

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the July 17th, 2013 session of Cumberland Municipal Council at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building, Upper Nappan. O Canada was sung.
2. **Roll Call** - The roll was called by Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the CAO. Councillors in attendance were: Deputy Warden Don Smith, Councillor Kellegrew, Warden Hunter, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher. The Acting CAO and many staff were in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 12.1 – FPS Coordinator Update; 14.6 – Proposed Sidewalk, 14.7 – Age Friendly Communities Update; 15.2 – Pugwash Marina, 15.3 – LaPlanche Street Border Entrance, 15.4 Solar City, 15.5 – River Philip Fishing Regulations.

Deletions: 6, 9, 10, and 13
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from July 3rd, 2013 Council Session**
The Minutes of the July 3, 2013 Council session were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, July 3, 2013** – There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
This item was deleted.
7. **Public Hearings**
 - 7.1 **Dangerous and Unightly – AAN 04189191, PID 25067877, 3074 Highway 302, Maccan.**

Warden Hunter called the Public Hearing to Order at 1:18 p.m.

Mr. Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Administrator, provided information to Council regarding this property and the condition of the property due to a fire. Photo's of the property were also provided.

Warden Hunter asked if the Owner or any members present had any information they would like heard. There were no people present to speak.

Warden Hunter closed the public hearing at 1:21 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Baker to Order the demolition of the house and removal of the debris for AAN 04189191, PID 25067877, 3074 Highway 302, Maccan, to an approved facility by August 19, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED #13-153
8. **Correspondence**

INFORMATION
N.S. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, providing a response to the Municipality's request for a speed limit reduction on Leamington Road. Advising of the process for speed zone reductions.
9. **Planning Issues:**
This item was deleted.
10. **Strategic Planning**
This item was deleted.
11. **Financial Reports/Issues**
 - 11.1 **Remittal(s)** – Council was provided with information on two remittals by the Revenue Officer, Erika Kromm. The first was:

Account #: 00314692
District: 06
Assessed To: Bruce and Joy Bookholt

The Land Registration Office and Property Valuation Services Corporation have determined that AAN 00314692 is a duplicate assessment of AAN 06477003. Both accounts are assessing the property at 22 Swallow Rd.

PVSC has removed AAN 00314692 from the 2013 roll; however, there are taxes and interest outstanding from 2010 to 2013. The total taxes and interest that have accumulated since 2010 are \$2,776.88.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$2,776.88 for the taxes and interest that have accumulated since 2010.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a remittal in the amount of \$2,776.88 to AAN 00314692.

MOTION CARRIED #13-154

Account #: 00714984
 District: 03
 Assessed To: David M. Cudmore

In 2009, the Cudmore’s submitted a request to update their mailing address. The address was changed and remained correct until after the 2010 billing. The address change was not forwarded to PVSC and when the 2011 roll was imported the new address was overwritten. The Municipality did not import the PVSC address data in 2010.

The total interest and tax sale expenses that have accumulated since are \$695.25. As a result of these processing errors, Mr. Cudmore has requested these charges be removed from the account.

Staff recommends that Council provide a remittal in the amount of \$695.25 for the interest and expenses that have accumulated since 2011.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve a remittal for AAN 00714984 in the amount of \$695.25.

MOTION CARRIED #13-155

11.2 Community Development Grants – Emily Burke, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the following grant requests:

Amherst Little League Baseball

This group is looking for funding to help with the costs associated with running the Little League program this summer. Little League offers baseball to children between the ages of 5-12 years old at no cost to the individual player. They are seeking any assistance possible. In the past, we have supported this group in the amount of \$15.00/County player, however last year we supported them in the amount of \$40.00/County player. The district breakdown for the older division players (ages 9-12) is as follows:

District	Number of Participants
1	12
2	11
3	4
6	1
9	11

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton, to provide a grant of \$40 per County child to the Amherst Little League Baseball Association.

MOTION CARRIED #13-156

Southampton Community Centre

This group is looking for funding to help with the costs associated with repairing the wheel chair ramp into the hall, as well as paving a 2200 sq/ft area. The group has received two quotes, one of \$9,200.00 +HST and the second for \$11,950.00 +HST. With taxes, the estimated cost of the project is \$10,580.00. They are seeking the total **\$10,580.00** in funding. Since their application form was submitted, they have realized a larger area will need to be paved. There are still quotes coming in for the extension of the project so the final amount is still uncertain.

***Councillor Gilbert recommends \$24,000.00 be debited from District 8 Community Development Funds.**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Baker to provide a Community Development Grant for up to \$24,000 to the Southampton Community Centre for a wheelchair ramp and paving of the parking lot.

MOTION CARRIED #13-157

Northumberland Links Golf Club

The golf club is seeking assistance to aid in the cost of hosting their 50th Anniversary Celebration. The club is a full service, 18-hole golf course with a restaurant, pro shop and lounge. This grant would recognize the course for the monies collected every year in property taxes and give it credit for the number of new homes that go up in the area, predominantly because of the course. They are requesting \$1,500.00 in assistance.

**Councillor Gillis recommends \$1,500.00 be debited from District 4 Community Development Funds.*

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector, to approve a grant in the amount of \$1500 to the Northumberland Links Golf Club to assist with the costs of their 50th Anniversary celebrations.

MOTION CARRIED #13-158

Amherst Curling Club

This group is requesting funding to assist with purchasing rocks that are size appropriate for younger kids in order to build on their junior curling program. In addition to increasing their junior membership, they feel it will increase adult membership as the parents will be introduced to the sport as well. The rocks and appropriate accessories have been estimated to cost \$5,500.00. Most clubs, including Pugwash and River Hebert already have a Lite Rocks program. The program is for children aged 8-10, and the Junior Program they have is for kids ages 10-12. The cost of the program is \$100.00/year for juniors. The program is run so that every child plays and is participating all the time. It teaches the kids respect, dedication, manners and much more.

Currently, the membership of the club is 50% Town of Amherst and 50% County residents, with predominantly those aged 55 and up so they are working hard to increase their junior membership. They are also the first club in the province who are going to be running a pilot junior program put out by the NS Curling Association in the fall. They are requesting the total amount of **\$5,500.00** in assistance. The Amherst Town Council has informed the Club that they will match the grant amount given by the county.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Fletcher, to approve a Community Development Grant with the funding coming Districts 1, 2, 3 (\$918 each) to the Amherst Curling Club for their Little Rocks program.

MOTION CARRIED #13-159

Hockey School Grant – Councillor Welton spoke on this grant request. The request was for assistance with the cost of tuition for attendance at the Canadian National Hockey Academy for Zachary Parris, a resident of Wallace, N.S.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gillis, to provide a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Canadian National Hockey Academy to assist with Tuition for Zachary Parris.

MOTION DEFEATED #13-160

Amherst Tae Kwon Do Parents Association – A letter will be forwarded advising that this is not allowable as a grant under the MGA.

- 11.3 Grants to Organization – Amherst Train Station Artisan Gallery – A funding request was received to assist with the costs of materials to “spruce up” the Gallery. They are requesting a grant of \$2,500. Council agreed to not fund this request.

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

- 12.1 Fire Protection Services Coordinator Report – Mike Carter, FPS Coordinator, provided an update to Council regarding actions he has undertaken in the past number of months.

13. Committee/Other Reports

This item was deleted.

14. Old Business

- 14.1 Thinker’s Lodge – This item was not discussed as no update is available at this time.

- 14.2 Spencer's Island Slipway – Mr. Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Enforcement Administrator, advised the work on the original portion has been completed.
- 14.3 Maccan Sewer Update – Mr. Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Enforcement Administrator advised of aspects of this project that are being undertaken.
- 14.4 Maccan Water Update – Mr. Patterson advised the ballots have been sent out and the final date for submission is 2 weeks away. The response to date is less than half.
- 14.5 Mini Excavator – John Burbine, Public Works Operations Supervisor, advised of the following: 4 bids were received and had pricing ranging from \$64,852 to \$69,998.

Staff are recommending that the Tender be awarded to Fort Equipment for the price of \$64,852 plus HST.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton, to approve the award of the Tender for an excavator to Fort Equipment in the amount of \$64,852 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED #13-161

In regards to the Tilt Trailer Tender Results, there were 8 bids received with pricing ranging from \$8400.00 to \$12,195.00. After reviewing the specifications the lowest bid was \$8400.00 from Shay Trailer Sales, Berwick Nova Scotia.

Staff are recommending that we award the tender to Shay Trailer Sales for the tender price of \$8400.00 plus HST. It was noted that this puts us under budget by approximately \$3100.00.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to award the Tender for a tilt trailer to Shay Trailer Sales in the amount of \$8,400 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED #13-162

- 14.6 Proposed Sidewalk – Contract Engineer Ron Patterson and Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator, Emily Burke, provided information regarding this item. Ms. Burke advised of the survey that had been conducted and the comments received on the survey. She also advised of letters of support on the project, that were received.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to proceed with the Town/County sidewalk project.

MOTION CARRIED #13-163

- 14.7 Age Friendly Communities Update – Emily Burke, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator, advised of the background of this item. After talking with the Department of Seniors, it was discovered that there was a miscommunication as to what this funding should be used for. The Department of Seniors had intended that the \$5,000 be used to develop a strategic Plan for Age Friendly Communities. We have been waiting on a report from an Age Friendly workshop held in February to present to Council.

The Department of Seniors indicated that their priorities were not well communicated and thus the reasons for the misunderstanding as to the proper use of the funding. As such, they have suggested we go ahead and use the funding for the benches. They believe that as this project arose as a response to a priority indicated by seniors, it is a great way to use the funding.

They would like to meet on August 21, 2013 and will provide a presentation from the Department of Seniors on that date.

Ms. Burke will forward a formal request to use the funding for benches.

15. New Business

- 15.1 Two Rivers Wharf - Correspondence was received from Chief Robert Gloade of the Millbrook First Nation requesting any interest the Municipality might have in purchasing the wharf located in Jogins, N.S. Councillor McLellan will try to determine if the local community is interested in retaining this property.

Staff were directed to reply and advise that we are trying to determine community interest in retaining this property.

- 15.2 Pugwash Marina – Councillor Gillis would like a letter of support in principal to the Pugwash Village Commission to support their initiative to investigate the possibility of a marina in Pugwash Harbour.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to provide a letter of support in principal for the Pugwash Village Commission to have discussions regarding a marina in Pugwash.

MOTION CARRIED #13-164

- 15.3 Border Entrance - Deputy Warden Smith advised that the Committee will be holding discussions with Spratt to have an interpretive centre for the windmills. The Committee would like to purchase 5 picnic tables to have on the proposed site.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Rector to purchase 5 picnic tables from Sunset for a cost not to exceed \$2,000, for a rest stop/windmill viewing spot on Laplanche Street.

MOTION CARRIED #13-165

- 15.4 Solar City - Information has been provided to Council by the Director of Planning and Development pertaining to HRM's Solar City project. Staff are recommending monitoring HRM's pilot project very closely and to start to put some language together for future energy projects and to refer the matter to the Energy Authority.

- 15.5 River Philip Fishing Regulations – Councillor Rector advised of the following changes in regulations that will affect the River Philip:

“September 1 to 30 fly fishing only from the Collingwood Forks to the tidal boundary to prevent the angling of salmon on spinning gear. Brook trout: April 1 – May 14 catch and release only. May 15 – Aug 31 bag limits reduced to 2 fish a day, no less than 14 inches. Brown trout: extended fly fishing only season until Oct 31.

It was discussed that the changes regarding Brook Trout are too restrictive.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to forward correspondence to Fisheries and Oceans advising that we do not agree with the proposed changes in regulations for Brook trout to 2 two per day and must be larger than 14 inches.

MOTION CARRIED #13-166

16. Information Items

- 16.1 Red Cross Review Alberta Response – Provided as information.

- 16.2 Plebiscite Request - Advocate – Provided as information.

17. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

18. God Save the Queen

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore