

In March of 2020, in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared that Municipal Councils will not meet in person but will instead hold virtual meetings. Under this order Council of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland held Council video meetings via Zoom. This meeting was also streamed live on Facebook.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.2 Roll Call

Mayor Scott acknowledged the Municipality of the County of Cumberland is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

The Mayor called the June 2, 2021 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 3:32 p.m.

Shelley Hoeg, Municipal Clerk called the roll with the following members of Council present: Mayor Murray Scott, Councillor Fred Gould; Councillor Rod Gilroy, Deputy Mayor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Jennifer Houghtaling, Councillor Angela McCormick, Councillor Mark Joseph, Councillor Dale Porter, Councillor Carrie Goodwin.

Staff present; Greg Herrett, CAO; Allie McCormick, Manager of HR and Community Facilities; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations; Amanda MacLeod, Corporate Communications Officer; Will Balser, Junior Planner; and Shelley Hoeg, Municipal Clerk who recorded the meeting.

Media present in the meeting:

Bill Martin, Six Rivers News.

Darrell Cole, Saltwire

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph seconded by Councillor Gilroy to approve the agenda as presented.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

2.2 Approval of the Minutes

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Houghtaling to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Council meeting.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Gould to approve the Minutes of the May 27, Special Session of Council.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

2.3 Business Arising

Council was brought up to date on the business arising from the May 19, 2021 meeting and the ongoing business arising by the CAO.

2.4 Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings for this meeting.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

3.1 Phased -In Assessment Program (Commercial Development Districts)

Staff provided the background, next steps and timelines for an action plan to Council. Council will continue to be kept up to date as this item progresses.

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

4.1 CAO Employment Agreement

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Gould to approve the CAO Employment Agreement.

No Objections

MOTION CARRIED

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES

- 5.1 Second Reading on Amendment to Land Use Bylaw to rezone PID 25172917, at 689 Kerrs Mill Road, Kerrs Mill
IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Mayor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Porter to approve Second Reading of amendment to Land Use Bylaw to rezone PID 25172917, 689 Kerrs Mill Road, Kerrs Mill.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- 5.2 Second Reading for the Bylaw to Repeal the Springhill Bylaws
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Joseph, seconded by Councillor Gould to approve Second Reading of the Bylaw to Repeal Springhill Bylaws.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- 5.3 Second Reading of the Public Highway Signage Bylaw
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Porter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond to approve Second Reading of the Public Highway Signage Bylaw.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

- 6.1 Northern Region Climate Plan – Special Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Houghtaling, seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond to direct staff to reach out to the Councils of the Towns of Amherst and Oxford, and the Municipality of Colchester County to determine if they have interest in a joint committee to create a Northern Regional Climate Plan.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.2 Tender Award – T-MCC-2103 Shinimicas Fire Department Building
The tender for the Shinimicas Fire Department Building (T-MCC-2103) closed May 19, 2021. Five bids were received. Staff have provided a memo outlining the details and recommending award.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor McCormick to award to award tender T-MCC-2103 Shinimicas Fire Department Building to the low compliant bidder, Global Construction Maritimes for a value of \$599,900.00.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.3 Electric Vehicle Charging Station(s)
Staff advised that since the last Council session, the Municipality was advised that we were successful in our application (previously denied) for 4 EV charging stations. Staff are requesting clarification on whether to proceed with our approved applications for the 4 charging stations.

Staff were directed to continue to proceed with Council's previous direction.

- 6.4 Clarification of Tax Bill Due Dates
There were incorrect due dates in the motion regarding tax due dates which was passed on May 27, 2021 and at this meeting Council will pass a motion to clarify and correct the dates.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor McCormick that the due date for the 2021/22 tax levy be July 16, 2021 with interest to

be charged on outstanding tax accounts on or after July 17, 2021 at the rate of 1.25% per month, 15% per annum.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

6.5 Tender Award – 4030 Eastern Ave. Demolition

Staff have provided a summary of the Tender information in regard to the demolition of 4030 Eastern Avenue, Parrsboro.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Goodwin, seconded by Councillor Joseph to award Tender “TMCC2102 Building Demolition – Parrsboro , NS 4030 Eastern Avenue – Former Town Hall” to Mercer Equipment and Excavation Ltd. for a value of \$57,070.00 + HST

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

6.6 Pride Flag

The Municipal received a request from Cumberland Pride to fly the Pride Flag at our facilities during the dates of June 14th to June 30th, 2021.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor McCormick, seconded by Councillor Houghtaling approve the request to fly the Pride Flag at our facilities from June 14th, to June 30th, 2021.

**No Objections
MOTION CARRIED**

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items at this meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment

On motion by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Joseph, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Mayor Murray Scott

Municipal Clerk Shelley Hoeg