

Cumberland Municipal Council
Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2021, 3:30 p.m.
E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building
1395 Blair Lake Road
Amherst, N.S.
B4H 3Y1

Members Present: Mayor Scott, Deputy Mayor Redmond, Councillor Gould, Councillor Gilroy, Councillor Houghtaling, Councillor Joseph, Councillor McCormick, Councillor Porter, Councillor Goodwin

Staff Present: CAO, Greg Herrett, Municipal Clerk, Shelley Hoeg, Director of Community Development, Steve Ferguson, Director of Finance, Andrew MacDonald, Director of Engineering and Operations, Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Human Resources and Community Facilities, Allie McCormick, Corporate Communications Officer, Amanda-Leigh MacLeod

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.a Territorial Acknowledgement

1.b Roll Call

The Mayor called the November 24, 2021 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 3:30 p.m.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**2.a Approval of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy
Seconded by Councillor Gould

To approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2.b Approval of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph
Seconded by Councillor Houghtaling

To approve the minutes of the Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

2.c Business Arising - Chief Administrative Officer, G. Herrett

The CAO, Greg Herrett reviewed the Business Arising with Council.

2.d Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearing for this meeting.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

There were no strategic priority issues for this meeting.

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**4.a Deputy Mayor Election - Municipal Clerk, S. Hoeg-Eaton**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond

That Councillor Houghtaling is the successful candidate for the position of Deputy Mayor with a term commencing of this date and expiring at the beginning of the first regular Council session after the 31st day of October, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

4.b Audited Financial Statements - Director of Finance, Andrew MacDonald

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gould

Seconded by Councillor McCormick

That Council approve the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year End March 31, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BYLAW ITEMS

5.a 2nd Reading of the By-Law to Repeal Former Town of Springhill By-Laws - Director of Community Development, S. Ferguson

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy

Seconded by Councillor Joseph

That Council approve second reading of the attached By-Law to Repeal Former Town of Springhill By-Laws.

MOTION CARRIED

5.b Rodent and Raccoon Control Policy 21-06 - Chief Administrative Officer, G. Herrett

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph

Seconded by Councillor Gould

That Council approve adoption of the Rodent and Raccoon Control Policy 21-06.

MOTION CARRIED

5.c Open Air Burning By-Law - First Reading - Director of Community Development, S. Ferguson

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Houghtaling

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond

That Council approve First Reading of the attached draft amended Open Air Burning By-Law.

MOTION CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

6.a Declaration of Climate Crisis - Councillor Houghtaling

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Houghtaling
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond

Recognizing that the previous Council declared a climate emergency, Council requests this issue be referred to the 2022/23 capital and operating budget process so that the operational, financial and resource allocation implications can be fully explored and discussed.

MOTION CARRIED

6.b Cumberland Snowmobile Club Grant Re-Allocation Request- Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy

That the Cumberland Snowmobile Club's request to be permitted to use the approved \$5000 grant to replace the deck on the first bridge on Trail 30 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6.c River Hebert, Joggins, and Area Development Association Grant Request for Christmas Hampers Project - Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Houghtaling
Seconded by Councillor Porter

That Council approve a Regional Grant of \$2500 to the River Hebert, Joggins and Area Development Association for their 2021 Christmas hamper project.

MOTION CARRIED**7. INFORMATION ITEMS****7.a Community Member/Organization/Event Recognition**1. Mayor Scott

Mayor Scott recognized the Cobequid Chapter of the IODE.

2. Councillor Redmond

Deputy Mayor Redmond recognized Charles Kennedy and Allan Collis for their work on the veterans display on the Wallace Lighthouse.

3. Councillor Gould

Councillor Gould recognized the Fort Jolicure Turkey Association.

4. Councillor Gilroy

Councillor Gilroy recognized various community organizations.

5. Councillor Houghtaling

Deputy Mayor Houghtaling recognized Francis Ferdinand, winner of the Divert NS Mobius Award.

6. Councillor McCormick

Councillor McCormick recognized Cumberland Magic (Janet Laurie and Amanda Brown) and also members of the Veteran's Committee

7. Councillor Joseph

Councillor Joseph recognized Jamie and Heather Henwood, Ann Stone, Martin's Metal Works and Denny's Towing for their work on the coal carts.

8. Councillor Porter

Councillor Porter recognized the volunteers of the River Hebert, Joggins, and Area Development Association on their work regarding the Community Center Project.

9. Councillor Goodwin

Councillor Goodwin recognized the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark on being a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award and the Clause Cause and our public works department for the commendable effort in Christmas decorating in Parrsboro.

7.b Support Local Cumberland

The 4 Chambers of Commerce organizations in Cumberland County are running a joint effort called **Shop Cumberland**. This initiative is an effort to encourage our residents to be more thoughtful about where they shop this holiday season. Their goal is to support the local business community and boost our local economy after yet another tough year due to the pandemic.

For more information on this initiative, please visit www.ShopCumberland.ca

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Murray Scott

Municipal Clerk Shelley Hoeg