

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

Warden Al Gillis called the June 19, 2019 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:25 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 Paul Porter, Deputy Warden Joe Van Vulpen, Warden Allison Gillis, Councillor Lynne Welton, Councillor Barbara Palmer, Councillor Dan Rector, Councillor Ernie Gilbert, Councillor Mike McLellan, Councillor Don Fletcher, Councillor Doug Williams, Councillor Maryanne Jackson and Councillor Norman Rafuse.

Absent: Councillor Marlon Chase.

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, Chief Administrative Officer; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Stephen Ferguson, Director of Community Development, Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Shelley Hoeg, Communications and Executive Assistant to the CAO; Eric Levy, Manager of Organizational Development & Innovation; Michelle Byers, Community Economic Development Coordinator; Amanda MacLeod, Sustainable Communities Marketing Officer; Jon Epell, Operations Manager; and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk who recorded the meeting.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES****2.1 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:

Additions:     2.4     Parrsboro Sewer Tax Rate  
                       6.3     High Speed Internet MOU

Deletions:

The following items will be deferred to a later meeting:

2.3     Action List  
 3.1     Governance Indicators

**2.2 Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2019 Council meeting.**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Porter to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 Council meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED #19-116**

**2.3 Action List(s) from May 15, 2019 Council meeting.**

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

**2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions**

2.4(i) Parrsboro Sewer Rate

**Councillor Rafuse declared a Conflict of Interest and sat in the gallery at 6:30 p.m.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Jackson that Council approve the following recommendations for one year:**

- 1. Base Parrsboro's per unit sewer charge calculation on previous year's budget, resulting in the deferral of approximately \$357,000;**
- 2. Assess properties in the existing service area at the same unit value as the previous year;**
- 3. Assess unit values to properties with buildings in expanded service area only if hooked up at time of billing;**
- 4. Revise Parrsboro 2019/20 per unit sewer charge from \$957 to \$575;**
- 5. Continue to charge a flat rate of \$50 for vacant land and buildings not connected in the existing and new service areas;**
- 6. Request financial assistance from Municipal Affairs re: debt costs resulting from market value increase of construction over original budget;**
- 7. Develop a capital funding policy to identify how future infrastructure projects are to be funded;**
- 8. Develop a communications and public engagement strategy for future infrastructure projects;**

9. Develop one by-law for all county owned sewer systems;  
 10. Reassess all sewer system service areas based on revised by-law; and  
 11. Advise property owners in writing of their sewer assessment, appeal process by December 31, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED #19-117**

Councillor Rafuse returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

2.5 Public Hearing

- i) Dangerous and Unsightly Premise  
 17 Mines Branch Road, Maccan, NS  
 AAN 00600806, PID 25068115

Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to order at 7:42 p.m. Justin Waugh Cress, director of Engineering and Public Works provided a report and photos of this property in a power point presentation.

Warden Gillis called for questions from the property owner, representatives of the property owner or Council. Hearing none, Warden Gillis closed the hearing at 7:44 p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McLellan seconded by Councillor Fletcher to order the demolition of the house and removal of all debris from property at 17 Mines Branch Road, Maccan, NS, AAN 00600806, PID 25068115, to an approved facility by July 10, 2019.**

**MOTION CARRIED #18-118**

**3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

3.1 Governance Indicators

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

3.2 Fire Protection Services Review

Staff were instructed to gather information for this project and bring it back to council for further deliberation.

3.3 Police Services

Councillor Jackson declared a conflict and left the room at 8:11 p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Welton to send a letter to the Town of Amherst informing them that the Municipality of the County of Cumberland does not wish to contract policing services from the Town of Amherst at this time.**

**MOTION CARRIED #19-119**

Councillor Jackson returned to the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Councillor Jackson declared a conflict and left the room at 8:23p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED BY Deputy Warden van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Rector that Cumberland inform the RCMP we wish to reduce the RCMP numbers in Cumberland County by 3 members to be consistent with H Division regarding the police compliment and maintain the requisite number of members to meet the Policing Services Resource Model**

**MOTION CARRIED#19-120**

Councillor Jackson returned to the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

3.4 Boundary Review

Staff have prepared the following locations and dates schedule for public consultation sessions to enable the preparation of the report to the NSUARB regarding the Municipal Electoral Boundary Review.

Schedule:

Advocate Harbour - Advocate Harbour Fire Hall - June 19

Wentworth - Wentworth Community Centre - June 26

Parrsboro - location TBC " July 10

Springhill - Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre - July 24

Pugwash - Peace Hall - July 31

River Hebert/Joggins - Joggins Fossil Cliffs - August 7

Upper Nappan - Upper Nappan Service Centre - August 14

#### 4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

There are no major organizational issues for today's meeting.

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

##### 5.1 By-Law to Repeal Taxi By-Laws

Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to order at 8:29 p.m.

Warden Gillis asked for submissions and/or questions from the public regarding the proposed new By-Law to Repeal Taxi By-Laws. There were none. Warden Gillis was advised by the Clerk that no written submissions had been received. Warden Gillis then asked if any member of Council or the public had questions. Hearing none Warden Gillis then closed the public hearing at 8:31p.m.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor Fletcher to adopt the By-Law to Repeal Taxi By-Laws**

Municipality of Cumberland By-law 19-XX

By-law to Repeal Taxi By-laws

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1. This By-Law is entitled the "By-Law to Repeal Taxi By-Laws."
  2. The Taxi By-Law of the Former Town of Springhill and the Taxi By-Law for the former Town of Parrsboro, as well as any provisions of any other by-laws of the former Towns relating to the regulation of taxis or taxi businesses, are hereby repealed.
  3. This By-Law shall come into force upon publication.

**MOTION CARRIED #19-121**

#### 6. BUSINESS ISSUES

##### 6.1 T-MCC-1901 McGee Street Culvert Replacement Tender Award

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Jackson to award the contract for Tender T-MCC-1901 McGee Street Culvert Replacement to Nova Construction Co. Ltd. at a value of \$216,008.00+HST, less the following agreed upon scope reductions:**

- Delete Record Survey -\$5,000.
- Delete installation of new fence -\$9,408.
- Delete Asphalt Replace with gravel -\$16,543.
- Modify Box Culvert ends to be square -\$6,000.

**Modified Scope Contract amount \$179,000 plus HST.**

**MOTION CARRIED #19-122**

##### 6.2 Canada Day Celebrations – Springhill

A schedule of events for Canada Day Celebrations taking place in Springhill was included in the meeting material for Councillors.

##### 6.3 High Speed Internet MOU

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Deputy Warden van Vulpen to authorize the CAO to finalize MOU negotiations with all parties and for the Warden and CAO to sign the MOU with the preferred candidate in relation to the Request for Expressions of Interest for a Rural Broadband and Connected Communities Collaboration.**

**MOTION CARRIED #19-123**

#### 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

There are no information issues for today's meeting.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

##### 8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The Queen was sung.