

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 O' Canada

Warden Hunter called the July 22, 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 Fletcher, Councillor Williams and Councillor Jackson.

Councillor Baker was absent due to a death in the family and Councillor McLellan had a medical emergency.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda

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

Addition(s):	3.3	Cowboy Town
	3.4	Blair Lake
	3.5	Anne Murray Luncheon
	6.7	Salary Scale

Deletion(s): 2.5

2.2 Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2015

The minutes of July 8, 2015 were approved as circulated.

2.3 Business Arising from the July 8, 2015 Council Session

The Business Arising of the July 8, 2015 Council session was discussed.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

i) Department of Environment & Labour – Extended Producer Responsibility
Ashley David, Department of Environment, was on hand to provide this presentation.

Ms. David's presentation covered the following:
Background (EPR for PP),
Consultation feedback (municipal and business),
Key initiatives (fiscal impact study and municipal involvement); and
Discussion and next steps

Extended Producer Responsibility Regulations (EPR) - Making brand owners and manufacturers responsible for end of life collection, recycling and marketing of material (Polluter Pay)

- Electronics, paint – pure EPR
- Beverage containers, tires, diary - stewardship
- Strongly requested by municipalities across country
- CCME, FCM
- Regional Chairs, UNSM, HRM/Sust. Comm.

Benefits of EPR

- New source of funding or reduced costs for solid waste services that municipalities are already providing
- Aligns with polluter-pays principle. Shifts burden from taxpayer.
- Industry accountability for recycling targets/incentives for packaging producers to use “design for environment” packaging
- Opportunity to standardize NS blue bag recycling program
- Opportunity to create efficiencies
- Enhanced diversion of waste

EPR Models

▶ **Full Responsibility – 100% of eligible costs**

- 14-17 million in financial benefits to municipalities
- Industry fully responsible for costs and operations
- Typically right of first refusal for collection

- Otherwise municipalities are service providers
- Industry drives efficiency
- Municipal concern about job loss and fate of infrastructure
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▶ **Shared Responsibility – 50-80% of eligible costs**

- Municipalities continue with service delivery
- Industry funds “efficient” costs
- Industry will attempt to exert some level of control (proportional to funding level)
- Reduced financial benefit to municipalities
- Industry will attempt to drive efficiency
- Negotiation – mediation intensive

ii) Clean NS – HomeWarming Program

Jeana MacLeod, Outreach Coordinator for Clean Foundation was on hand to provide this presentation.

Ms. MacLeod explained the program as such:

HomeWarming is offered by Clean Foundation and Efficiency Nova Scotia and assists qualifying homeowners with improvements that can help them feel more comfortable in their home year-round, and reduce their heating and power bills.

In a typical home, 80 per cent of the heat loss is caused by drafts and poor insulation. Improving insulation can help keep a home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer, and increase the value and enjoyment of the home. In most homes, heating and cooling is about 60 per cent of the energy costs. Reducing heating and cooling bills can make other household expenses more manageable.

Eligibility

There are five questions to get you started on determining if HomeWarming is right for you or someone you know:

1. Does your income meet the service’s income eligibility criteria? (See the Income Eligibility Chart below)
2. Do you own a single-unit home located in Nova Scotia, and can you provide proof of ownership?
3. Do you live in your home year-round, and is it your primary residence?
4. Do you plan to live in your home for the long-term?
5. Is this the first time your home will participate in this service? (Please note, due to funding limitations, houses are only eligible for the program once per lifetime).

If you answered yes to all of the above, you are likely eligible for HomeWarming.

Income Eligibility Chart	
Number of people living in your home	Maximum annual household income (Line 236 from your Notice of Assessment)
1 person	\$20,550
2 to 4 people	\$38,185
5 or more people	\$54,381

Once you are qualified, the process is easy.

1. Home Energy Assessment: A Certified Energy Advisor will evaluate your home and determine the upgrades needed, if any, to make your home more energy efficient.

2. Home Upgrades: Then, they will call you to set up appointments to make the upgrades approved for your home (please note: some homes may not be suitable for upgrades)
3. Final Assessment: When all the upgrades have been completed, they will come back and perform a final assessment of the improvements made to your home.

Homewarming will take care of everything for you. All you have to do is be home for the evaluations and while the work is being done.

It was agreed to have staff forward this application to those who receive the Low Income Exemption through the Municipality.

2.5 Public Hearings

There were none for today's agenda.

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

3.1 Pugwash Water Project Pre-Design

Justin Waugh-Cress advised Council that 9 proposals for the pre-design of the infrastructure required for the proposed Pugwash Water Supply Project were received. Staff reviewed the proposals and recommend acceptance of the bid from WSP Canada Inc. in the amount of \$32,910 plus tax with the funds being those set aside in the capital budget.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector to award the pre-design for Pugwash Water Project to WSP Canada Inc. in the amount of \$32,910 plus tax with funds coming from the Pugwash Water 2015 capital budget.

MOTION CARRIED #15-171

3.2 Springhill Service Centre

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Jackson to direct staff to prepare the specifications and prepare a Tender(s) or RFP's within the parameters of the letter of intent and the Opus report for roofing replacement and window replacement on the Municipality's Springhill Service Centre.

MOTION CARRIED #15-172

3.3 Cowboy Town

Mr. Waugh-Cress advised Council of the background of this issue and the possible remedy, such as a Development Agreement. Council received a tour of the facility, as well as discussed the operation with the Owner.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton, to waive the \$1,000 fee for the owner of Cowboy town for his development agreement application.

MOTION WITHDRAWN #15-173

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to remove the fee for any development agreements.

MOTION AMENDED

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Williams to amend the above motion to reflect it be retroactive to April 1, 2015.

MOTION AND AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN #15-174

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to provide a notice to Council for the amendment of the Fees Policy at the next Council Session which would remove the fee for development agreements.

MOTION CARRIED #15-175

3.4 Blair Lake

Councillor Smith received a request from a resident living in the vicinity of Blair Lake to receive funding for studies to determine the cause of the foam that is currently on the lake and if there would be ill health affects to residents in the area.

It was suggested that a Committee of concerned residents be formed and that Councillor Smith and a designated staff member be assigned to work with this committee.

3.5 Anne Murray Centre Luncheon

Councillor Jackson advised that the Anne Murray Centre has approached her to ascertain if Council would be willing to purchase a ticket for the luncheon.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Williams to purchase a ticket for the fundraising luncheon for the Anne Murray Centre.

MOTION CARRIED #15-176

4. **MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**4.1 Funding Approval – SARRC

Council was provided with a copy of correspondence forwarded from the Board of Sunset to the Province of N.S. regarding the delay in the remainder of the renovations at that facility.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to contact the Province of NS expressing our displeasure and in the delay in the renovations at Sunset due to delays at the Provincial level.

MOTION CARRIED #15-177

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES**5.1 Surplus Property – Wentworth Consolidated Elementary

Council was advised that there may have been an oil spill on the property and have requested staff to follow up and determine if the spill happened and if remediation is required. Staff were directed to contact CCRSB and advised we are investing a possible oil spill.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Welton to consider the property of the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary as surplus and follow the process of divestiture, while maintaining services such as lawn mowing.

MOTION CARRIED #15-178

5.2 Fire Department Issues

Fire Protection Services Coordinator, Mike Carter, provided a written report to Council to update on various Fire issues.

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**6.1 Dangerous and Unightly Premises Update

Provided as information.

6.2 Canine Control Report

Provided as information.

6.3 Community Development Grants

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

Cumberland County Shuffleboard Club

This group plays from the end of April to the end of October, two days per week. There are currently 23 members:

Oxford = 6	Pugwash = 3
Kolbec = 3	Gulf Shore = 1
Amherst = 4	Oxford Junction = 1
Amherst Shore = 2	Big Lake = 1
Shinimicas = 1	Sheriff's Place = 1

They anticipate an increase in membership, and they have been saving for two more courts. They currently have 6 courts, and with all members showing up, all six courts are

in use. They do not dare advertise with the current facilities. They have saved enough money for the additional courts, but the lighting in the building that the Exhibition Board lets them use is not sufficient for good shuffling. The cost of the courts complete with discs, cues, scoreboards, and beads is nearly \$2,000. The estimated cost of the lighting is \$1,840.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve a community development grant in the amount of \$900 for the Cumberland County Shuffleboard Club with the funds being split equally from Districts 3, 4 and 7.

MOTION CARRIED #15-179

Amherst Rambler Alumni Scholarship Society

We have funded \$150 for a hole sponsorship for this tournament for a number of years. All profits raised go directly into their bursary fund.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve a community development grant in the amount of \$150 the Amherst Rambler Alumni Scholarship Society golf tournament with the funds being split equally from all 12 districts.

MOTION CARRIED #15-180

Amherst Powerlifting Club

This group was previously approved for a \$1,000 Community Development Grant. The funds were allocated to come from districts 1,2,3, but I was asked to review past grants to ensure that breakdown was correct. It was not, so I contacted the group. Their group has grown and their current breakdown is:

Amherst = 16 adults, 3 youth
 Leicester = 2
 Maccan = 2
 Springhill = 3
 Fenwick = 1
 Truemanville = 1

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to change the District distribution for the \$1,000 community development grant to the Amherst Power Lifting Club to \$200 each from districts 2,3,7,11 and 12.

MOTION CARRIED #15-181

IT WAS AGREED by Council to provide \$900 to Remembering Canada's Heroes rather than the \$800 that was approved at the last Council session due to the River Hebert School being added into the destinations.

6.4 UNSM Conference Resolutions

Warden Hunter advised of this issue and requested submissions from Council.

6.5 Nomination Committee Report

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to accept the Nomination Committee Report of today's date.

MOTION CARRIED #15-182

6.6 L.A. Animal Shelter Funding Request

At the July 8th, 2015 Council session, the L. A. Animal Shelter Board President requested funding from the Municipality to make up for the amount they will now lose due to the dissolution of the Town of Springhill. That amount was \$7,500. They also requested any in-kind services the Municipality could provide.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Jackson to provide funding in the amount of \$7500, to the L. A. Animal Shelter, which would make up for the loss of revenue from the former Town of Springhill.

MOTION CARRIED #15-183

- 6.7 Salary Scale
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to move the classification of the Facilities Manager of the Springhill Arena to the classification of Middle Management from Individual Contributor.

MOTION CARRIED #15-184

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 7.1 Ken Simpson Memorial Award Call for Nominations
Provided as Information.
- 7.2 UNSM President/Vice President Call for Nominations
Provided as information.
- 7.3 Adapted Equipment
This is an update from staff.
- 7.4 Cumberland Bike Week
This was an update provided from staff.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8.1 The Queen
The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. and The Queen was sung.

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore