

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Deputy Warden Smith called to order the November 13, 2013 session of Cumberland Municipal Council at 1:16 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 Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Baker, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher. Warden Hunter was absent due to illness and Councillor Kellegrew was absent due to another meeting. The CAO and many staff were in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:

Additions: The agenda was approved with the following additions/deletions:
 15.8 – Building Renovations

Deletions: 8, 9, and 10
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from October 16, 2013 Council Session**
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 Council session.

MOTION CARRIED #13-208

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, October 16, 2013**
There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 **New Employee Welcome** – Director of Finance, Andrew MacDonald introduced Jennifer Moore, Revenue Officer and Jeremy Demings, Accountant. Emily Frenette, Human Resources Administrator introduced Justin Waugh-Cress the new Director of Public Works. Austen Beaton, who is a Co-Op High School Student from Springhill High School was also introduced.
 - 6.2 **CNTA – Marketing Levy** – Joyce Mingo was the presenter on hand. Ms. Mingo began by explaining that CNTA is a destination marketing organization for the promotion of Northumberland and Fundy shores as Tourism destinations

Council was advised that CNTA partners with all stakeholders in central Nova Scotia to promote the area as a tourism destination.

Ms. Mingo explained the rationale for a marketing levy is as follows:

1. To increase the total visitation numbers in the region, targeted promotion of central Nova Scotia as a premier tourism destination of choice is required.
2. A marketing levy will provide the ability to deliver this marketing, benefitting all facets of the tourism industry.
3. Marketing levies have been successfully established in other regions across Canada for this purpose
4. The world is our competition.

The proposed marketing levy will implement a \$2.00 flat fee on room nights sold in accommodations with more than 10 rooms. In Cumberland there are 62 accommodations with less than 10 rooms. Over 10 rooms there would be 23 accommodations.

Considerations – based on 2012 total number of rooms sold, the levy has the potential to generate \$300,000 of new marketing funds.

Council was advised that 80% of funds collected will be used for generic marketing to promote the Fundy and Northumberland Shores with the objective of increasing total visitation numbers to the area, benefitting all facets of the tourism industry. With 20% being allocated to special event sponsorships.

Levy funds collected may be leveraged by approaching other agencies for cooperative matching dollars. Potential partners:
Dept. of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism

Canadian Tourism Commission

ACOA

The Marketing Levy Advisory Group has been formed to oversee the use of levy funds.

Ms. Mingo then explained the Membership, Role and Responsibility of the Marketing Levy Advisory Group. Membership includes 3 accommodations representatives, 3 tourism industry stakeholders, 5 municipal reps, and 1 REN representative.

Progress to date: fifteen of the twenty-two accommodations with ten or more rooms have responded, of these fifteen, eleven have indicated their agreement of the levy.

Next Steps: continue to build industry support, meet with municipal CAO's, council presentations, with a goal of establishing: resolution of support, bylaw, MOU, then meet with local MLA's, provincial legislation.

Ms. Mingo then explained the marketing levy responsibilities by the Operator, Municipality, CNTA, and the Province.

At this point the floor was opened up for questions.

Deputy Warden Smith thanked Ms. Mingo for her presentation and advised that Council will notify CNTA of their decision at a later date.

7. Public Hearings

7.1 Regional Emergency Management Organization By-Law - As First Reading was already given today the matter before Council is approval.

Deputy Warden Smith called the Public Hearing to Order at 1:50 p.m.

There were no written submissions and no people present wishing to speak on this subject.

Deputy Warden Smith closed the public hearing at 1:52 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the Regional Emergency Management Organization By-Law which is as follows:

Regional Emergency Management By-Law

A By-Law to Provide for a Prompt and Coordinated Response to a State of Local Emergency

The Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, under the authority vested in it by the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.N.S. 1999, and the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, C.8, s. 10, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-Law may be cited as the "*Regional Emergency Management By-Law*."

INTERPRETATION

2. In this By-Law,
 - a. "Act" means the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, c.8;
 - b. "Agreement" means the inter-municipal emergency services agreement among the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Town of Springhill, Town of Parrsboro, Town of Amherst, and the Town of Oxford pursuant to Section 10 (2) of the *Act*, dated July 31, 1990, and as amended from time to time.
 - c. "Council" means the Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland;
 - d. "Councils" means the councils of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, Town of Springhill, Town of Parrsboro, Town of Amherst, and the Town of Oxford;
 - e. "Councillor" means a member of the Council;
 - f. "Deputy Head/CEO" means the Deputy Head/CEO of the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office;

- g. "Emergency" means a present or imminent event which requires the prompt co-ordination of action or regulation of persons or property to be undertaken to protect property or the health, safety or welfare of people;
- h. "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council to whom is assigned the administration of the *Act* and Regulations;
- i. "Emergency Management Plans" means plans, programs or procedures prepared by the Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) that are intended to mitigate the effects of an emergency or disaster and to provide for the safety, health or welfare of the civil population and the protection of property in the event of such an occurrence;
- j. "Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee" means the committee established by the Agreement to plan for and be responsible for the executive direction and management of emergency activities;
- k. "Regional Emergency Management Coordinator" (REMC) means the person appointed to serve as the staff person in accordance with the Agreement;
- l. "Regional Emergency Management Organization" (REMO) means the Organization established as per the Agreement;
- m. "Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee" (REMPC) means the Committee responsible to recommend policy to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee;
- n. "State of Emergency Regulations" means regulations approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 92-61, Regulation 17/92, as amended from time to time;
- o. "State of Local Emergency" means a state of local emergency declared by the Council of a participating municipality pursuant to the *Act* by a Mayor or Warden in the event Council cannot be assembled in a timely manner or renewed pursuant to the *Act* and Regulations made pursuant thereto and this By-Law.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

- 3. The Council hereby agrees to the establishment of a Regional Emergency Management Organization in accordance with the Agreement.
- 4. The Regional Emergency Management Organization shall consist of the following persons and Committees:
 - a. a Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee;
 - b. a Regional Emergency Management Coordinator; and
 - c. a Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 5. Council shall appoint representatives to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee in accordance with the Agreement from its members for such term as the Agreement provides.
- 6. Council's representation on the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee shall at all times be no fewer than two members of the Council or as required by the Agreement.
- 7. The Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee shall:
 - a. be responsible for directing and overseeing the development of the regional emergency management plans;
 - b. brief Council(s) on the development of these plans;
 - c. recommend the declaration of a State of Local Emergency to the Council(s) of participating municipalities, as required, or in the event such Council(s) cannot be assembled in a timely manner, the senior elected official of the affected municipality(s) may declare such a state in accordance with the *Act*;
 - d. be responsible for the executive direction and management of emergency activities during a State of Local Emergency;

- e. with the approval of the Minister, recommend the renewal of a State of Local Emergency;
- f. brief Council(s) on developments during a State of Local Emergency;
- g. recommend the termination of a State of Local Emergency;
- h. ensure a copy of any signed declaration of a state of local emergency is delivered to the Minister and the Deputy Head/CEO.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

- 8. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with the Agreement.
- 9. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall be paid for work incurred under this by-law in accordance with the Agreement.
- 10. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall:
 - a. chair the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee;
 - b. coordinate and prepare regional emergency management plans;
 - c. following the declaration of a State of Local Emergency, prescribe necessary duties to be fulfilled by employees, servants and agents of the municipalities;
 - d. perform such duties as may be required by the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee or as provided for in the Agreement.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (REMPC)

- 11. Each municipality shall appoint representatives to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee as outlined in the Agreement.
- 12. The provision of appropriate representatives and their alternates to the REMPC will be coordinated by the REMC. The Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee shall include, but not be limited to, persons responsible during an emergency to provide:
 - i. community services;
 - ii. law enforcement;
 - iii. fire-control;
 - iv. engineering services;
 - v. health services;
 - vi. public information;
 - vii. transportation;
 - viii. communications;
 - ix. hospital/health centre services;
 - x. utilities;
 - xi. financial services; and
 - xii. legal services.

- 13. The Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee shall:
 - a. assist the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator in the preparation and coordination of regional emergency management plans;
 - b. advise the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, as required, on the development of regional emergency management plans;
 - c. upon request, assist the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee in the briefing of Councils on the development of regional emergency management plans;
 - d. perform such other duties as may be required by the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee or the Agreement.

AGREEMENTS

- 14. The Council hereby agrees that the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee may enter into agreements with the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, a municipality, city or town, or any other agency or any person. In the event that any such agreement may involve financial costs, the agreement will require approval by all participating REMO municipalities.

DUTY OF COUNCIL

15. The Council may appropriate and expend monies:
- d. "to pay reasonable expenses of members of the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator and the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee; and
 - e. to fulfill the terms and conditions of any agreements as per Section 14.

DUTIES DURING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

16. Following the issuance of a declaration under Section 7.c, and for the duration of the State of Local Emergency:
- f. every Councillor shall keep the Mayor/Warden apprised respecting their whereabouts;
 - g. Every employee, servant and agent of the municipality who has a key role to play in such emergencies as identified in the regional emergency management plans shall:
 - i. advise the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator of their whereabouts; and
 - ii. fulfill such duties as may be prescribed by the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator.

REPEAL

17. The EMERGENCY MEASURES BY-LAW of the **Municipality of the County of Cumberland** passed on March 17, 2006 is hereby repealed.

MOTION CARRIED #13-209

8. Correspondence
There was no correspondence.
9. Planning Issues:
This item was deleted.
10. Strategic Planning
This item was deleted.
11. Financial Reports/Issues
- 11.1 Community Development Grants – Vicki Weaver, Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator advised of the following grant request:

Skate for Prostate Hockey Game

The committee is asking that the county and the town support the volunteers of this event by granting \$225.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Welton to provide a community development grant in the amount of \$225 (\$25/district) to assist with the purchase of t-shirts for volunteers for the Skate for Prostate event.

MOTION CARRIED#13-210

Bright Beginnings Childcare Centre

This is a non-profit childcare centre for children ages 18 months – 10 years. They are requesting that the County **donate an item to be used in their Toy Bingo fundraiser**. All proceeds will benefit programs at the centre and aid in the purchase of new play equipment.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide \$50 from District 1 Community Development Funds to the Bright Beginnings Childcare Centre Toy Bingo Fundraiser.

MOTION CARRIED #13-211

East Cumberland Lodge “Sparkle of Light”

This is their major annual fundraiser with funds being used to support items and activities that otherwise would not be funded. Last year the event supported the renovation of one of the smaller dining rooms, provided rocking chairs, and helped to fund recreational activities for residents. This year the goal is to furnish a private respite area on the lower level for visiting family to use while on site. If the campaign is successful, it will also assist with purchasing occupational / physiotherapy equipment, help to support falls prevention and reduction programs, and recreational program supplies for resident activities. In 2011 and 2012 council supported this fundraiser with a \$1,000

sponsorship of an indoor lit tree for the long term care residents.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector to provide a \$1,000 Community Development Grant to the East Cumberland Lodge “Sparkle of Light Campaign” with \$100 coming from each district.

MOTION CARRIED #13-212

Oxford Home & School

This group wishes to provide support to students at OREC in extra programs related to physical activity including an equestrian program for grade 3 students, a downhill ski program for grade 4 students, a swimming program for grade 5 students and curling for grade 6. These activities are beneficial to the students and provide a necessary balance of physical activity with classroom learning. We have supported this program for the past 7 years. They are requesting \$3,800 for this year’s activities.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Baker to provide a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$3,800 (funds coming equally from districts 6 and 7) to the Oxford Home and School for support of extra programs related to physical activity.

MOTION CARRIED #13-213

Fundy Youth Soccer Club

This group is requesting funding for 161 county participants at \$25/player. The funds are for field maintenance, development programs and equipment purchases. The total request is for **\$4,025**.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Baker to provide a Community Development Grant to Fundy Youth Soccer at \$25 per County player.

MOTION CARRIED #13-214

Cumberland Health Care Foundation “Light the Way”

This is the 16th holiday season for this fundraiser. It is a meaningful way to recognize those special to us, provide joy to those who must remain in hospital over the holidays, and help the Foundation purchase needed equipment for the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre. This year’s event will be held on Wednesday, November 27th at CRHCC. Proceeds from this year’s event will assist in upgrading one of the CRHCC’s three Operating Rooms. To upgrade technology, replace pieces that are past their usefulness or that are no longer serviceable, and add new items we anticipate a cost of \$80,000 to \$90,000. Sponsorship options:

6 foot lighted tree sponsor	\$2,000
Children’s face painting sponsor	\$1,000
Refreshment sponsor	\$1,000
Hospital Choir sponsor	\$1,000
Door decorating contest sponsor	\$1,000
Lighted outdoor guardian angel	\$1,000
Lighted outdoor woodland deer	\$500
Lighted outdoor wreath	\$250
Blue light on outdoor lit tree	\$100
Green light on outdoor lit tree	\$50

Sponsor recognition:

\$1,000 or greater:

*activity sponsors will have signage placement during the activity and lighted tree sponsors will have signage placed on the tree within the assigned hospital department

*fixed listing on an event honour board located near the main entrance of the hospital

*special recognition in the event program

Up to \$999

*fixed listing on an event honour board located near the main entrance of the hospital

*special recognition in the event program

We supported this event in 2012 with a \$1,000 sponsorship of a Christmas tree.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor McLellan to provide a \$1,000 Community Development grant (lighted outdoor guardian angel) to the Cumberland Health Care Foundation “Light the Way” Campaign.

MOTION CARRIED #13-215

Special Olympics Amherst

It costs approximately \$10,000 to simply maintain the programs on a year to year basis. This includes registration and transportation to regional and provincial competitions, replacement and maintenance of equipment, coach training, bowling program fees, and general operating costs. The Games of 2014 is even more exciting for this region as it will mark the first time we have sent a team representative, which will include athletes from Springhill, Pugwash and Amherst. This will be the Gold medal Special Olympics Amherst soccer team, who have been given the honour of representing Cumberland County and the province of NS at the National Games in Vancouver this July. The cost for sending a single athlete to the National Games is \$1,000. By accepting the position on team NS they have accepted a financial obligation far beyond their yearly operating costs. They are requesting any donations that Council is willing to commit. They received \$3,000 from the County last year.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Baker, to provide \$1,000 Community Development Grant from District 4 funds for Special Olympics.

MOTION CARRIED #13-216

ARHS Vikettes

This group was requesting funds to send their team to the 2013 Annual KSA Classic Basketball Tournament in Orlando, Florida. The tournament is being held December 18-22, 2013. The team has been selected and here is their breakdown of addresses throughout the county:

- 1 = Oxford
- 1 = West Amherst
- 3 = D'Orsay Rd
- 6 = Amherst
- 4 = cottages in the county

They are requesting **\$1,000** from Council for this event.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to provide \$400 from District 1 Community Development funds to ARHS Vikettes to assist with the cost of a tournament in Florida.

MOTION CARRIED #13-217

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector to increase the funding to ARHS Vikettes to \$1,000 with \$400 coming from District 1 and the remaining \$600 to come from the remaining 9 districts equally.

MOTION CARRIED #13-218

11.2 Audit Committee Report

Director of Finance, Andrew MacDonald provided a report to Council regarding the progress of the newly formed Audit Committee.

Deputy Warden Smith advised that many of the recommendations of the Auditors have been carried out.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Gillis to approve the additional charges of our Audit.

MOTION CARRIED #13-219

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

12.1 Dangerous and or Unsightly Premise Procedure

Mr. Cottingham, Solid Waste and ByLaw Administrator provided the procedure to Councillors and requested their input and/or approval.

It was agreed to defer this item to the Public COW meeting of November 27, 2013.

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 UNSM Conference

Councillor Welton felt this conference was not a good value for the tax payers dollar. She feels that this should be communicated to UNSM. She would like to see these conferences being available to only a specific number of people as this would be a better use of taxpayers dollars.

Councillor Gilbert felt the Policing session was very informative.

Councillor Gillis feels that the agenda's could be misleading. He did feel that the opportunity to meet the newly elected government officials was a benefit.

Another highlight was that Warden Hunter was elected as Vice President of UNSM.

Deputy Warden Smith discussed the fact that many of the resolutions (historically) do not proceed very far at the Provincial level. He is hoping that this will not be the trend in the future.

14. Old Business

14.1 CRDA

CAO, Rennie Bugley reminded those present of the cessation of funding to the RDA and the withdrawal of Board members of three of the units in Cumberland from the RDA. There are currently no staff and the liabilities exceed remaining funds. A dissolution cannot be ordered until there are no remaining liabilities.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton that

WHEREAS, THE Cumberland Regional Development Authority (CRDA) has had a number of Board Member resignations and term of office expirations

WHEREAS, the CRDA wind down of operations is incomplete and the CRDA has no staff resources to facilitate the wind down process;

WHEREAS, the financial liabilities of the CRDA exceed the financial assets by a significant amount

WHEREAS, the Minister of Economic, Rural Development, Tourism and the Province of Nova Scotia have authority and responsibility over the creations, dissolution, assets and obligations of RDA's pursuant to the Community Rural Development Authorities Act

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of Cumberland rescind its Board member appointments to the Cumberland Regional Development Authority

THAT the Municipality of Cumberland cease all participation in the ongoing operations and the wind down of the Cumberland Regional Development Authority and advise the Nova Scotia Department of Economic, Rural Development and Tourism that it is their responsibility for the wind down and obligations of the CRDA.

MOTION CARRIED #13-220

15. New Business

15.1 Sign Contest

This item will be deferred to a future meeting.

15.2 Fire Fighter Level 1 Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Welton to give Notice of Intent to consider approval of the Fire Fighter Level 1 Policy at the next Council session in November.

MOTION CARRIED #13-221

15.3 Deputy Warden Election

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor McLellan to give Notice of Intent to Consider amending the current warden/deputy warden policy to eliminate the section that deals with limiting the term of the deputy warden to one year.

MOTION CARRIED #13-222

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gillis, to postpone the election of the Deputy Warden until amendment of the Warden/Deputy Warden Policy.

MOTION CARRIED #13-223

15.4 Resolution re Closure of DVA Offices

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Rector to urge the Government of Canada to cancel or reverse the decision on the closure or downsizing of Veteran Affairs regional offices in the communities of Atlantic Canada, namely St. John, Corner Brook, Sydney, and Charlottetown or any other communities in Atlantic Canada.

MOTION CARRIED # 13-224

Regulation of Exotic Animals and of Zoos and Aquariums – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Baker that

WHEREAS, the keeping of exotic animals can result in serious public safety, animal welfare and environmental issues;

WHEREAS, the keeping of exotic animals is a highly specialized undertaking;

WHEREAS, in Atlantic Canada, as well as elsewhere in the country, existing provincial rules on the keeping of exotic animals vary between jurisdictions and place the onus of enforcement on municipal governments;

WHEREAS, municipal governments do not have the legislative authority or the inspection and enforcement resources to provide effective control;

WHEREAS, the current legislative and regulatory environment is conducive to the proliferation of unaccredited roadside zoos with attendant animal welfare, public safety and environmental concerns as well as the exploitation of exotic animals for profit;

WHEREAS, accredited zoos and aquariums can bring significant economic, education and conservation benefits to their communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Cumberland supports Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums efforts to create a more uniform and adequately resourced policy, legislative, regulatory and enforcement regime governing exotic animals in the Atlantic Provinces and in all other provinces and territories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Cumberland urge the governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador to create a joint task force to study the issue and report to the Council of the Federation with a recommended way forward; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for distribution to all provincial-territorial municipal associations.

MOTION CARRIED #13-225

Municipal Priorities under new Building Canada Fund – **IT WAS MOVED BY** Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor McLellan that

WHEREAS the current federal Building Canada Plan concludes in March 2014; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have partnered with the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments to build and maintain Canada's core economic infrastructure, creating jobs and boosting the country's economic competitiveness; and,

WHEREAS The Government of Canada has committed in Budget 2013 to work with FCM and municipalities to address outstanding program parameters within the New Building Canada Fund; and,

WHEREAS The Government of Canada has committed to have the New Building Canada Fund in place so as not to miss the 2014 construction season; and,

WHEREAS Continued partnership and dialogue between all orders of government will lead to smarter, more efficient infrastructure investments and a stronger economy;
Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Municipality of Cumberland support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in its discussions with the federal government to address outstanding program parameters under the New Building Canada Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Municipality of Cumberland endorse that the following principles be included in the final design of the New Building Canada Fund:

1. Fair municipal share of the New BCF: The New BCF must invest a fair share into municipal infrastructure to increase the predictability to municipalities and support better local planning.

2. Recognize the unique needs of rural, remote and northern communities: Large cities and smaller communities, as well as different regions of the country, have

different needs when it comes to federal infrastructure programs. One-size solutions will not fit all.

3. Commit to new investments in the 2014 construction season: Progress towards meeting this deadline must be communicated clearly and frequently to municipalities to allow time to prepare applications and adjust local plans.

4. Building municipal capacity under the New BCF: The New BCF must help build the capacity of cities and communities through support for asset management planning, to maximize every federal dollar invested by improving how infrastructure is planned, built and maintained over the long term.

5. Streamline and improve the use of P3s in municipal infrastructure: The P3 screen must remain flexible to reduce unnecessary administrative burden while also supporting a wider array of municipal P3 projects.

6. Building in the 5 year program review: The New BCF must include a 5 year review, to provide a mid-term opportunity to review the effectiveness of the program, and to respond to new challenges such as meeting the new federal wastewater regulations.

MOTION CARRIED #13-226

Rail Safety – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector THAT

WHEREAS Canada's railway system plays an important role in supporting our economy, transporting 50 per cent of Canadian exports and providing thousands of jobs for communities across the country; and

WHEREAS the train derailment and explosion in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, and rail bridge collapse and derailment in Calgary highlighted the importance of rail safety in communities across Canada; and

WHEREAS Municipal concerns are not included in the federal government's risk assessment and policy development on rail safety; and

WHEREAS Municipalities do not currently know what dangerous goods are being transported by rail through their communities but are often the first responders in an incident; and

WHEREAS rail incidents can have significant impacts on local public safety, the economy and the environment; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Municipality of Cumberland support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in its discussions with the federal government on ensuring the safety of Canada's rail networks, and the communities in which they operate; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Municipality of Cumberland request that the federal government equip and support municipal first responders for rail emergencies, ensure federal and industry policies and regulations address the rail safety concerns of municipalities and prevent downloading of rail safety and emergency response costs to municipal taxpayers.

MOTION CARRIED #13-227

15.8 Building Renovations – IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve the preparation of design specs and tender documents for Phase I and Phase II renovations to the E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building.

MOTION CARRIED #13-228

16. Information Items
Council was provided with a listing of the new Cabinet Ministers and their portfolios.

17. Adjournment
On motion the meeting adjourned.

18. God Save the Queen

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore