

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 O' Canada

Warden Al Gillis called the October 23, 2019 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 7:30 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; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations 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:

- 6.3 Remembrance Day
- 6.4 Land Acquisition
- 6.5 Approval of Councillor attendance for reimbursement

2.2 Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2019 Council meetings.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Williams to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

2.3 Action List(s) from October 2, 2019 Council meeting.

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

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions

Bob Meekins from the Saint Andrews Wesley United Church along with a number of parishioners were on hand to present to Council regarding a request to assist the church with maintenance of the parking lot adjacent to the church. The Warden thanked Mr. Meekins for the presentation.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert seconded by Councillor Welton that Council discuss the maintenance of this church parking lot at a future Council meeting and inform Mr. Meekins and the parishioners of the final decision.

MOTION CARRIED

2.5 Public Hearing

- (i) Dangerous or Unsightly Property located at
23 Bayview Drive, West Amherst N.S. AAN: 06010709

Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to order at 7:45 p.m. Justin Waugh-Cress Director of Engineering and Operations did a presentation with pictures to show the condition of this property.

Warden Gillis asked if there were any comments or questions from the property owner or Councillors. Hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Rafuse to order the demolition of the structure located at 23 Bayview Drive, West Amherst N.S., AAN: 06010709 and the removal of all debris to an approved facility by November 13, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED

- (ii) Dangerous or Unsightly Property located at 2595 Wyvern Road, River Philip, NS AAN # 02368218; PID # 25392366

Warden Gillis called the Public Hearing to order at 7:48 p.m.

Justin Waugh-Cress Director of Engineering and Operations did a presentation with pictures to show the condition of this property.

The Warden asked if there were any comments or questions from the property owner or Councillors.

The property owner Simon Carter was on hand and stated he is battling with the insurance company over this property and would request council not order the demolition at this time to allow him to settle this claim.

Warden Gillis closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Jackson to have the Administrator remove the notice of Public Hearing from the structure at 2595 Wyvern Road, River Philip, NS, AAN # 02368218; PID # 25392366, contact the owner to determine the state of the insurance claim and repost the Notice at a later date.

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3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

3.1 Electoral Boundary Review Engagement Report and the Governance and Electoral Boundary Review Report

Nelson Bezanson, Municipal Planner was on hand to discuss holding a special meeting to discuss the Boundary Review Report.

It was agreed by Council to hold a special council meeting on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Mayor Vs Warden system and the number of districts to be formed for the 2020 Election.

3.2 Public Sewers By-Law

Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations was on hand to reviewing the major provisions of a draft Public Sewers By-law for Council. This draft is an amalgamation of six by-laws from the former towns and the municipality into one cohesive by-law that will apply to all sewer systems in Cumberland County.

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

4.1 Election 2020 Issues

The CAO addressed a number of items relating to the upcoming Municipal Election.

Council gave permission to staff with election responsibilities to develop a program that will include objectives of addressing these issues and bring it back to Council for approval.

4.2 NSFM Interim Resolutions Report

The NSFM Report was included in the meeting materials. The CAO attended the September 30, 2019 meeting in Truro and provided an update.

4.3 Streetlight Conversion Project

Ray Hickey Chief Operations Officer of the Cumberland Energy Authority provided a report and an update on the status of this project.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Fletcher to give the Energy Authority direction to execute the agreement with Nova Scotia Power for the installation of the LED streetlights.

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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 Palmer to approve a grant in the amount of \$400.00 to Advocate District School Christmas by the Sea Dance. Funds as follows: \$200 from District 10 and \$200.00 from District 13.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor Williams to approve a grant in the amount of \$3000 to Cumberland Snowmobile Club. Grant funds to be disbursed as follows:

District 1	\$250.00
District 2	\$250.00
District 3	\$250.00
District 7	\$750.00
District 11	\$750.00
District 12	\$750.00

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6.2 Loan Guarantee – Pugwash Village Commission

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Rafuse to provide a loan guarantee for the Village of Pugwash up to the amount of \$90,000 for borrowing for the Harbourfront Centre Project.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND GUARANTEE RESOLUTION

\$90,000

TBR 19/20-01
Village of Pugwash
Harbourfront Centre

WHEREAS the Village of Pugwash is a village in the Municipality of the County of Cumberland;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Pugwash has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purposes of the Harbourfront Centre;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Pugwash has requested a municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 89 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may guarantee a loan for a village;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the County of Cumberland does hereby approve the borrowing by the Village of Pugwash of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purposes set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

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6.3 Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Councillors indicated which ceremony they will attend.

6.4 Application for Canada Nature Fund Program

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Porter seconded by Councillor Williams to approve final application for Canada Nature Fund Program.

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6.5 Councillor attendance/reimbursement

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Porter seconded by Councillor Rector that only the Deputy Warden be approved to claim mileage expenses for attending the Amherst Fire Department Annual Firefighters Banquet.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Welton that no mileage be paid to Councillors for attending the Leicester Fire Hall Open House.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton that no mileage be paid to Councillors for attending meetings and events.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Palmer that all Councillors be reimbursed mileage for officially representing the Municipality at Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

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IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Jackson that Councillor Fletcher be paid for mileage for attending the Northern Nova Scotia Alcohol Symposium to be held on Wednesday November 20th in Amherst.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor Williams that no mileage be paid for Councillors or staff for attending the Financial and Retirement Planning sessions.

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Council was in agreement that no mileage be paid for Councillors for attending the upcoming Christmas Party social.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

There are no information items for this meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The Queen was sung.

Warden Allison Gillis

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore