

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

Warden Al Gillis called the April 4, 2018 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the council chambers of the E.D. Fullerton Municipal Building, Upper Nappan. O'Canada was sung.

1.2 Roll Call

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore, called the roll with the following Councillors present: Councillor Porter, Deputy Warden van Vulpen, Warden Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Palmer, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Williams, Councillor Rafuse,

Absent with regrets: Councillor Chase, Councillor Jackson

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, CAO; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Allie McCormick, Manager of Organizational Development and Innovation, Nelson Bezanson, Municipal Planner, Will Balser, Planning Assistant.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

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

Additions	2.5	MPS/LUB Public Hearing
	5.2	Notice of Intent to Consider Revenue Collection Policy
Deletions	5.2	MPS/LUB Second Reading

2.2 Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2017 Council meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Palmer seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 Council meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED #18-064**

Warden Gillis acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Christie, Deputy Mayor of Amherst and Mr. Ron Dauphinee, Municipal Advisor.

2.3 Action List from the March 21, 2018 council meeting and On-Going Action List

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

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

i) Bordertown Biker Bash

Mike Johnson introduced himself and the other members of the delegation in attendance: Mr. Bill Digdon, Mr. Randy Thurber, and Mr. John Warren. Mike first conveyed the committee's thanks to Municipal Council for their support in the past and expressed their hope for support in the future. He showed pictures of the former Bikers Bash events and told Council of the plans for this year. The delegation then responded to questions from councillors. Warden Gillis thanked the gentlemen for the presentation.

ii) Greville Bay Citizens for Health & Fitness Society

Ms. Lida Curry representative of the Greville Bay Citizens for Health and Fitness Society provided background on the origin and ongoing growth of the Society. Ms. Curry responded to questions from Councillors. Warden Gillis thanked Ms. Curry for the presentation and informed her that council would consider the request for funding through the Grant process

iii) Fibre Arts Festival

Ms. Denise Corey introduced herself. Denise is the Chair of the Nova Scotia Fibre Arts Festival. Denise came to thank Council for the financial support they have provided in the past years and to provide feedback to Council on the benefits of this support. Ms. Cory extended an invitation for the Warden and Councillors to the opening ceremony is taking place on October 9, 2018 4:00-6:00 p.m. Ms. Cory responded to questions from Council. Warden Gillis thanked Ms. Cory for her presentation and for taking the time to show Council one of the good programs that the Municipal Grant Funding Program supports in the community.

2.5 Public Hearings  
Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use Bylaw (MPS/LUB)

**Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.**

Will Balsler Planning Assistant provided background information regarding the new Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land use By Law.

Warden Gillis then asked if there was anyone in the gallery who would like to speak to this issue.

Mr. John Atkinson, Fort Lawrence indicated that he only recently became aware of this new LUB/MPS and said that many of his acquaintances also were unaware of this process. He suggested that Council delay their decision on adopting this by-law until more public consultation.

Mr. Doug Bacon asked if there is going to be a requirement for a permit to start operating a former agriculture facility. Mr. Bacon suggested that to help support the farming community people moving to the country into farming country should be made aware of the agricultural activities that they may find annoying. Mr. Bezanson answered the questions posed by the residents.

Ian Watson from Upland Design Studios gave a presentation on the process that was undertaken to arrive at this point in the project. Ian also gave brief explanations of the zones in the LUB.

Mr. Gerald Freeman expressed his concern with the advertising for the public meetings. He asked that council hold an additional meeting that is very well advertised before adopting this by-law.

Warden Gillis asked if any Councillors had any questions.

Councillor Welton and Councillor Porter both expressed a desire to hold more meetings and asked what the impact would be if we do this. Nelson explained that after the consultation was complete and the document amended the adoption process would have to start with first reading again, and the additional expense could be \$30,000-\$50,000. Deputy Warden van Vulpen asked what recourse residents have after the document is adopted to initiate change. Nelson explained the processes available to them.

Warden Gillis then closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Rafuse to adopt the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-Law.**

**MOTION CARRIED #18-065 AMENDED**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Rector to amend Motion #18-065 to read as follows: adopt the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-Law including the necessary small corrections to the mapping errors in the boundaries of the Tyndal Wellfield Zone.**

**MOTION CARRIED #18-066**

**3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

There were no Strategic Priorities for this meeting.

**4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

There were no Strategic Priorities for this meeting.

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

5.1 Fees Policy

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Williams to adopt the Fees Policy.**

1. This Policy is entitled “Fees Policy”.
2. This Policy applies except to the extent of any conflict with applicable provincial legislation, and, where the fee amounts in this Policy differ from those set out in a By-Law, Policy or Resolution of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland in effect on the effective date of this Policy, the fee amounts set out in this Policy shall amend those previously in effect.
3. The purpose of this Policy is to provide a convenient place to set out and amend the fees the Municipality charges for certain applications, approvals, permits, licenses and services.
4. The fees to be paid to the Municipality for each of the following applications, approvals, permits, licenses, certificates, or services are set out below.

**Fees in Relation to Subdivision**

Please note: In addition to the fees set out below, the cost of registration of plans, notices, deeds and/or instruments of subdivision must be paid to the Municipality in advance, and will be refunded if not expended.

Preliminary Subdivision Application	Fees
Processing Fee for Tentative, Final, and Repeal of Subdivision Applications	\$75.00, payable at the time the application is filed - non refundable
Additional Processing fee where a proposed subdivision includes a new, varied or extended public or private road.	\$200.00, payable at the time the application is filed - non refundable
Plus the Open Space/Recreational Capital Fund Fee, to be used in the manner described in section 273(5) of the Municipal Government Act	\$100.00 per lot, payable prior to approval - refundable if lot(s) not approved

**Fees in Relation to Land Use Planning and Development**

	Fees
Zoning Confirmation letter	\$25.00
Development Permit Processing Fee *	\$25.00
Variance Application Processing Fee *	\$100.00
<b>Site Plan Approval Application Processing Fee *</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
Development Agreements and Applications to Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and/or the Land Use By-Law, including rezoning: <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Processing Fee *</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">-plus-</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Total Cost of Advertising and Notices</div>	<div style="margin-left: 40px;">\$500.00 **</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">\$500.00 advertising deposit payable at the time application is filed ***</div>
Copies of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, including letter sized black and white maps.	\$25.00 per copy
Full size colour copies of existing Municipal Planning Strategy or Land Use By-Law maps.	\$10.00 per map
* Processing fees are non-refundable. ** This processing fee will be waived for registered charitable or non-profit organizations if the Agreement or Amendment is for the benefit of the organization. *** When the actual cost of advertising or providing notice is known, the difference between the deposit and the actual cost will be refunded or billed to the Applicant.	

**Fees in relation to, Building and Demolition Permits Fees**

Demolition	\$10.00 total fee
<b><u>Residential</u></b>	
Minimum Fee \$10.00	
New Dwelling	\$0.06 per square foot
New Decks	\$0.02 per square foot
New Sheds	\$0.02 per square foot
New Garages	\$0.02 per square foot
Renovations	\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of Value
<b><u>Commercial</u></b>	
Minimum Fee \$10.00	
New Construction	\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of Value

	(.2% of Value)
Renovations	\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of Value (.2% of Value)

**Municipal Sewers**

**Fee**

Sewer Lateral Installation Fee, includes all costs for materials, labour, equipment and permits to install a sewer lateral from the Municipal sewer main to the boundary of the road right of way, payable in advance:	4” diameter lateral	\$2,000.00
	a) 6” diameter lateral	\$2,500.00
	b) 8” diameter lateral	\$5,000.00
Sewer Lateral Inspection Fee, for inspections of sewer lateral installations within the public road right of way when the lateral is not being installed by the Municipality, payable in advance:	a) 6” or smaller diameter lateral	\$100.00
	a) Larger than 6” diameter lateral	\$250.00
Sewer lateral Re-Inspection Fee, if, on a scheduled inspection an installation is found to be incomplete, or if for any other reason a re-inspection is required.		\$100.00 payable in advance

**Requests for Information**

Item	Fee
Personal Information of the applicant	No Fee
<b>Routine Access Records</b>	
<b>Staff Time</b>	First 2 hours No Fee
	Every hour over and above 2 hours rate*
<b>-plus- Copying Fees</b>	
	One copy of a single document No Fee
	Copies of multiple documents \$ 0.20 each
<b>FOIPOP Requests</b>	
<b>Staff Time</b>	First 2 hours No Fee
	Every hour over and above 2 hours rate*
<b>-plus- Copying Fees</b>	
	One Copy of a single document No Fee
	Copies of multiple documents \$ 0.20 each
* Rate \$15.00 / half hour rounded down to the nearest half hour	

**Tax Certificate**

Tax Certificate	\$20.00 per assessment account number
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5. All former Fees Policies of the Municipality are hereby repealed.
6. All fees previously charged by the former Towns of Springhill and Parrsboro in relation to Subdivision, Land Use Planning and Development; or Building and Demolition Permits are hereby repealed.

**MOTION CARRIED #18-065**

5.2 Revenue Collection Policy

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor McLellan to give notice of Council’s intent to consider for adoption an amended Revenue Collection Policy at the April 18, 2018 Council meeting.**

**Municipality of Cumberland Policy 18-xx  
Revenue Collection Policy**

1. This Policy may be cited as Revenue Collection Policy.
2. The purpose of this policy is to provide and articulate equitable, supportable, and legal guidelines to staff and the public which are designed to ensure that all taxpayers are well served.
3. In this Policy:
  - (a) **“Immediate family” means spouse, children, parents and siblings.**
  - (b) **“Non-lienable charges” means charges that under law cannot be affixed to a property and, therefore, cannot form an encumbrance against the value of that property. One example is facility rentals**
  - (c) **“Lienable charges” means charges that are or can be attached to and encumber the title to a property and can result in the property being sold so the Municipality can collect the money it is**

owed. These charges can arise pursuant to legislation (e.g. the Municipal Government Act) or a municipal by-law (e.g. Public Sewer By-Law).

4. Non-liable charges shall be collected as follows:
  - (a) Monthly reminders will be sent to all overdue accounts less than 90 days in arrears;
  - (b) It shall be the responsibility of the Revenue Officer to take the following steps regarding accounts over 90 days in arrears:
    - i demand a payment arrangement;
    - ii where applicable, ensure that no further business is conducted on a billed basis;
    - iii determine which of the following would be most appropriate: Small Claims Court Action, Supreme Court Action, or collection Agency and advise the debtor accordingly; and
    - iv if legal action is chosen, follow up to ensure all steps up to and including an order or warrant are completed in a timely fashion.
5. Liable Charges shall be as follows:
  - (a) Past Due Reminder Notices will be sent to all accounts with amounts \$10 and greater that are in excess of one month overdue. Past Due Reminder Notices will be sent out quarterly in the first week of the months of July, October, January and April.
  - (b) Subject to provision (i) of this section, a property one year in arrears shall be placed on the tax sale list (see 134(1) of the MGA).
  - (c) Advance Notice of Tax Sale Proceedings will be sent to each assessed owner of property on the tax sale list as per Section 138 of the MGA, advising that the property is liable to be sold for the arrears, with interest and expenses, and that tax sale procedures may be commenced and costs expended, which will also be liened against the property, unless the arrears are paid within 14 days of the date of the preliminary notice.
  - (d) 14 days after the issuance of the Advance Notice, if the taxes have not been paid staff will arrange for a title search and, if deemed necessary, undertake a survey of the property.
  - (e) Upon completion of the title search and possible survey, Notice of Intention to Sell will then be sent by registered mail to all registered owners, their spouses (if known), any mortgage company and any person with a lienholder interest in the property.
  - (f) If the registered Notice is returned unopened to the Municipal Office, Notice of Intention to Sell will be posted in a conspicuous place on the property.
  - (g) All properties with taxes, or charges which are in arrears for the preceding three fiscal years SHALL be put up for tax sale (see 134 (2) of the MGA) subject to provisions (h) and (i) of this section.
  - (h) Tax Sale proceedings may be deferred by Council for a property for up to two years (section 134 (3) of the MGA). Council will only defer proceedings under what is deemed to be, by Council, an exceptional circumstance and only after the review of a written request of the property owner for the deferral and a recommendation report prepared by the treasurer. The decision to defer proceedings under this provision of the policy shall further require that an acceptable payment agreement be executed in writing between the Municipality and the property owner that brings the account into current status within the same two year timeframe. Compliance with the payment agreement will be strictly enforced by staff. There will be allowance for two payments to be deferred either by request or by default. On the third instance of non-payment as per the agreement, notice will be given and the tax sale process will recommence with no recourse other than full payment.
  - (i) Pursuant to section 134(4) of the MGA the Municipality may decide not to put a property up for tax sale where:
    - (a) the Municipality's solicitor advises there is high risk of litigation;
    - (b) the amount is below the collection limit established by Council. The Municipality's collection limit is hereby set at \$100.00 for accounts in arrears less than three; or
    - (c) the property has been put up for tax sale once in the past with no satisfactory offer, in which case Staff will then proceed, without further notice to the owner and encumbrances, to advertise the property and sell it at auction. A minimum acceptable bid may be set by Council to reflect the Municipality's expenses and the estimated value of the property; or
    - (d) the taxpayer is compliant with a payment arrangement pursuant to Section 5(h).
6. Once a property has been advertised for tax sale, the process can only be stopped by full payment of all arrears in excess of one year and all tax sale expenses. Payments will be received up to the beginning of the tax sale auction.
7. Any surplus funds from the tax sale may be applied to reduce any non-liable charges owed by the owner of the land to the Municipality. These outstanding amounts do not need to have a direct relationship to the property sold. The withdrawal of any surplus cannot be completed until after the redemption period (within six months after the sale date) where applicable. Properties are not redeemable if there are taxes owing that are greater than six years in arrears (see provision 152 of the MGA).

8. A successful bidder shall pay at the time of the tax sale, the Tax Deed Fee and the fee for the Certificate of Sale, in addition to the amount of their bid.
9. **The Municipality will not accept a tender/bid from a tax assessed owner, his/her agent, or his/her immediate family for any sum less than the full amount of taxes, interest and expenses associated with respect of the land.**
10. Other Collection Authorizations:
  - (a) Principal or interest for less than \$10 can be written off for accounts in arrears at staff's discretion.
  - (b) Interest charges of less than \$100 may be relieved by staff when it is determined that the account has been in dispute and the taxpayer is not at fault.
  - (c) Interest charges of less than \$100 may be relieved by staff if it is determined that insufficient support for the billing or insufficient follow up by staff has resulted in undue interest charges.
  - (d) Where staff determine that both the taxpayer and staff may have been jointly responsible for delays in billing, or in providing appropriate details to support or refute the billing or for lack of timely follow up, staff may grant partial interest relief on an account up to \$100.
  - (e) No adjustment to billings can be made by any staff members except as outlined above, unless there was an error in the original billing and corresponding back up is provided by the treasurer.
  - (f) No account will be sent to write-off unless all efforts have been exhausted in its collection and will only be so sent after recommendation of the Municipal treasurer (provision 38 of the MGA).
  - (g) Only Council can approve final write-off of any revenue accounts. Such write-off reports will be provided not less than once per year.
  - (h) After an assessment appeal is determined and any appeal from that decision is decided, any taxes that were overpaid shall be refunded to the applicant, together with interest at a rate equal to the rate actually earned by the Municipality of the County of Cumberland on its short term investments. The interest rate shall be determined and the interest calculated monthly but shall not be compounded.
11. Upon adoption of this Revenue Collection Policy all previous Revenue Collection Policies of the Municipality are hereby repealed.

**MOTION CARRIED #18-066**

## 6. BUSINESS ISSUES

### 6.1 Proposed Budget Schedule

Council's first Budget Meeting for this year will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m.  
Following meetings will tentatively be scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>

### 6.2 2018/2019 Budget – Anticipated Changes

A memo providing a high level overview of major changes that will impact the 2018/2019 budget was included in the meeting package.

### 6.3 Grant Requests

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rafuse seconded by Councillor Rector to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,100 to Cumberland County/Amherst Bengals Independent Atom "AA" Hockey Club. Funds to come from the 2018/2019 budget for Regional Grant Funds.**

**MOTION CARRIED #18-067**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Rafuse to provide a grant in the amount of \$1500 to Springhill/Oxford/Amherst Flyers Atom Tier 2 Spring Hockey Club. Funds to come from the 2018/2019 budget for Regional Grant Funds.**

**MOTION CARRIED #18-068**

### 6.4 Inter Municipal Emergency Service Agreement

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Porter to approve the Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement**

#### **Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement**

THIS AGREEMENT is made in three copies this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of June, 2018

AMONG:

The MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, " municipal body corporate pursuant to the Municipal Government Act;

-and-

The TOWN OF OXFORD a municipal body corporate pursuant to the Municipal Government Act;

-and-

The TOWN OF AMHERST a municipal body corporate pursuant to the Municipal Government Act; hereinafter called the "Parties".

THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Purpose of this inter-municipal services agreement hereafter called the "Agreement" is to provide for a coordinated response to an emergency occurring within Cumberland County, including the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Town of Oxford, and the Town of Amherst, referred to in this Agreement as the "region".

2. This Agreement also provides for the Parties to render mutual aid with respect to personnel and equipment during an emergency.

3. This Agreement is to provide for the joint provision of services and facilities by the municipal units in the region pursuant to Part 111 of the Municipal Government Act and Section 10 (2) of the Emergency Management Act.

4. The planning for and coordination of emergency service delivery during a real or imminent emergency as defined by the Emergency Management Act shall be provided by the Regional Emergency Management Organization, referred to in this Agreement as the REMO.

5. The REMO shall consist of a Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee; and the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator.

- a. The Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee shall be responsible for the direction and management of emergency preparedness activities within the region and to advise the appointing Councils pursuant to section 10 (1) of the Emergency Management Act.
- b. Each party to this agreement shall appoint members of its Council to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, according to the following formula. These members will have voting privileges at the committee meetings; County of Cumberland 3, Town of Amherst 2, and the Town of Oxford 1. For the County of Cumberland and the Town of Amherst one of the members shall be the Warden and Mayor respectively.
- c. Members of the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee are appointed for the same term of office as the Council that appoints them and hold office until their successors are named. (Subject to i. below)
- d. In the event of a vacancy occurring the Council that appointed the member shall appoint a replacement within six weeks after the vacancy occurs.
- e. The Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee shall be responsible for recommending policy and procedures to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee for maintaining a reasonable state of preparedness for emergencies and shall consist of representatives of emergency services and other agencies which may have direct operational responsibilities in an emergency.
- f. Each party to this agreement shall appoint staff members, or where it is appropriate volunteer agency representatives to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.
- g. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (REMC) shall chair the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.
- h. All parties agree that the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall be an employee of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland and shall serve as the staff member of REMO.
- i. Should the position of the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator become vacant it will be the responsibility of the CAO of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to fill the vacancy in accordance with the hiring policies of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland. The selection committee shall consist of the CAOs of the participating municipalities.
- j. The Parties agree that each Municipality shall appoint a staff member to act as a liaison with the REMC.

6. The REMO shall be the organization directly responsible for the control and conduct of Emergency Response Operations according to the plans and procedures adopted by the parties from time to time. When the capacity of REMO is exceeded, or is likely to be

exceeded, REMO will activate support from other agencies in accordance with formal or informal arrangements.

7. The REMO is authorized to operate, maintain and manage physical facilities for emergency activities both at the scene of the emergency and at a centralized coordination facility.

8. The REMO is empowered to acquire or contract for the use of equipment, facilities and personnel necessary or advisable to carry out the responsibilities assigned to it by this Agreement.

9. The REMO may contract with any person or organization, including a municipal unit and a municipal unit which is party to this agreement, for the provision of any service or facility necessary or advisable to carry out the responsibilities assigned to the REMO by this Agreement.

10. Any capital asset created or acquired by the REMO shall be owned jointly by the parties in the proportion they currently contribute except for assets contributed by a particular municipality and those assets shall remain the property of that Municipality.

11. The REMO shall establish its own rules of procedure.

12. a. The Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee shall annually name one of its members to be chair and one to be Vice Chair, to act in the absence or incapacity of the chair.

b. The chair or other person presiding shall vote on every question before the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

c. The Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee shall appoint a person to be secretary of the REMO.

13. a. The Parties recognize that an emergency may require the sharing or redeployment of personnel and equipment in order to save lives or minimize damage to property or the environment, and undertake to provide personnel and equipment as deemed appropriate by the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee and recommended by the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.

b. Any cost associated with the deployment of resources will be borne by the responding; municipality.

c. Other resources that may be required by REMO during an emergency will be cost shared as per the finding formula in section 14.

14. The parties shall share the cost of operations of the REMO based on the following formula:

a. The participating units will contribute a base amount of \$1,500, with the balance of the budget cost shared based on 50% uniform assessment and 50% population for the participating municipalities.

b. Municipalities interested in joining the REMO will be required to contribute a base amount of \$2,500 in the first fiscal year of such participation.

15. REMO shall have its budget submitted to the municipal units so it may be approved by March 31 of that fiscal year.

16. The actual dollar contribution of the Municipalities shall be based on the annual budget of the REMO. Operating surpluses and deficits will be included in the following year's budget.

17. The Municipality; of Cumberland will invoice the other contributing Municipality(s) for their portion of the approved budget.

18. In the event the REMO requires additional money for capital or operating purposes, any such increase shall be approved by the parties or such of them as agree to contribute.

19. The Municipality of Cumberland shall also be the unit responsible to look after the financial arrangements for REMO.

20. The Municipality of Cumberland shall have the REMO included in its liability insurance policy.

21. Individual participating units commit to providing the appropriate resources for staff training and municipal specific equipment and supplies necessary for EMO preparedness.

22. The fiscal year of the REMO shall be from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

23. Each Municipal Party's participation in this Agreement is conditional on that Party passing a complementary by-law respecting the coordinated response to an emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Act.

24. This Agreement has effect from June 1, 2018 and thereafter from year to year unless otherwise agreed by all Parties, provided any Municipality may withdraw pursuant to section 25.

25. Any Municipal Party may withdraw from this agreement by giving written notice to the other parties not less than one year prior to the intended withdrawal date, which must be March 31" of the applicable year.

26. Any party withdrawing from this Agreement remains responsible for its share of any liabilities of the REMO incurred up to the date of the withdrawal and any severance, penalty or other costs necessarily incurred by the REMO as a result of the withdrawal.

27. Any party withdrawing from this Agreement shall not be entitled to compensation for assets owned jointly by the participating municipalities,

28. Upon dissolution of the REMO by unanimous consent of the parties, the assets of the REMO are vested in the parties and the parties are responsible for the liabilities of the REMO in proportion to the amounts contributed by the parties.

29. Each party shall indemnify its representatives from any liability that may arise as a result of that member acting as a member of the REMO.

30. If any disagreement arises among the parties as to the proper interpretation of this agreement that cannot be resolved, the parties shall submit the area of disagreement to an arbitrator as provided by the Arbitration Act.

31. This Agreement is governed by the laws of Nova Scotia.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have this Agreement to be executed by the hands of their duly authorized officers and the affixing of their respective seals the day and year first above (see section 23).

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018 A.D.

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED**

In the presence of:

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

) **THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY  
OF CUMBERLAND**

) Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
) Warden

) Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
) C.A.O

) **TOWN OF OXFORD**

) Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
) Mayor

) Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
) C.A.O

) **TOWN OF AMHERST**

) Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
) Mayor

) Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
) C.A.O

**MOTION CARRIED #18-069**

6.5 Cannabis Legalization Update

An update on amendments to the Smoke-Free Places Act was included in the meeting material.

- 6.6 UNSM Priorities  
UNSM requested we include discussion of UNSM Priorities on the agenda and provide their top issues to UNSM. Council agreed to discuss this item at the next Council meeting.
- 6.7 Poverty Lives Here Workshop Report  
Councillor Fletcher recently attended the Poverty Lives Here Workshop and provided a report.
- 6.8 Nova Scotia Budget Highlights  
An email from UNSM, providing N.S. Budget highlights is included for your review.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 Court Ordered DNA Samples  
A reply from the Minister of Justice, included in the meeting material, provides information to our query regarding RCMP officers being tasked with taking DNA Samples from inmates in the Springhill Institution. This is referred back to the RCMP Police Advisory Board.
- 7.2 Nappan Marsh Bridge (Rainbow Bridge)  
A reply from the Minister of Transportation regarding Council's correspondence requesting timely repair/rebuild of the bridge known locally as the Rainbow Bridge was included in the meeting material.
- 7.3 Community Conversation  
Correspondence was received from the Nova Scotia Health Authority inviting Councillors and the public to a community conversation on family practice teams on April 12, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Business Innovation Centre, Amherst
- 7.4 Volunteer Recognition  
Community Volunteer Recognition night will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Councillors were asked to register for and attend this event.
- 7.5 Tyndal Wellfield  
There will be a Tyndal Wellfield Committee meeting April 11, 2018.

A reminder to Councillors that there is a joint Council Meeting April 10, 2018 at the Fire Hall in Oxford.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1 The Queen  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The Queen was sung.

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Warden Alison Gillis

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Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore