

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 O' Canada

Warden Hunter called to Order the May 4, 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 and Councillor Snow.

Councillor Baker was absent due to serious illness.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES**

2.1 Approval of Agenda

Addition(s):	3.2	Seasonal Employees
	3.3	Pugwash Waterfront Development Plan
	4.1	Wentworth Elementary School
	6.5	Elevator
	6.6	Budget Meeting Dates
	6.7	Time of Council Meetings

Deletion(s):	5
	7.2

2.2 Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2015

The minutes of April 15, 2015 were approved as circulated.

2.3 Business Arising from the April 15, 2015 Council Session

There was no discussion on this item.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

Tourism in Cumberland County

Jim Campbell, Community Economic Development Coordinator, provided this presentation to Council. Mr. Campbell highlighted the importance of improving our tourism "produce" and specifically recommended the creation of a product development strategy as a priority for 2015/2016. He advised the Municipality has been invited to participate on a STEP (Strategic Tourism Expansion Program). The program is intended to identify tourism product development opportunities and priorities in that area. Mr. Campbell is recommending that we accept the invitation to participate, as it should help us develop our tourism development strategy in the Parrsboro (Joggins to Five Islands) area.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton to have a representative on the Steering Committee of the STEP Program.

MOTION CARRIED #15-069

2.5 Public Hearings

There were no public hearings for today's meeting.

At this point, Emily Frenette, HR Administrator introduced the newest Municipality of Cumberland Employee, Allie McLean, to Council. Ms. McLean holds the position of Strategic Research and Community Engagement Officer. A warm welcome was extended to Ms. McLean.

3. **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES**

3.1 Transition Update

Mr. Bugley, CAO, provided a Communications Bulletin and Transition Update and various memo's that have been circulated to staff regarding the dissolution and transition.

3.2 Seasonal Employees

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve the reclassification of 5 seasonal Public Works Employees at the Springhill Service Centre to full time.

MOTION CARRIED #15-070

- 3.3 Pugwash Waterfront Development Plan
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Rector that Council agree to jointly sponsor step one of the waterfront development project (Concept Plan and Report) with the Village of Pugwash; that Council endorse the formation of a project steering committee, and that Council agree to commit funding support to the project up to \$10,000 to enable hiring a consultant to complete a Concept Plan & Report.

MOTION CARRIED #15-071

4. **MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES**

- 4.1 Wentworth Elementary School
IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Welton to forward a letter to the individual school board members requesting a more definitive answer to our recent correspondence and suggest that the school board members ride the bus routes proposed for the children in the Wentworth Catchment.

MOTION CARRIED #15-072

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

There were no organizational Policy/By-Law Issues so this item was deleted.

6. **BUSINESS ISSUES**

- 6.1 Remittals
07461984 – Danny and Sarah Allen

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve a remittal for AAN 07461984 in the amount of \$122.98 for the interest that has accumulated on the account.

MOTION CARRIED #15-073

00158925 – Lawson Thompson

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve a remittal for AAN 00158925 in the amount of \$536.45 for the 2011 tax billings and interest that has accumulated on the account.

MOTION CARRIED #15-074

00949027 – Hani Ramia

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to approve a remittal in the amount of \$196.04 for the interest that has accumulated on account 00949027.

MOTION CARRIED #15-075

04210832 and 02321106 – Melanie Lowe

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Gillis to approve a remittal in the amount of \$1,561.19 for AAN 042108323 and a remittal in the amount of \$1,652.48 for interest that has accumulated on account 02321106.

MOTION CARRIED #15-076

09365877 – 3130551 Nova Scotia Limited

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Fletcher to provide a remittal in the amount of \$670.53 for interest that has accumulated on account 09365877.

MOTION CARRIED #15-077**10111552 – Cameron Dale Ells and Carolyn Gordon Mcilquham**

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve a remittal in the amount of 124.92 for the 2009 tax billings and interest that has accumulated on account 10111552.

MOTION CARRIED #15-0786.2 Tourism Project – Advocate Area

Councillor Fletcher advised that he had organized a couple of tourism-related meetings for the Advocate-Parrsboro area. One outcome was a commitment by some participants to coordinate a project to enhance the kiosk area next to the store in Advocate. Ultimately, plans call for the construction of a large-scale lobster-themed attraction, but that will be constructed with local support if all goes according to plan.

A second part of the project is the development of a large local attraction map to be mounted at the kiosk; garbage, recyclable and compost bins; and also a weather-proof container for brochures. The cost of that phase of the project is estimated at a little more than \$2200. They anticipate funding from CNTA, and the Advocate District Development Association will match it.

They have requested funding from the Municipality in the amount of approximately \$1150. Mr. Campbell indicated to them last fall that the Municipality had money in the CED Strategy budget, intended to support tourism development projects such as this. However, this being a new fiscal year and since the budget for 2015-16 will not be approved for a while yet, as of today's Council meeting, Mr. Campbell is requesting approval for spending authorization to support this project out of the CED budget.

Although, current project cost estimates indicate the project will require funding in the amount of \$1150 from the Municipality, Mr. Campbell would request authorization for spending up to \$1500 to allow for some flexibility if needed.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the Advocate Tourism Project.

MOTION CARRIED #15-0796.3 Community Development Grants**Pugwash Farmers Market**

The Market wants to create a gathering space where people can access high quality local products, as well as healthy living information. They would like to bring in Mary Purdy (a local yoga/ mindfulness/ meditation teacher) to spend Saturdays at the market speaking about the benefits of healthy habits for our minds and bodies. She would host hourly yoga demonstrations.

Requesting **\$1,910** in assistance for:
10 yoga mats @ \$15/ea = \$150
4 hours @ \$20/hr for 22 weeks = \$1,760

It was agreed to not fund this endeavour.

Help Introduce Our Future to Our Past

May 8th, 2015 will mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day, the day that WWII ended in Europe. These celebrations are likely the last time that the generation who fought that conflict will be able to assemble, offering a final chance for succeeding generations to thank them for their service. CO 154 Amherst Anson Air Cadet Squadron has been offered an opportunity to participate in the Silent Walk in Apeldoorn and Liberation Day Ceremonies in Wageningen, The Netherlands; attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium; and visit the Vimy Memorial and Juno Beach Centre in France. Twenty Air Cadets, ages 12-18, will wear their uniforms with pride as they extend their deepest gratitude to those who served our nation. A considerable fundraising effort is underway to send these youth. It will cost \$3,600 for each cadet to attend.

They have raised funds through bottle drives, bagging groceries, a yard sale, a pancake breakfast, outdoor yard work, raffles, a wake-a-thon, purse auction, selling ice cream,

yogurt & garden seeds, and a 50/50 draw. They also asked for donations. To date they have raised \$35,665. So they are \$14,735 short of their goal.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Rector to provide \$200 per child from Districts 1, 3, and 7.

MOTION CARRIED #15-080

Grants to Organization

Defenders Motorcycle Club

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor McLellan to provide a Grant to the Defenders Motor Cycle club for up to \$10,000.

MOTION CARRIED #15-081

Pugwash Harbour Fest – Boat Race Event

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis seconded by Councillor Snow to provide a grant in the amount of \$2,100 and \$5,000 to Harbourfest.

MOTION CARRIED #15-082

Minudie Tourist Association heritage

IT WAS MOVED BY Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor McLellan to provide a Grant to the Minudie Tourist Association in the amount of \$2000.00.

MOTION CARRIED #15-0083

Thinkers Lodge Society

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Welton to provide a Grant to the Thinkers Lodge Society in the amount of \$7500.00.

MOTION CARRIED #15-0084

Cobiquid FunTones

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton seconded by Councillor Gillis to provide a grant to the Cobiquid FunTones in the amount of \$1500 with the funds split the following ways:

District 4	\$400.00
District 5	\$400.00
District 6	\$300.00
District 7	\$400.00

MOTION CARRIED #15-0085

6.4 Provincial Court Sessions-

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew Seconded by Councillor Gilbert to send a letter of support for the County of Victoria's request to have the Province return their Provincial Court sessions back to Baddeck.

MOTION CARRIED #15-0086

6.5 Elevator

Councillor Welton thinks we should have an elevator in the ED Fullerton Building and she recommends that we move forward with this immediately.

Council agreed to give staff direction to obtain a cost estimate on installing an elevator in the E.D. Fullerton building.

6.6 Budget meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Tentatively this will allow Council to approve the budget on May 20, 2015.

6.7 Time of Council Meetings

Councillor Welton has difficulty with the afternoon meetings. She would like to suggest that we return to morning In Camera meetings allowing regular Council to be held at 1:00 p.m. Discussion followed.

VOTE FOR

Meetings in Morning 5

Meetings in Evening 8

It was decided, by vote of councillors, starting in June Council meetings will be held in the evenings.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 Tidnish Crossroads and Area Community Association

Provided in Councillors boxes for information.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew and Seconded by Councillor Fletcher to approve Councillor attendance at the Tidnish Crossroads and Area Community Association Grand Opening on May 19, 2015

MOTION CARRIED #15-087

7.2 Trans Canada Trail

Provided to Councillors for information.

7.3 Provincial Announcement on Towns and Villages

Provided as information.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at p.m. and The Queen was sung.

Warden Keith Hunter

Municipal Clerk Brenda Moore