

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the March 2, 2011 session of Cumberland Municipal Council at 1:00 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. All Councillors were in attendance. Also in attendance were Rennie Bugley, CAO, Stephen Ferguson, Director of Policy and Research, Penny Henneberry, Director of Planning and Development, Andrew Macdonald, Director of Finance and Peter Cottingham, Solid Waste and By-Law Administrator.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** - The agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:
 - Additions:** 13.4 – By-Law and Policy Committee, 15.2 – DOTIR RE: Road Clearing.
 - Deletions:** #7, 9, 10
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from February 16, 2011 Council Session** – The Minutes of February 16, 2011 were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** -
 - 5.1 **Action List, February 16, 2011**– Staff were requested to receive a response from cell phone providers.
6. **Delegations and Presentations**
 - 6.1 **Nappan River Watershed Flooding Study** – Presenters were Director of Policy and Research, Steve Ferguson, Director of Planning and Development, Penny Henneberry and Mr. Doug Bacon. Mr. Ferguson advised that we are all aware that there is an increasing storm frequency and we must prepare for what to do in future. The questions was posed; Is it possible to adapt the local landscape to reduce flood related damage and will the effort outweigh the costs?

The presenters advised Council of a project called LIRA (Land and Infrastructure Resiliency Assessment Project), which will take place in Nappan. Some of the Goals of LIRA include standardize a methodology to help communities and regions:

 1. Assess their **risk** to infrastructure systems and the environment to storm surge and/or extreme rainfall events, and
 2. Develop and ranking adaptation responses that reduce socioeconomic and environmental costs.
 3. This project will map the landscape; get a “weather” forecast; predict the impacts; develop and rank practical adaptation options; and assist with informed decisions.

Some of the benefits of this project will be:

 1. Assess a region’s flooding vulnerability and adaptation options
 - General idea of where flooding and damage will occur
 - Better understanding of where high value/high risk areas are,
 - Developing and ranking adaption options
 2. Economic and Science based info
 - If Ecological Goods & Services should ever become a policy this may provide information on economic value for cost savings based on producer based BMP adaptation options
 3. Use LIRA results to target land management practises
 - Help watershed groups focus BMP activities and demonstrations
 4. Mechanism to implement watershed based plans
 - Provides opportunities to incorporate watershed plan with LIRA adaptation plans
 5. Regional Planning
 - Watershed groups, urban Communities and RM’s sitting around the table looking at the same information

This project will have 5 phases.

The LIRA project was developed first in Saskatchewan and is being rolled out around the Country. Nappan is the second area it will be applied to across the nation.

A realistic expectation of this project is that it will identify hotspots, will be a real world tool and will reiterate that we must embrace the uncertainty.

Warden Hunter thanked the presenters for the information provided today.

- 6.2 Gaelic Council – Ms. Caroline Cameron was on hand to provide this presentation. Ms. Cameron is the Coordinator of Comhairle na Gaidhlig – The Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia. Comhairle na Gàidhlig is a non-profit province-wide society supporting Gaelic language and culture in Nova Scotia. Ms. Cameron began by thanking council for the opportunity to introduce council to her association and to give an update of the work and plans for the future.

Council was advised that Gaelic presents unique linguistic and cultural resources and that the role of the Comhairle is to strive to support and strengthen the community as a whole towards the development of economic, social and cultural opportunities in support of and supported by Gaelic language and culture.

The current focus is to make a priority of providing a forum where the community can gather.

The plans for Comhairle na Gàidhlig for 2011/2012 are:

- **Forum 2011:** Comhairle na Gàidhlig wants to establish an annual forum as the ‘place to be’ if you want to be involved in celebration, learning or planning in support of Gaelic. This will be booked for Saturday, May 28.
- The work that comes out of forum workshops will be carried on through a series of **Collaborative Workshops** to support the development of Gaelic through sustainable economic opportunities.
- A **Strategic Plan** will include consultation with community and government groups and institutions to identify Gaelic development needs, and outline what contribution Comhairle na Gàidhlig can make to addressing them over the short, medium and long term.

The forum has a budget of \$17,000 for expenses, workshop facilitators, venue, meal preparation and entertainment. The Gaelic Council is requesting any contribution up to \$1000 for this encouraging project.

Warden Hunter thanked Ms. Cameron for her presentation and advised that once a decision has been reached, she will be contacted.

7. **Public Hearings**

This item was deleted.

8. **Correspondence**

This was provided for the information of Council.

9. **Planning Issues**

This item was deleted.

10. **Strategic Planning**

This item was deleted

11. **Financial Reports/Issues**

- 11.1 Budget Update – Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance advised that all Departments will continue working on their operating budgets and a draft is hoped to be presented to Council by Mid March and budget meetings will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

- 11.2 Recreation Grant(s) –
Oxford Junior C Colts Hockey Team – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Donkin to provide a recreation grant of \$50 from each District (\$500) to the Oxford Junior C Colts Hockey Team.

MOTION CARRIED #11-020

ARHS Vikettes Provincial Championship Hospitality Room – **IT WAS MOVED** by Councillor Read, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew to provide recreation grants of \$200 from each of Districts 1, 2, and 3 (\$600) to the ARHS Vikettes to assist with the fees for their Hospitality Room.

MOTION CARRIED #11 - 021

Amherst Aerials Gymnastics Club March Break Invitational Competition – **IT WAS MOVED BY** Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Read to provide recreation funding in the amount of \$200 from each of the Districts of 1, 2, 3 and 9 (\$800) to assist the Amherst Aerials Gymnastics Club with the costs of their competition.

MOTION CARRIED #11-022

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

12.1 Solid Waste –

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Read to direct Staff to prepare Tender documents for the provision of the following solid waste services, said services to begin on April 1, 2012:

- Three stream solid waste collection (garbage, recyclables and organic materials in “Green Carts”) County-wide.
- Allow the placement of one “bulky” garbage item such as furniture items (mattress and boxspring sets will count as one item) at curb-side on each regular garbage week.
- Residual garbage and green cart organics will be picked up on the same week.

The annual County-wide bulky item pick up will continue for scrap metal, white goods and limited amounts of C+D.

MOTION CARRIED #11-023

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to direct staff to prepare for providing the following service, including a detailed budget and fee structure, for Construction and Demolition Debris, said service to begin on April 1, 2012, with hours of operation to be determined at a future date:

- Three Transfer Stations in River Hebert, Advocate and Pugwash will remain open to accept construction and demolition debris on a user pay basis (fees to be determined and fees shall be set to recover all incurred costs). These sites shall be staffed by a Municipal employee who will enforce Municipal and Provincial regulations for the separation of these materials.

MOTION CARRIED #11-024

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 Library Board Report - This item was provided as information.

13.2 Wallace Area Development Association – **IT WAS MOVED** by Deputy Warden Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor MacNutt to send a letter of congratulations to the Wallace and Area Development Association for their hard work.

MOTION CARRIED #11-025

13.3 CREDA Minutes – This item was provided as information.

13.4 By-Law and Policy Committee – Mr. Ferguson advised that staff are requesting council to consider 4 policies for the next meeting: Interest on Overdue Accounts Policy; Fees Policy; Firefighter Level One Incentive Policy, and the Tax Reduction on damaged Property Policy.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Gilbert that the following policies will be considered for approval at the next Council session:
 Interest on Overdue Accounts Policy; Fees Policy; Firefighter Level One Incentive Policy
 Tax Reduction on damaged Property Policy

MOTION CARRIED #11-026

14. **Old Business**

- 14.1 Highway Camera – Provided as information.
- 14.2 Advocate Seawall Announcement – This announcement was that the Federal Government will remediate the dangerous situation of the Advocate Seawall.
- 14.3 Presentation to Senate Committee – A written report will be provided at the next Council session.

Staff were directed to invite a representative of the Dept of Energy and the Dept of Environment to Council to discuss the fractioning issue.

15. **New Business**

- 15.1 CJSMA Board Meetings – Council was advised that there is an issue with elected members of the CJSMA Board not attending the Board meetings on a regular basis. Also advising we have one of the best attendance of all the units on the Board.
- 15.2 Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Deputy Warden Kellegrew to forward correspondence Minister Estabrooks, Jamie Baillie; MLA Skabar, Greg Frail, Buffy White, re snow removal on the road between Apple River and Joggins and the delay between the snowfall and the removal as well as the side roads and intersection in the community of Apple River not being plowed on a timely basis.**

MOTION CARRIED #11-027

IT WAS MOVED Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Merriam to send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the snow plow drivers be more careful regarding mail boxes as the destruction of mailboxes this winter is prolific and county wide.

MOTION CARRIED #11-028

16. **Information Items**

- 16.1 Snowmobile Club - .Council is invited to a Sponsor/Partner Appreciation Day being hosted by the Cumberland Snowmobile Club. This event is taking place Saturday, March 5, 2011, 2 – 5 p.m. at 514 Wyvern Road, Collingwood Corner.
- 16.2 Cumberland Health Care Foundation –.Information was provided to Council on the Annual Foundation Dinner. Any Councillors wanting to attend were requested to contact the Executive Assistant by March 31, 2011.
- 16.3 Northumberland Curling Club – Councillor Gillis advised that the 18 and Under Provincial Curling Championship will be taking place at the Northumberland Curling Club.

17. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 2:33 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore