided a verbal report to go along with the written report and photos included in the power point presentation.

Warden Gillis asked if there were any comments from the property owner, representatives of the property owner, or Council. Hearing none, Warden Gillis closed the hearing at 6:55 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher seconded by Councillor Rector that Council order demolition of the structure as well as the removal of all debris from the property at 212 Heather Beach Road, Port Howe, N.S., AAN 03161501, PID 25122052, to an approved facility by November 15, 2017.

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3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**3.1 Plan Cumberland**

Ian Watson from Upland/Urban Planning and Design Inc. was presented an update on the Plan Cumberland project. The information included a summary of public consultation efforts to date, key issues and challenges, highlights of the draft plan and bylaw, key changes to current planning policies and regulations, next steps for consultation, review of the draft and the formal adoption process. Council took advantage of the opportunity to ask Mr. Watson a number of questions. Warden Gillis thanked Mr. Watson, Mr. Bezanson and Mr. Balser for the presentation and the information.

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**4.1 Peace Quest Resolution**

Mayors for Peace and the New UN Treaty are requesting that Council consider a resolution in support of the New United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Supporting documentation is included in your package.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher seconded by Councillor Welton WHEREAS The Municipality of the County of Cumberland sees a crucial role for all levels of government in encouraging and fostering a culture of peace, tolerance, inclusion and non-violence from the global to the local level, values with Canada has long been associated;

AND WHEREAS From its inception, the United Nations has called for complete elimination of nuclear weapons under strict and verifiable international control, as the only dependable guarantee they will never be used again;

AND WHEREAS Recent major scientific studies have documented in new depth and detail the catastrophic, transnational impacts of nuclear weapons on the environment, socioeconomic development, the global economy, food security, and the health of current and future generations, with a disproportionate impact on women and girls as a result of ionizing radiation;

AND WHEREAS In July of this year, the United Nations General Assembly voted to adopt a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, a dramatic step which may prove instrumental in determining the fate of the planet.

That Warden Gillis and Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland call upon the Government of Canada to support and sign the new UN Nuclear Ban Treaty as the best means of establishing and enforcing a clear and comprehensive prohibition against the most dangerous and destructive weapons on earth.

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4.2 Town of Parrsboro Audited Financial Statements

Denise Smith of the firm Jorgenson and Bickerton Inc. CPA's, provided a brief overview of the audited financial statements and the audit report which were included in the meeting material.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Porter to approve the Audited Financial Statements of the Former Town of Parrsboro.

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4.3 Two Stream Separation of Recycling

Councillors Gilbert and van Vulpen gave council a brief update of the CJSMA board meeting.

Councillor Gilbert gave notice of his intention to propose a motion that the Municipality of the County of Cumberland adopt a two stream recycling program effective December 1, 2017 at the next Public Council Meeting.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES

There are no organizational policy/bylaw issues for today's meeting.

6. BUSINESS ISSUES**6.1 Ministers Panel at UNSM**

The UNSM requests members submit questions to a Minister's Panel that will be present at the UNSM Conference. The deadline for submissions is October 26, 2017.

- 6.2 Dangerous or Unsightly Update
A report from Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator, Ron Moore was included in the meeting material.
- 6.3 Canine Control/By-Law Officer Report
A report was included providing a summary of the nature of incidents and services provided by the Canine Control/By-Law Officer.
- 6.4 MPAL Report
A report from our MPAL Coordinators was included in meeting material.
- 6.5 Nomination Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Jackson that Council accept the recommendations of the Nominations Committee to appoint Councillor Dan Rector to the Board of the Cumberland YMCA and Councillor Marlon Chase to the Board of the VON.

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- 6.6 Crown Forest
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Gilbert that Council send correspondence to the minister of Natural Resources stating:

WHEREAS forestry is an integral part of Cumberland County's economic, social and cultural fabric. Known to have some of the most productive forest land in Nova Scotia, our annual timber contribution often accounts for 20% of the supply into Nova Scotia's forest industry. For these and many other reasons, forestry and our wooded landscape are very much a significant component of Cumberland County's wealth.

WHEREAS our woodlot owners feel that their wealth is being lost to the harvest of Crown Land. For the past 18 months, our residents have had poor access to markets while we watch the harvest of Crown forest. Our landowners also feel that our forest health has been negatively impacted by the Crown harvest. Timber products from Crown clear-cuts have made it non-viable to undertake partial harvesting treatments on private land.

BE IT RESOLVED it is the request of this Municipality, that private land wood be restored as the primary source of forest products and that Crown forests be made available only if, private wood is unable to meet the needs of our forest industry.

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7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC)
A notice from PVSC stating they have published preliminary assessments at www.pvsc.ca was included for information in the meeting material.
- 7.2 Communities In Bloom
The Pugwash Communities in Bloom Committee forwarded Council a thank you for their support and advising they are returning the remainder of monies left from the grant the Municipality provided.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1 The Queen
The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The Queen was sung.