

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 August 19, 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; Williams, Councillor Maryanne Jackson; and Councillor Norman Rafuse.

Absent: Councillor Porter

Staff present: Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Operations and Public Work; Michelle Byers, Manager of Community Development; Mike Carter, Fire Protection Services Coordinator; Shelley Hoeg, Communications and Executive Assistant to the CAO; Dannie Sampson, IT; and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk who recorded the meeting.

Media representatives present:

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

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following addition:

6.2 Transfer Stations

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

The minutes of July 22, and July 29, 2020 were not available and will be included in the next meeting package.

2.3 Shinimicas Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Jesse Brine and Deputy Chief Matt Mundle were on had to provide a presentation to Council regarding the Shinimicas Fire Department. They elaborated on the losses resulting from the fire that destroyed the file hall, the replacement value of some of this equipment and the obstacles encountered when attempting to rebuild on the present site.

They also explained the plans for the new hall and the new location on which they wish to rebuild. The department is requesting the Municipality provide funding to assist with them construction of the new hall. Warden Gillis thanked the gentlemen for their presentation.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Rector to move forward with the design and tendering of the Shinimicas Fire Hall Project to the maximum of \$770,000 to be funded thru insurance proceeds and long-term debt.**

**One Objection  
MOTION CARRIED**

**3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

There are no strategic priorities for this meeting.

**4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

There are no Major Organizational items for this meeting.

**5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BYLAW ISSUES**

There are no Organizational Policy/Bylaw Issues for todays meeting.

**6. BUSINESS ISSUES**

6.1 Cumberland Colchester agreement with Xplornet

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Williams that Council authorize the CAO or the Deputy CAO, and the Warden to execute the Agreement with Xplornet as discussed In Camera, conditional on the Municipality of Colchester's approval of the same terms.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WS MOVED by Councillor van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Jackson to approve the amendments, as presented in camera, to the Rural Broadband and Connected Communities Agreement between the Municipalities of Cumberland and Colchester, and for that agreement to be executed by the CAO and the Warden.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

6.2 Transfer Station

Councillor van Vulpen asked when the transfer station charges are going to be initiated. Andrew explained we have an agreement in place with Global to have card readers installed at the stations, but we have not received the readers yet. He will follow up with them to see when they will arrive.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

There are no information items for this meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Warden Allison Gillis

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Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore