

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.

Mayor Scott proclaimed the Municipality of the County of Cumberland acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 1.1 Roll Call

Mayor Scott called the March 24, 2021 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:00 p.m. and declared the Municipality of the County of Cumberland acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk called the roll with the following members of Council present: Mayor Murray Scott, Councillor Fred Goud; Councillor Rod Gilroy, Councillor Jennifer Houghtaling, Deputy Mayor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Angela McCormick, Councillor Mark Joseph, Councillor Dale Porter, Councillor Carrie Goodwin.

Staff present Allie McCormick, Acting CAO; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Amanda MacLeod, Sustainable Communities Marketing Officer; Shelley Hoeg Communications/Executive Assistant to the CAO; and Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk who recorded the meeting.

Media present in the meeting:

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

## 2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

### 2.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following addition:

#### 6.1 Nominations Committee Report

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy seconded by Councillor Gould to approve the agenda as amended.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

### 2.2 Public Hearing(s) Presentation(s)

#### Proposed Bill 4 - Biodiversity Act – Cumberland County Forestry Advisory Committee

Jeff Black and Steven McLean of the Cumberland County Forestry Advisory Committee provided Council with information regarding potential impacts to Cumberland County if the proposed Bill 4 – The Biodiversity Act is passed. Numerous Councillors expressed concern for more public consultation on the Bill. The Mayor thanked the presenters for their presentation.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond that correspondence be sent to Premier Ian Rankin and Forestry Minister Chuck Porter from the Cumberland County Council requesting further Public and Forest Industry Consultation regarding Bill 4 before any further legislative action is taken by the Province.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy seconded by Councillor Gould to authorize the Mayor of the Municipality of Cumberland to represent Council at the Provincial Law Amendments Committee when Bill 4 is called.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

There are no Strategic Priority Issues for this meeting

**4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

There are no Major Organizational Items for today's meeting

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

There are no Organizational Policy/By-Law Issues for this meeting.

**6. BUSINESS ISSUES**

6.1 Nominations Committee Report

**IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Redmond seconded by Councillor Gould to accept the Nominations Committee Report.**

*The Nominations Committee Report*

1. Call to Order

*The Nominations Committee meeting was called to Order by the Deputy Mayor Redmond at 5:50 p.m.*

Attendance

**Council:** Mayor Murray Scott, Councillor Fred Gould, Councillor Rod Gilroy, Councillor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Angela McCormick, Councillor Mark Joseph, Councillor Dale Porter.

**Staff:** Allie McCormick, Acting CAO; Stephen Ferguson Director of Community Development; Shelley Hoeg, Communications and Executive Assistant to the CAO; Brenda Moore, Municipal Clerk who recorded the proceedings.

2. Decision Issues

i. Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee

*IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph seconded by Councillor Fred Gould to add Councillor Houghtaling as Council representatives on an ad hoc committee for the sole purpose of developing the terms of reference for the proposed Joint Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee.*

*No Objections*

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Adjournment

*On motion from Mayor Scott the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.*

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

There are no Information Items for this meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 Adjournment

On motion by Councillor McCormick the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Mayor Murray Scott

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Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore