

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**

1.2 Roll Call

Mayor Scott acknowledged the Municipality of the County of Cumberland is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

The Mayor called the May 27, 2021 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 5:32 p.m.

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

Staff present Greg Herrett, CAO; Allie McCormick, Director of HR and Community Facilities; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations; Amanda MacLeod, Corporate Communications Officer; and Shelley Hoeg, Municipal Clerk/Executive Assistant to the CAO.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph seconded by Councillor Porter to approve the agenda as presented.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS ITEMS**

3.1 Presentation of 2021/2022 General Operating Budget

The Director of Finance presented the General Operating Budget to Council.

3.2 Presentation of Five-Year Capital Investment Plan

The Director of Finance presented the Five-Year Capital Investment Plan.

3.3 Low Income Exemption Policy

The Manager of Financial Services presented a draft Low Income Exemption Policy to Council.

**IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Gould to give notice of Intent to Consider Adoption of the Low Income Exemption Policy at a future Council meeting.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

3.4 **Approval of Operating and Capital Budgets**

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Houghtaling that Council accept the following estimate of sums totaling \$31,031,804, which are required by the Municipality of Cumberland for the fiscal period ending March 31, 2022, prepared in accordance to Section 72 of the Municipal Government Act:**

	<b>2021/22 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Taxes	24,594,404
Grants In Lieu Of Taxes	2,408,453
Own Source Revenue	923,763
Sale Of Service	45,000
Conditional Grants	286,222
Unconditional Grants	1,591,254
Transfers From Own Funds And Agencies	973,459
Collections For Other Governments	209,249
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>31,031,804</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
General Government	6,078,854
Protective	8,665,072
Transportation	2,036,000
Environmental Health	4,717,384
Public Health	1,176,780
Environmental Development	1,263,260
Recreation & Culture	1,978,153
Education	4,907,052
Transmission Of Taxes	209,249
<b>Expenditures Total</b>	<b>31,031,804</b>

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

Tax Rates

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor McCormick, seconded by Councillor Joseph that the tax rates for the Municipality of Cumberland for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 be approved as follows:

**General tax rates**

Residential                 \$1.19 per \$100 of assessment  
Commercial                 \$2.78 per \$100 of assessment

**Area rates on properties in the community of Springhill**

Residential                 \$0.86 per \$100 of assessment  
Commercial                 \$2.18 per \$100 of assessment

**Area rates on properties in the community of Parrsboro**

Residential                 \$0.48 per \$100 of assessment  
Commercial                 \$1.19 per \$100 of assessment

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

Sewer Rates

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Houghtaling that the rates for each of the sewage collection and treatment systems for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 be approved as follows:

<b>Springhill</b>	<b>\$265</b>	<b>per unit</b>
<b>Amherst Marsh</b>	<b>\$439</b>	<b>per unit</b>
<b>Biggs Drive</b>	<b>\$439</b>	<b>per unit</b>
<b>Joggins</b>	<b>\$439</b>	<b>per unit</b>
<b>Joggins Extension</b>	<b>\$559</b>	<b>per unit</b>
<b>Maccan</b>	<b>\$439</b>	<b>per unit</b>

Pugwash	\$439	per unit
River Hebert	\$439	per unit
Wallace	\$439	per unit
Parrsboro	\$50	Per Property (vacant lots & developed lots not connected)
Parrsboro Metered	\$2.65/cubic metre	

No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED

Streetlights – Rural Systems

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Porter that the uniform flat rate of \$41.00 per assessment account for rural street light systems for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 be approved.

No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED

Village Rates

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph, seconded by Councillor Houghtaling that that following village rates be billed and collected at the same time and in the same manner as municipal taxes:

River Hebert	\$0.10 per \$100 of assessment
Pugwash	
Residential	\$0.335 per \$100 of assessment
Commercial	\$0.405 per \$100 of assessment

No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED

Maintenance and Improvement of Private Road By-law

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Gould that following rates for the maintenance and improvement of private roads be billed and collected at the same time and in the same manner as municipal taxes:

Jackson’s Point Road Association \$34.16 per assessment account

No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED

Due Date

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Joseph that the due date for the 2021/22 tax levy be July 16, 2022 with interest to be charged on outstanding tax accounts on or after July 17, 2022 at the rate of 1.25% per month, 15% per annum.

No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED

General Borrowing Resolution

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McCormick, seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond to authorize the borrowing of certain moneys from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to meet the current expenditure of the Corporation of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland (hereinafter called “the Corporation”) for the year ending March 31, 2022.

WHEREAS it is necessary to borrow the sum of \$11,500,000 (eleven million five hundred thousand dollars) from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to meet the new current expenditures of the Corporation until such time as the taxes to be levied therefore can be collected;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Corporation as follows:

**1. THAT the Mayor and the Treasurer of the Corporation be, and they are hereby authorized under the seal of the Corporation to borrow from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce up to the sum of \$11,500,000 (eleven million five hundred thousand dollars) as the same may be required from time to time to meet the now current expenditures of the Corporation which said expenditures has been duly authorized by Council; and**

**2. THAT the said Mayor with the Treasurer aforesaid, be, and they are hereby authorized to pay or allow to the said bank, interest on the sum of \$11,500,000 (eleven million five hundred thousand dollars) at Prime Rate per annum, which may be paid or allowed in advance by way of discount or otherwise howsoever as they may deem best; and**

**3. THAT the said sum of \$11,500,000 (eleven million five hundred thousand dollars) so to be borrowed shall be made payable on or before the 31st day of March, 2022, and the promissory note or notes of the Corporation, if any, given therefore, if made payable before the said 31st day of March, 2022, may be renewed by the said Mayor and Treasurer from time to time, but no renewal thereof shall fall due later than the said 31st day of March, 2022; and**

**4. THAT the said promissory note or notes of the Corporation, sealed with the corporate seal and signed by the Mayor and Treasurer of the Corporation be given from time to time as required, in security for the amounts borrowed from time to time under the provisions of this resolution; and**

**5. THAT giving of such renewal note or notes, as aforesaid, shall not be deemed satisfaction to the said bank of the said advance or interest, but as evidence only in indebtedness.**

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Capital Investment Plan**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Houghtaling that Council approve the 5-year Capital Investment Plan totaling \$20,936,211.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2021/22	6,724,555
2022/23	5,961,100
2023/24	3,625,555
2024/25	2,075,000
2025/26	2,550,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,936,211</b>

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**2021/22 Capital Budget**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Joseph, seconded by Councillor Porter that Council approve that 2021/22 Capital budget in the amount of \$6,724,555.

	<b><u>2021/22</u></b>
<b><u>Project Categories</u></b>	
Municipal Buildings	335,000
Fire Protection Vehicles and Equipment	182,000
Fire Protection Facilities	800,000
By-law Enforcement Vehicle and Equipment	38,000
Public Works Vehicle and Equipment	235,000
Streets and Sidewalks	1,725,000
Water & Sewer Infrastructure	1,156,000
Community Economic Dev and Tourism	1,909,555
Recreation & Culture Facilities	160,000
Parks and Playgrounds and Sports fields	184,000
	<u>6,724,555</u>
<b><u>Funding Category</u></b>	
Municipal	2,935,142
Other	550,000
Provincial	162,166
Federal	<u>3,077,247</u>
	<u>6,724,555</u>

**No Objections  
MOTION CARRIED**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Houghtaling the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Murray Scott

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Municipal Clerk Shelley Hoeg