

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 the July 8, 2020 Council video meeting via Zoom. This meeting was also streamed live on Facebook.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Warden Al Gillis called the September 2, 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 Paul Porter; 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.

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, Chief Administrative Officer; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Justin Waugh Cress, Director of Operations and Engineering; Shelley Hoeg, Communications and Executive Assistant to the CAO; Amanda MacLeod, Manager of Community Economic Development, Michelle Byers; Sustainable Communities Marketing Officer; Allie McCormick, Manager of Organizational Development and Innovation; Dannie Sampson, IT; and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk who recorded the meeting.

Media representatives present:
Bill Martin, Six Rivers News;

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions

6.3 Springhill Elementary School Property

2.2 (i) Approval of the Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Council Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Palmer to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 Council meeting.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

(ii) Approval of the Minutes of the July 29, 2020 Council Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Rafuse to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2020 Council meeting.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- (ii) Approval of the Minutes of the July 22, 2020 Council Meeting
IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Porter seconded by Councillor Welton to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 Council meeting.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- 2.3 (i) Action List from the July 8, 2020 Council Meeting
The Action List was reviewed, and Council was brought up to date on the actions and on-going actions.
- (ii) On-going Action List from the July 8, 2020 Council Meeting
The ongoing Action List was reviewed, and Council was brought up to date on the on-going actions

- 2.4 Presentations, Delegations, Petitions, Public Hearing(s)
There are no presentation, delegations, petitions, or Public Hearings for today's meeting.

2.5 Public Hearings

- (i) Amendment to the Land Use By-Law - Rezone PID25176561, North Shore Road, East Wallace.

The Warden called the Public Hearing to order at 6:09 p.m. Will Balser, Junior Planner provided Council with a briefing to accompany the memo included in the meeting material.

The Warden asked if there had been any submissions from residents regarding the amendment. Mr. Balser informed Council he received a few calls from residents inquiring what the rezoning was for but no one had any issues with the proposed rezoning. He also received one letter of support from the Wallace and Area Development Association. The Warden asked for comments or questions from Councillors. Hearing none the Warden closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

- ii. Development Agreement PID 25331653, 44 King Street, Parrsboro,

The Warden called the Public Hearing to order at 6:16 p.m. Will Balser Junior Planner provided Council with a briefing to accompany the memo included in the meeting material.

The Warden asked if there had been any submissions from residents regarding the development. There were none. Hearing none the Warden closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

3.1 Highspeed Internet Project

An update regarding the signing of the agreement with Xplornet and about moving the project forward is included in the meeting package.

- 3.1(i) Congratulations to Staff

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor van Vulpen seconded by Councillor Welton to offer congratulations to staff Michelle Byers of Cumberland County and Mark Austen of Colchester County for their work on the Highspeed Internet Project.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

4.1 Mechanic Street Park Naming

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Williams to name the Mechanic Street park the *Sharpe Splash and Play Park* in honour of Bev Sharp and all the effort and time she has dedicated to seeing this project to fruition.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

4.1(i) Mechanic Street Park Project Update

A memo providing an update on the status of the construction of the park on Mechanic Street in Springhill was included in the meeting material.

4.2 Public Consultation - Former Parrsboro Town Hall

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rafuse seconded by Councillor Porter to demolish the building located at 4030 Eastern Avenue, Parrsboro.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Palmer to work with the Chief Librarian /Library Board to assess the suitability of the CIBC building as a Parrsboro Branch Library.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Deputy Warden Gilbert to initiate discussions with the Parrsboro Playground Committee to determine the suitability of the site for a new playground.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher seconded by Councillor Welton to work with the Parrsboro and Area Historical Society to explore the installation of interpretive panels, signage, etc. on the site.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES

- 5.1 Second Reading of the Amendment to Land Use Bylaw to rezone PID 25176561, 45 North Shore Road, East Wallace
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Porter to approve the amendment to rezone PID 25176561, 45 North Shore Road, East Wallace to Commercial Recreation.

The subject property is designated as Resource on Schedule A of the Municipal Planning Strategy and zoned as Recreational Residential. The current Recreational Residential zoning of the property does not permit the development of an RV Park or Campground. Rezoning the property to Commercial Recreation would allow the development of an RV Park and Campground, and is consistent with the Resource Designation, and is supported by MPS Policy 4-66A.



**No Objections
 MOTION CARRIED**

- 5.2 Second Reading - Development Agreement - PID25331653, 44 King Street, Parrsboro
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Porter seconded by Councillor Williams to approve the Development Agreement for - PID25331653, 44 King Street, Parrsboro, NS

Development Agreement

Regulatory and Land Use Context:

Current Zone: Low Density Residential

The subject property is designated as *Residential* on Schedule A of the Municipal Planning Strategy and zoned as *Low Density Residential*.

The current zoning of the property permits commercial, (including a liquor license) by development agreement.

MPS Policy 5-9A: Council shall consider proposals to establish commercial uses in the Lower Density Residential Zone and Multi-unit Residential Zone by development agreement, subject to the following criteria:

(a) the proposal shall be located in a conversion of an existing building and/or new construction that meets the scale and character of the surrounding neighbourhood;

(b) any potential nuisance on the surrounding neighbourhood shall be limited by the nature of the use and/or restrictions placed on the use, such as screening, building design, and limits on hours of operation; and

(c) the proposal shall meet the development agreement policies of Section 6.3.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- 5.3 Public Highway Signage By-Law and Tourism Signage Guidelines
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Porter seconded by Councillor van Vulpen to approve first reading of the Public Highway Signage By-Law and Signage Guidelines.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

- 6.1 Grant Request - Northumberland Boating Association
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector seconded by Councillor McLellan to approve a Regional Grant in the amount of \$2094 to Northumberland Boating Association.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.2 Level II Building Official Certification
We are please to advise Council that one of our staff has successfully completed the Level II Building Official Certification. A letter of congratulations will be sent to Melissa from Council.

- 6.3 Springhill Elementary School Site Property
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Williams to declare the property PID 25241225 in Springhill surplus.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Jackson to authorize the CAO and Warden to execute a purchase sale agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for property PID25241225 for the site of the new Springhill elementary school.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 46th Annual Provincial Volunteer Award

Information regarding a Virtual Facebook Live Stream Event to be hosted by Communities, Culture and Heritage regarding Volunteer Recognition was included in the meeting material.

7.2 October Council Meetings

Council will decide if they will meet in October at the Sept 16, 2020 meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Warden Allison Gillis

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore