

1. **CALL TO ORDER**1.1 O' Canada

Warden Hunter called to Order the February 18, 2015 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland at 2:40 p.m. The meeting was held at the E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building. O'Canada was sung.

1.2 Roll Call

Executive Assistant to the CAO, Shelley Hoeg, called the roll with the following Councillors being present:
Councillor Smith, Warden Hunter, Councillor Kellegrew, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Rector, Deputy Warden Gilbert, Councillor McLellan and Councillor Fletcher.

Councillor Baker was absent due to serious illness.

Mayor Snow was warmly welcomed by Warden Hunter

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**2.1 Approval of Agenda

Addition(s): 6.4 – Community Development Grants

Deletion(s): 2.5, 3,

2.2 Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2015

The minutes of February 4, 2015 were approved as circulated.

2.3 Business Arising from the February 4, 2015 Council Session

An update was provided from the Executive Assistant.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamationsa) ***Wentworth School Sustainability Committee***

This presentation was provided by Andrea Rushton and Rick Parker. They provided Council with the background of their issue and then proceeded with the bussing analysis.

Next in the presentation was information regarding an Enrollment Analysis which advised that enrollment will actually increase rather than decrease as was the information in the CCRSB report.

Impact on Community was then discussed.

Cost Savings and Revenue information was provided.

The Committee feels their case is stronger than other schools up for closure as their school is operating at almost capacity where the others are half empty. The Committee was also advised that the Minister will not intervene on their behalf.

The Committee also feels that due to the requirements of the Hub Model, there is no point in considering this option.

Their ask of Municipal Council is to request that CCRSB reconsider closure decision for Wentworth Elementary School and allow school to be reviewed under the new process and write letter of support to each elected school board member noting action taking and review of information and also the desire to work together with CCRSB in the spirit of the Ivany Report.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Fletcher that Council request that CCRSB reconsider closure decision for the Wentworth Elementary School and allow the school to be reviewed under the new process and write letter of support to each elected school board member noting action taking and review of information and also the desire to work together with CCRSB in the spirit of the Ivany Report.

MOTION CARRIED #15-023

2.5 Public Hearings

There were no Public Hearings for today's session.

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

3.1 Transition Actions

Mr. Bugley, CAO, circulated a list of ongoing Transition Actions to Council. He reviewed the categories with Council and advised of upcoming meetings regarding Dissolution/Transition.

4. **MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

4.1 Beaubassin/Chignecto Ship Railway Development

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Rector to forward Mr. Casey's correspondence regarding Beaubassin to the Federal Minister responsible for such projects.

MOTION CARRIED #15-024

4.2 Trider Road Booster Station

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor McLellan to approve the cost of the Trider Road Booster Station which is \$173,213 for the previously approved Trider Road Booster Station.

MOTION CARRIED #15-025

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES**

5.1 Public Sewers By-Law 11-01

The Director of Public Works advised he has been contacted by an owner of a laundromat requesting review/amendment to our Public Sewer By-Law.

Staff were directed to do analysis regarding the useage of high efficiency machines and how this should impact Sewer rates.

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**

6.1 Volunteer Representative

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Smith to ratify the report of the Nominations Committee which selected Mr. Dara Legere of Joggins as Cumberland's Representative Volunteer of the Year.

MOTION CARRIED #15-026

6.2 Tax Collection Report

Revenue Officer, Jennifer Moore provided this report to Council.

6.3 Municipal Building Renovations

The Director of Public Works provided an overview of the municipal building renovations project.

6.4 Community Development Grant(s)

Recreation and Physical Activities Coordinator, Vicki Weaver advised of the following:

CAST (Communities Addressing Suicide Together)

This group's focus is to raise awareness about mental health and to educate individuals about facts related to mental health. They plan to host two local events – the goal being to have a person, performer, and/or group who has personal experience with mental health and can share their story. They also plan to launch a headband campaign (much like the Live Strong bracelet campaign) to sell green headbands and use the proceeds toward additional mental health awareness events. They will encourage the public to wear the headbands on a specific date and to post pictures on social media to help raise awareness and “Start the Conversation”. The theme for the Mental Health Awareness Day will be #DontJudgeMe.

They are requesting **\$1,000** from the County for information packages, social media campaign, and promotional materials.

Additional information received:

*NSCC will be contributing some funding as well, approximately \$500

*They are preparing an application for the Town after reviewing their policy guidelines/criteria.

*They are not doing fundraising traditionally, but are however pursuing every possible grant opportunity and or funder we can find. To date we have completed the following:

- Request to Bell Aliant
- Request to Ford
- Grant application sent to Doctors Nova Scotia

- Grant application sent to the Municipality of Cumberland County
- Discussion had with Town of Amherst, application being prepared
- Email request sent to A&W
- Application for funding sent to Y.E.S (NSCC)
- Request sent to NSCC Academic Chair (tentatively confirmed \$500)
- Pitch made to Y.E.S and CBDC competition (successfully earned \$500)
- Request sent to Public Health
- Request sent to NSCC counselling team
- An email has also been sent to the NS government, Mental Health Department

*They have tentatively booked a keynote speaker, Kevin Breel who has a \$3000 speaker fee, but he is excellent and has done a TED Talk and has received broad recognition.

*They are working to host the event at ARHS which has a seating capacity of 493, so they will have a significant reach. There is also a tentative commitment from CBC to cover the event and they will be leveraging social media to promote their work.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector to provide a Community Development grant in the amount of \$1,000 (\$200 from each District 1, 3, 4, 7, and 10) to CAST.

MOTION CARRIED #15-027

Double “D” 4H Club

This group is looking to purchase a new saw for the 4H Woodsman competition. In Woodsman, members will learn the following: single pulp saw, double pulp saw, water boil, back tank race double cross cut saw – so they learn safety around wood, proper gear to wear, it is very physical and it is an outdoor activity. Double “D” has represented Cumberland County at the provincial competition for the last five years either as a junior team or a senior team, and last year they represented both. It is hard to be competitive without good equipment, and the saw they have now was borrowed and is not much use anymore (photo attached below). This organization has 51 registered members and last year 27 of their members participated in the Woodsman competition. Some of the members have even gone on to compete at NSCC Dal campus on the woodsman team as well as compete on the adult circuit. Members of the club reside in Hastings, Brookdale, Fox Ranch Road, Pumping Station Road, Oxford and area, Shinimicas, West Amherst, Leicester, Fenwick, Nappan, Maccan, and a small number from Amherst. (districts 1, 2, 3, 7) The request is for the full cost of one saw, which is **\$2,000**.

Additional information received:

*this group has done some grocery bagging to raise some funds on this project (they raised \$900)

*the competition date for Cumberland is on March 28th with provincials going in May

*they are agreeable to waiting on the new fiscal year, as all four saws need to be replaced

Council agreed to revisit this request in the next fiscal year.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Provincial Tax Reform

Councillor Smith advised that a meeting is being held at ARHS tomorrow evening (February 19th, 2015) at 7 p.m. to discuss Provincial Tax Reform.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. and The Queen was sung.

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore