

In March of 2020, in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared that Municipal Councils will not meet in person but will instead hold virtual meetings. Under this order Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland held Council video meetings via Zoom. This meeting was also streamed live on Facebook.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Warden Al Gillis called the July 29, 2020 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Municipal Clerk, Brenda Moore, called the roll with the following Councillors present: Councillor Marlon Chase; Councillor Joe Van Vulpen, Warden Al Gillis; Councillor Welton, Councillor Barb Palmer, Councillor Dan Rector, Deputy Warden Ernie Gilbert, Councillor Mike McLellan, Councillor Don Fletcher, Councillor Doug; William s, Councillor Maryanne Jackson; and Councillor Norman Rafuse.

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, Chief Administrative Officer; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Michelle Byers, Manager of Community Development; Mike Carter, Fire Protection Services Coordinator; Cathy Coon, Administrative Assistant; Shelley Hoeg, Communications and Executive Assistant to the CAO; Amanda MacLeod, Sustainable Communities Marketing Officer; Allie McCormick, Organizational Development and Innovation; Dannie Sampson, IT; and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk who recorded the meeting.

Media representatives present:

Bill Martin, Six Rivers News; Darrell Cole, Saltwire; and Maurice Rees, Shoreline Journal

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented

2.2 Approval of the Minutes of the July 22, 2020 Council Meeting

The minutes of July 22, 2020 will be included in the next meeting package.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

There are no strategic priorities for this meeting.

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

4.1 Returning Officer Report

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rafuse seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve the following Tariff of Fees and Expenses for the 2020 Municipal Election:

RETURNING OFFICER

For all services in connection with the municipal election and the Provincial CSAP election, an allowance of \$7,500, plus expense allowances.

ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER

(a) For assisting returning officer, for all services in connection with the municipal election and for acting in the absence of the returning officer, an allowance of \$6,500. plus, expense allowances.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

A returning officer, assistant returning officer, deputy returning officer, poll clerk, and constable are authorized to be reimbursed for expenses

(a) For distance actually travelled by private car, the approved municipal rate per kilometer.

(b) For lunch, an allowance of \$15; for supper, an allowance of \$20.

Receipts are required.

ELECTION COSTS

For advertising, postage, courier services, miscellaneous election supplies, ballot boxes, printing of ballots, election signs, poll books, mileage, rental of a polling stations or temporary office, and other incidental outlays necessary in conducting an election, the amount actually and reasonably spent, supported by invoices.

POLLING STATION RENTAL

For the use of facilities for advance polls and ordinary polling day \$220 to \$350 for each polling day.

No Objections
MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Jackson to approve the use of the Provincial Voters' list as the Preliminary Voters' List.

No Objections
MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor van Vulpen that the Municipality conduct the 2020 Municipal Election solely through Alternative Voting.

7 nay votes
6 yeah votes
MOTION DEFEATED

4.2 Parrsboro Sewer

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Rafuse to hold a Special Council Meeting on September 9, 2020, at 6 o'clock to conduct Public Hearings for the Public Sewer By-Law and the Local Improvement By-Law.

No Objections
MOTION CARRIED

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BYLAWS ISSUES**

There are no Organizational Policy/Bylaw Issues for today's meeting.

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**

6.1 Pugwash Yacht Club-Grant Request

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Williams to provide a grant in the amount of \$58,000 to the Pugwash Yacht Club for their infrastructure project with the funding coming from operating reserves.

No Objections
MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Palmer that Council accept donations on behalf of the Pugwash Yacht Club, and the Municipality provide charitable tax receipts to donors pending receipt of a description of how funds will be used by the Yacht Club and Municipality staff are satisfied with the use of funds.

No Objections
MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Shinimicas Fire Station - Update

It was the consensus of Council to have the Shinimicas Department attend a Council Meeting in August 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to make a presentation to Council on the requirements for the proposed new fire hall and equipment.

6.3 Grant Request – Parrsboro Band Hall

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rafuse seconded by Councillor Fletcher to provide a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to the Parrsboro Band Hall. Funds to come from Regional Funds.

No Objections
MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Tax Collection Report for May 2020
A Tax Sale Update, Tax Collection Report and Tax Receivable Analysis were included in the meeting material.

6.5 Celebration of Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Designation
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Chase seconded by Councillor Palmer to approve Councillors Rafuse, Fletcher, Palmer, Welton, and Jackson, Deputy Warden Gilbert and Warden Gillis along with staff Michelle Byers and Rennie Bugley to attend the celebration of the recent designation as a UNESCO Global Geopark and be reimbursed for appropriate expenses.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

6.6 Springhill Road Signage
Staff will coordinate a work plan to move this item forward.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

There are no information items for this meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Warden Allison Gillis

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore

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