

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

Warden Hunter called the July 8, 2015 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order. 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, Councillor Kellegrew, Warden Hunter, Councillor Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Rector, Deputy Warden Gilbert, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Fletcher, Councillor Williams and Councillor Jackson.

Councillor Baker was absent due to serious illness.

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

The agenda was approved with the addition(s) of:

Addition(s): 6.5 a) Mattattal Lake
 6.10 Cowboy Town

Deletion(s): 3

2.2 Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2015

The minutes of June 17, 2015 were approved as circulated.

2.3 Business Arising from the June 17, 2015 Council Session

The Business Arising of the June 17, 2015 Council session was discussed.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations2.4 L. A. Animal Shelter

Shelter President, Marilyn Williams and Board Member, Tammy Ross were on hand to provide this presentation. Mrs. Williams provided background information on the financial situation of the Shelter, advising that vet costs are a large part of their budget.

Ms. Williams advised Council that due to the Dissolution, there is an amount of funding from the former Town of Springhill that they Shelter would no longer receive and were requesting Council to provide that funding.

Introduction of Staff

Stephanie Moreau, Active Living Coordinator, was introduced by Scott Munro, Facility Manager. Stephanie will be filling a maternity leave and working out of the Springhill Community Centre.

2.5 Public Hearingsa) MPS and LUB Amendment Central Planning Area – Travis Road

Warden Hunter called to Order the Public Hearing at 2:41 p.m.

Andrew Fisher, Senior Planner provided a presentation on this issue. Council was advised there is a request by the residents in the Travis Road area of Hastings to extend the Central Area Rural Resource Zone southeast to the end of the public road.

Mr. Fisher advised no written submissions and the Warden requested if any member of the public would like to speak and there were no people wishing to speak.

Warden Hunter then closed the public hearing at 2:44 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to give Second Reading to ByLaw 15-XX to extend the Rural Resource Zone of the Central Planning Area on the Travis Road, Brookdale by amending the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw maps.

MOTION CARRIED #15-148

- b) LUB Amendment Central Planning Area – Landscaping
Warden Hunter called to Order the Public Hearing at 2:45 p.m.

Andrew Fisher, Senior Planner provided information to Council regarding this issue.

Warden Hunter asked if there were any written submissions or if any members of the public wished to speak. There were none.

Warden Hunter then closed the public hearing at 2:47 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton, to approve second reading to ByLaw XX-XX to amend Section 3.2.2 of the Central Area Land Use Bylaw as follows:

Delete Section 3.2.2

~~3.2.2 Lot Requirements – Landscaping~~

~~Notwithstanding anything else in this bylaw, within the C1 Commercial Zone a minimum of 6 metres of landscaped open space must be provided along entire street frontage of the property, minus the driveways.~~

And replace with:

3.2.2 Lot Requirements – Landscaping

Notwithstanding anything else in this bylaw, within the C-1 Commercial Zone landscaped open space must be provided in all areas not used for buildings, vehicle parking and access.

MOTION CARRIED #15-149

- c) Development Agreement – Hobby Kennel at 827 MacDonald Road
Warden Hunter called to order the Public Hearing at 2:48 p.m.

Nelson Bezanson, Development Officer, provide a report to Council regarding this issue.

Warden Hunter asked if there were any written submissions or if any members of the public wished to speak. There were no written submissions and a member of the public did wish to speak. Mr. Chris Wheaton advised he is a neighbour and is opposed to this endeavour. Mr. Ferguson advised that the Agreement should contain that the Kennel should comply with National Kennel Standards. Mr. Bezanson feels that due to the size/scale of this operation, that may be overkill.

Warden Hunter then closed the public hearing at 2:57 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve the development agreement for a Hobby Kennel located at 827 MacDonald Road.

MOTION CARRIED #15-150

- d) Dangerous and Unsightly Premises – Demolition of property located at 8892 Hwy 209, Fox River, PID 25187709, AAN 00433616
Warden Hunter called the public hearing to Order at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Ron Moore, Dangerous and Unsightly Administrator, provided written and photographic evidence to Council regarding the condition of the property.

Warden Hunter then asked if any members of the gallery would like to speak to this issue. There were none.

Hearing none, Warden Hunter then closed the public hearing at 3:03 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Williams to Order the demolition of the house as well as the removal of all debris from the property described as 8892 Hwy 209, Fox River, PID 25187709, AAN 00433616 to an approved facility, no later than July 15, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED #15--151

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

There are no strategic priority issues for today's meeting.

4. **MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

4.1 Springhill Community Centre Staffing – 2 Positions

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to approve an adjustment of one of the positions at the Springhill Community Centre to be a lead hand position (stadium worker) and to approve a change to the Events Coordinator/Canteen Worker from two half time positions to one full time position and a change in the salary amount.

MOTION CARRIED #15-152

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

There are no Organizational Policy/ByLaw Issues for today's meeting.

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**

6.1 Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Update

Mr. Moore, Dangerous and Unsightly Premise Administrator, provide a written report to Council.

6.2 Blues Hockey Team Contract

This item will be dealt with in future.

6.3 Springhill Community Centre Funding Application

Staff advised Council that proposed funding from the Province is not available (for upgrades to the Community Centre), but staff are still pursuing other provincial funding options. In Order to have ACOA process the application they require confirmation from Council that they will cover the additional \$50,000.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Williams to approve an amount, up to an additional \$25,000 for the upgrades at the Community Centre (\$25,000 has already been committed, this would be additional funding).

MOTION CARRIED #15-153

6.4 Electoral Boundary Review

Councillors were reminded to submit their comments to the UARB by end of day today.

Councillor Welton requested that we notify the UARB that at the day of the vote, there were an uneven number of councillors.

6.5 Community Development Grants

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

Camp Pagweak - They are requesting funding to purchase a large, gas barbecue for camp and outdoor functions. They offer 8 weeks of camp for children ages 5-16. They are growing and last year had 400 children attend camp – many referred by food banks, Family Resource Centres, churches and community organizations. Children who could never afford to come to camp. All children are welcome to attend, regardless of religious affiliation.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve a community development grant to Camp Pagweak for \$500 split evenly between all 12 districts.

MOTION CARRIED #15-154

Cumberland Health Care Foundation - The 20th Annual Highland Classic Golf Tournament will be held on August 14th at the Amherst Golf Club. Donations raised as part of this tournament help to fund a hospital and healthcare volunteer program, a patient and family healing garden, provide new and updated medical equipment, support youth and mental health programs, offer Cumberland Cancer Assistance, and more.

*Corporate sponsorship includes participation in the Highland Challenge and the Putting Contest.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Jackson, to provide a community development grant in the amount of \$500 for the annual Highland Classic Golf Tournament. Funds to be split evenly between all 12 districts.

MOTION CARRIED #15-155

Ship's Company Theatre - The 14th Annual Ship's Company Theatre Golf Tournament will be held on September 18th at the Parrsboro Golf Course. Hole sponsorships are \$300 each, and registration for a team of three is \$300 as well. Council sponsored a hole in 2014. Council also provided a \$1,000 grant for renovations at a June council meeting and a \$5,000 grant for operations through the Grants to Organizations program.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to sponsor a hole at the 14th annual Ship's Company Theatre Golf Tournament with the funds being split \$150 – District 8 and \$150 – District 10 for a total grant of \$300.

MOTION CARRIED 15-156

Remembering Canada's Heroes - This group takes WW2, Korean War, Cold War and Peacekeeping veterans into local high schools to deliver a one hour presentation describing Canadian events and accomplishments not covered in textbooks. During the coming school year they will visit Amherst, Springhill and Tatamagouche High Schools in Fall & Spring semesters and Pugwash, Oxford, and Parrsboro High Schools once each for a total of 9 visits.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to provide a community development Grant to Remembering Canada's Heroes in the amount of \$800 with the funds being split equally between all 12 districts.

MOTION CARRIED #15-157

North Cumberland Historical Society - This group wishes to have open hours through July and August. They also wish to design a web page as a means of outreach and communication, and the obituary records need to be copied and catalogued. They applied for \$1,400 through Grants to Organizations and received \$700. They are now asking for \$1,200 to fill in what they did not receive, with the addition of requesting for web page assistance.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to provide a community development grant to the North Cumberland Historical Society in the amount of \$150 for assistance with development of their web page.

MOTION CARRIED #15-158

Brookdale Community Hall - **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Smith to provide a Community Development Grant of \$2000 split from District 1 and 2 each, for the Brookdale Community Hall, pending receipt of the application and proper documentation.**

MOTION CARRIED #15-159

Grants to Organizations

Wallace and Area Museum - Replacement of the Loyalist Trail Bridge. They have requested \$2,000 in funding from the Department of Health & Wellness. Total estimate for storm damage and replacement of bridge is \$6,392.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a Grant to Organization Grant to the Wallace and Area Museum for assistance with the cost of the replacement of the Loyalist Trail Bridge, in the amount of \$2400.

MOTION CARRIED #15-160

Classics by the Bay – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to provide a Grant of \$1000 for Classics by the Bay.

MOTION CARRIED #15-161

Parrsboro Band Association – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Williams to provide a Grant of \$8,600 to the Parrsboro Band Association for capital work to their building.

MOTION CARRIED #15-162

Northport Wharf - **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve a Grant to the Northport Wharf Association in the amount of \$12,000 pending receipt of the proper application and paperwork.

MOTION RESCINDED #15-163

6.5 a) Mattattal Lake
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton, to approve a Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Mattatal Lake Homeowners Association.

MOTION CARRIED #15-164

Northport Wharf - **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve a Grant to the Northport Wharf Association in the amount of \$8,000 pending receipt of the proper application and paperwork.

MOTION CARRIED #15-165

6.6 Liquor Licensing Regulations
Council was advised that there are several proposed changes to the Liquor Licensing Regulations which are intended to modernize regulatory practices and to reduce red tape for businesses.

They are requesting Council's feedback.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to forward correspondence to Service Nova Scotia advising Council is in favour of the proposed changes to the Liquor Licensing Regulations.

MOTION CARRIED #15-166

6.7 Cape D'Or Road
Councillor Fletcher advised that the road has been graded very recently.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gilbert, to forward correspondence requesting road grading be done earlier in the summer season, advising they did a great job this time and requesting to keep the maintenance up on a more regular basis and to contract with locals to provide this service (grading) in the spring.

MOTION CARRIED #15-167

6.8 Ditches and Watercourses Act
Council was advised of a complaint from a resident regarding their neighbour ditching and draining his property onto other's property and it is causing issues.

The landowner (complainant) must notify his neighbours in writing, then they have 30 days to comply. After 30 days our Engineer will inspect and if the remediation is not completed, a legal process with Council will proceed.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Welton, that if the work is not completed within 30 days of receipt of the letter, Staff are directed to

inspect once notified that the work has not been completed in 30 days and then follow the legislated process for remediation.

MOTION CARRIED #15-168

6.9 Connect2 Grant Application

Mr. Ferguson, Director of Social Capital, advised Council that staff request Council agree to provide funding towards a grant application under a program only announced after our 2015/16 Budget was approved.

The new funding program is called Connect2, and is under the NS Department of Energy. It was announced right at the end of May, and the application deadline is today, so staff have been scrambling. With the help of a number of staff we were able to put together two applications – one on the Fundy Shore and one in Springhill.

The program is for transportation related projects that connect parts of a community (e.g. schools, residential areas, community centres) by any means other than private automobile.

The Springhill application includes bike lanes and multi-purpose paths connecting the schools (and surrounding residential areas) with the Springhill Community Centre.

Connect2 will provide up to 50% of the funding, and the local community (the Municipality) must provide at least 25% (half of that can be in-kind). The remaining 25% can come from various sources, including the Province, so I have asked Chris McNeil, Municipal Advisor, to see if any other assistance might be available, but it will take time to get an answer.

The total cost of the project is \$103,100. The Connect 2 Grant would be \$51,500. The Municipality's 25% would be \$12,900, plus in-kind worth the same amount. The remaining 25% we hope to get from the Province is \$25,800.

The Department of energy will want confirmation that all funding is confirmed before approving the application. I am asking that Council commit to the \$12,900, plus in the event we do not get additional funding from the Province, up to an additional \$25,800, which would bring the Municipality's financial commitment up to a total of \$38,700.

A Connect2 application was submitted also submitted on June 30th to the Sustainable Transportation Program with the NS Department of Energy. This grant application was requesting funding for a 600m stretch of separated trail (old TIR road bed) on Highway 209 in the Port Greville area.

This project has been discussed in the past, and has been referred to as the Fundy Shore Footpath. Council funded a feasibility study this past winter which was completed and discussed the merits of this particular portion of trail.

The grant request was for \$30,000 which includes clearing the old road bed to 8 feet; clearing the area of organics and getting the surface back to rock; adding Class A and crusher dust; ensuring it reaches a safe pedestrian and bicycle friendly standard.

We were able to request 50% funding, which equated to \$15,000 and we also submitted that we would have \$5,000 of in-kind labour from local residents (Shore Drive Development Association).

The grant requires a County contribution as well. Staff recommend that Council consider investing \$10,000 into this project.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Rector the Municipality agrees to provide \$12,900, plus in the event we do not get additional funding from the Province, up to an additional \$25,800, which would bring the Municipality's financial commitment up to a total of \$38,700 for the Springhill Connect2 project and \$10,000 for the Fundy Shore Footpath project, with the funds coming from Gas Tax Reserve Funds.

MOTION CARRIED #15-169

6.10 Cowboy Town

This issue was discussed and Council was advised that this issue may be rectified via a

development agreement.

Councillor Welton has volunteered to approach/assist the land owner with the process.

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to hold the Nominations Committee meeting on June 22, 2015 in the morning.

MOTION CARRIED #15-170

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 7.1 Maccan Water System
This item was provided as information.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8.1 The Queen
The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m. and The Queen was sung.

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore