

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the November 27, 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.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: 15.3 – CED – MOU; 16.2 – Westin Bakeries Employees

Deletions: 6, 7, 9, 10
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from November 13, 2013 Council Session**
The Minutes of November 13, 2013 were approved as the circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, November 13, 2013**
There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
This item was deleted
7. **Public Hearings**
This item was deleted.
8. **Correspondence**
CUPW/STTP – Correspondence advising that the federal government will be undertaking a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter. Advising Canada Post has been clear that it wants to dramatically cut service to improve its financial situation.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to pass the resolution which is as follows:

WHEREAS the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014.

WHEREAS Canada Post is preparing for the review by campaigning for major service cuts.

WHEREAS Canada Post has already dramatically cut service by closing or downsizing public post offices, eliminating rural mailbox delivery and removing street letter collection boxes.

WHEREAS Canada Post and the federal government should do everything in its power to prevent additional cuts during the upcoming review, and instead deal with financial issues by adding revenue-generating services like many other post offices around the world, including lucrative financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the County of Cumberland write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request that the government consider innovative ways to generate postal revenue during the Charter review, including financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.

MOTION CARRIED #13-230

Correspondence from Marilyn Thompson re the intersection of Blair Lake Road and Highway 2 in Upper Nappan. Advising that that it is difficult to wait for cars, and dangerous with traffic coming from all directions to know when it is safe. She is requesting a safety light.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Deputy Warden Smith to forward correspondence to our MLA requesting traffic lights at the intersection of the Blair Lake Road and the intersection of Highway 2, enclosing Ms. Thompson's correspondence.

MOTION CARRIED #13-229

Correspondence from the Joggins Fossil Centre Board advising that representatives of the Joggins Fossil Institute management team and or Board are interested in participating in community discussions which

compliment the mandate of the Joggins Fossil Institute.

Copy of correspondence from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations advising of the approval of funding/partnering regarding the project cost of the exploration of a joint Finance Department between the Town of Amherst and the Municipality of Cumberland.

9. Planning Issues:

This item was deleted.

10. Strategic Planning

This item was deleted.

11. Financial Reports/Issues

11.1 Tax Collection Report – Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance reviewed the tax collection report that was provided.

11.2 Community Economic Development Fund Balances - These balances were provided to Councillors today.

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

This item was deleted.

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 Audit Committee Report – This report was provided. Deputy Warden Smith feels this Committee is going well.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee.

MOTION CARRIED #13-231

It was noted that the two last bullets in the section of “Composition, Operations and Accountability” are also listed above in the document and should be removed.

Citizen appointments will be advertised for (3 positions) with their term running the same as Council term.

13.2 Cumberland Public Libraries Report – Information only.

14. Old Business

14.1 Warden and Deputy Warden Policy – Council is considering the Removal of the clause of the number of times a person can hold the position of Deputy Warden.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Baker to approve the amended Warden/Deputy Warden Policy.

MOTION CARRIED #13-232

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gillis that the Deputy Warden Election be held the first Council session in November, and the period of office be a one year term.

MOTION CARRIED #13-233

14.2 Firefighter Level 1 Incentive Policy – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor McLellan to adopt the amended Firefighter Level 1 Incentive Policy.**

MOTION CARRIED #13-234

14.3 CNTA Marketing Levy Proposal - A presentation was provided at the last Council session by Joyce Mingo of CNTA. Mr. Bugley, CAO, advised Council he feels that Council is not at the point where they can make this decision. He would like to see a business plan, and further information. Staff were directed to request further information from CNTA regarding their budget, and business plan. This item will be on the next Council agenda as well.

15. New Business

15.1 Deputy Warden Election – The Warden opened the floor for nomination for the position of

Deputy Warden.
 Councillor Kellegrew nominated himself
 Councillor Welton nominated Councillor Smith
 Councillor Fletcher nominated Councillor Gilbert.

Warden Hunter thrice called for further nominations and hearing no further nominations then closed nominations.

Ballots with the three candidates names were provided. The result of the ballot was that two Councillors polled the same and Councillor Gilbert polled the least amount of votes and his name was dropped from the next ballot.

Ballots were then provided with the names of Councillor Kellegrew and Councillor Smith. The result of the next vote was a tie as was a second vote. This necessitated in having a name drawn at random.

As a result of the random draw, Warden Hunter declared Councillor Smith as the successful candidate for Deputy Warden for the next year and congratulated the returning Deputy Warden on his next term.

- 15.2 REN 4 – CAO, Rennie Bugley reported that NSERDT has provided preliminary approval for the in-kind model on a two year transition basis. At this time, the CAO's would like to have further discussions regarding the funding model, a governance model, organization structure and preparation of inter municipal agreements. These documents will be brought back to the respective councils for discussion and approval. Warden Hunter indicated that the County of Pictou would prefer to be in REN 4 rather than with the Strait Area REN. Pictou is of the opinion that they have more in common and a greater community of interest with the REN 4 Municipalities.

It was agreed to authorize the CAO to meet with the other CAO's to discuss the process and documents as indicate above.

CAO, Rennie Bugley will also request consensus on inviting Pictou to be part of the process.

- 15.3 Community Economic Development Memorandum of Understanding - **IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the Community Economic Development Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Amherst and to authorize the CAO and Warden to execute said MOU.**

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16. Information Items

- 16.1 Issues in Forestry Industry in Nova Scotia that need attention – This document was circulated as information for Council.
- 16.2 Westin Bakery Employees - Councillor Kellegrew advised that employees of Weston Bakeries raised approximately \$42,000 for the Cumberland YMCA and he feels that the employees should be recognized for their fund raising efforts.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to forward correspondence to the employees of Westin Bakeries Ltd. congratulating them on their fund raising efforts.

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17. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned.

18. God Save the Queen

 Warden Keith Hunter

 Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore