

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 O' Canada

Warden Al Gillis called the September 4, 2019 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:18 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, and

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, Chief Administrative Officer; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations; Stephen Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Michelle Byers, Community Economic Development Coordinator; Jon Eppell, 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 changes and additions:

Additions:

- 3.1 Rural Internet Agreement
- 4.1 Letter to Minister Re: Reallocation of funds-Springhill
- 4.2 Letter to Minister Re: Reallocation funds -Parrsboro
- 4.3 Parrsboro Water RFP/Budget
- 4.4 Geopark Boundary
- 6.9 Stonehammer UNESCO Geopark Visit
- 6.10 Dedication/Ballfield Naming
- 6.11 Nominations Committee Report
- 6.12 Approval of Councillor Attendance at Various Meetings
- 7.2 Financial Statements

2.2 Approval of Minutes of July 31, 2019 Council meetings.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Williams to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2019 Council meeting with the following amendment:

In 6.6 Grants, amount of grant for the Fencebusters is \$1,000 therefore the motion should read:

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Gilbert to award a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to 13U AA Springhill Fencebusters. Funds to come from Local Grant funds: District 8 \$333.34, District 11 \$333.33, District 12 \$333.33

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2.3 Action List(s) from July 3, and July 31, 2019 Council meetings.

Council was brought up to date on the items on the Action Lists.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions

There are no delegations, presentations or petitions for today's meeting.

2.5 Public Hearing

Dangerous and Unsightly Premise – 131 Herrett Road, Springhill, AAN #044661223, PID #25230210

Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:29 p.m.

Director of Engineering and Operations Justin Waugh-Cress provided a presentation to Council regarding the condition on this property. The warden called for comments from the property owner and Council. Hearing none the Public hearing was closed at 6:31p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Jackson to order the demolition of the house on the property at 131 Herrett Road, Springhill, AAN #044661223, PID #25230210; and removal of all debris to an approved facility by September 18, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

3.1 Rural Internet Agreement

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Palmer to give authority to the Warden and CAO sign the agreement discussed in Camera and that the agreement remain confidential until all parties named in the agreement have signed said agreement and agreed the agreement may be made public.

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4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

4.1 Dissolution Funding Reallocation

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Williams to correspondence to the Minister Municipal Affairs to request a reallocation of funds from the former Town of Springhill Transition funding for the Capital Renovation Project for the former Town Hall. Specifically as follows:

<u>Transition Funding</u>	<u>Requested Reallocation Amount</u>
<u>Consolidation of Municipal Policies & Bylaws (\$135,000 approved)</u>	<u>\$135,000</u>
<u>Legal Fees – Transfer of Ownership/Registration of Assets (\$50,000 approved)</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<u>Demolition of Former Town Owned Properties</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$235,000</u></u>

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rafuse seconded by Councillor Rector to send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request a reallocation of funds from the former Town of Parrsboro to reduce the Parrsboro sewer charge. Specifically, as follows:

Transition Funding	Reallocation Amount
1. Consolidation of Municipal Policies	\$20,000
2. Legal Fees – Transfer of Ownership/Registration of Assets (\$5,000 approved)	2,400
3. Development of A Communication Strategy And Implementation plan (\$20,000 approved)	15,000
4. Records Management (\$15,000 approved)	5,000
5. Completion of An Economic Development Strategy (\$70,000 approved)	20,000
6. Facility Needs Assessment	40,000
	<u>102,400</u>
7. Roads Capital (\$825,000 approved)	258,600
Total	<u><u>\$361,000</u></u>

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4.3 Parrsboro Water RFP/Budget

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rafuse seconded by Councillor Fletcher to increase the budget for T-MCC19-05 Various Watermains in Parrsboro by \$130,000 from Gas Tax Funds; to award T-MCC-1905 to Brycon Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$475,000 plus HST; and, to defer installation of waterlines on Layton Street, Parrsboro to the 2020/2021 Capital Budget Process.

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4.4 Geopark Boundary

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Welton that the eastern boundary of the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark be extended to include the Fundy Discovery Site in Lower Truro.

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

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

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**6.1 Grant Requests

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Rector to provide a grant from the Regional Grant Funds in the amount of \$600 to Remembering Canada's Heroes to assist with the cost of taking WW II, Korean War, Cold War and Peacekeeping Veterans into High School history classrooms (Grades 8 & 12) in Cumberland County.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Palmer to provide a grant to The Open Hamper Food Bank Society (Pugwash) in the amount of \$2,000.

Funds to come from the following Regional Grant Funds:

District 4	\$666.67
District 5	\$666.67
District 6	\$666.66

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6.2 Development Officer Appointment

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Palmer to appoint Will Balsler, Junior Planner as a Development Officer.

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6.3 NSFM Ken Simpson Memorial Award 2019 – Call for Nominations

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Welton to nominate former Warden Keith Hunter for the Ken Simpson Memorial Award for Outstanding Public Service and Leadership in Nova Scotia Municipal Government.

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6.4 Cliffs of Fundy Geo-explorers

Council discussed the success of the Cliffs of Fundy Geo-explorers as outlined by recreation staff.

6.5 Additional Officer Program

In the meeting material there was a letter from the Minister of Justice advising of the revitalization of the Additional Officer Program.

6.6 Climate Change Leaders Award

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Porter that the Cumberland Energy Authority submit an application for the NSFM Climate Change Leaders Award for exemplary leadership in climate change adaptation and/or mitigation through the implementation of initiatives and creation of awareness

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- 6.7 NSFM Carbon Surcharge Fund Disbursement
IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Palmer to give authority to Councillors Williams Porter, Rector and Deputy Warden van Vulpen to review applications submitted to the Municipality for the Carbon Surcharge Fund.

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- 6.8 Correspondence
Corey Sigut, Natural Gas Development — Mr. Sigut provides Council with a copy of his correspondence to the Premier in support of the development of natural gas resources. Mr. Sigut has asked his letter be shared with Council and believes support from Council for the development of natural gas in Cumberland County would be beneficial.

CUPW — Requesting Council to question the political parties on their intentions for Canada Post, ask for clear public commitments regarding specific issues and also advising of further information.

Town of Yarmouth – Pam Mood, Mayor of Yarmouth has invited Warden Gillis to attend the 25th Anniversary edition of the Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards taking place September 25-28 in Yarmouth.

Parrsboro and District Board of Trade – The President of the Parrsboro and District Board of Trade is requesting Council discuss the recommendations made at the June 19th Council session on a consultative basis with the Community of Parrsboro.

Parrsboro and District Board of Trade – The President of the Parrsboro and District Board of Trade is requesting Council discuss a solution to the bulky item clean up schedule, as they feel that the timing of the pickup detracts from the beauty of the community during their tourist season.

- 6.9 Stonehammer UNESCO Geopark Visit
IT WAS MOVED BY Deputy Warden van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Welton to approve Councillor Fletcher and Stephanie Moreau to visit Stonehammer Geopark in St John, N.B.

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- 6.10 Dedication/Ballfield Naming
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Gilbert to name the fenced ball field at the Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre and Lions Park complex in Springhill the “Paul “Gino” Sharpe Memorial Field”.

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- 6.11 Nominations Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Fletcher to accept the Nominations Committee Report advising of the recommendations for Councillors to serve on the following committees:
Tourism Advisory Committee: Councillors Don Fletcher, Norm Rafuse, and Lynne Welton
Carbon Surcharge Fund Committee: Councillors Doug Williams, Joe van Vulpen, Paul Porter, and Dan Rector
Springhill Economic Development Steering Committee: Councillors Doug Williams and Maryanne Jackson
Parrsboro Economic Development Steering Committee: Councillors Norm Rafuse, and Don Fletcher

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- 6.12 Approval of Councillor Attendance at Functions
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve the Wardens attendance at the 25th Anniversary edition of the Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards taking place September 25-28 in Yarmouth.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor Jackson to approve Councillors' expenditure claims for attendance at the Enemy Aliens - Prisoner of War Camp Memorial Ceremony in Amherst in July.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Williams to approve Councillor Fletcher's expenditure claim for attending the Ottawa House Annual General meeting.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve Deputy Warden van Vulpen's expenditure claim for attending the Battle of Britain Ceremony in Amherst.

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- 6.13 A Joint Council meeting will be held in Springhill, Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Thank You's

The Cumberland County Museum and Archives has forwarded a letter of thanks to Deputy Warden van Vulpen for attending the launch of their exhibit "Enemy Aliens" and also a thank you to Council for a grant received.

7.2 Financial Statements

The Director of Finance, Andre MacDonald distributed a number of Financial Statements to allow Council to review prior to the next Council meeting. This will allow an informed discussion to take place at that time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. The Queen was sung.

Warden Allison Gillis

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore