

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

Warden Al Gillis called the September 6, 2017 Council session of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to Order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the boardroom of the Joggins Fossil Institute. O'Canada was sung.

1.2 Roll Call

Communications Officer/Executive Assistant to the CAO, Shelley Hoeg, called the roll with the following Councillors present: Councillor Porter, Councillor Chase, Councillor van Vulpen Warden Gillis, Councillor Welton, Councillor Palmer, Councillor Rector, Councillor Gilbert, Councillor McLellan, Deputy Warden Fletcher, Councillor Williams, Councillor Jackson and Councillor Rafuse

Staff present: Rennie Bugley, CAO; Steve Ferguson, Director of Community Development; Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Engineering and Operations; Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance; Michelle Byers, Community Economic Development Coordinator; Stephanie Moreau, Tourism Development Officer; Ray Hickey, COO OF Cumberland Energy Authority and Shelley Hoeg, Communications Officer/Executive Assistant to the who recorded the meeting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES

2.1 The agenda was approved with the following deletions and additions:

Additions: 3.2 Advocate Harbour Flood Risk Study
6.08 Public Works Vehicle – Tender Award
6.11 Grants
6.12 Blueberry Producers Letter of Support

Deletions: 6.08 Springhill WWTP Surge Grit Chamber Tender

2.2 Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2017 Council meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Rector to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017 Council session as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED #17-290

2.3 Business Arising from the July 19, 2017 council meeting

The Business Arising was reviewed and Council was brought up to date on the status of the list.

2.4 Delegations, Presentations, Petitions, Proclamations

i. Tourism Development Officer – Stephanie Moreau

The Municipality's Tourism Development Officer, Stephanie Moreau, provided Council an overview of the training she recently participated, which was specifically related to Geoparks.

ii. Debrief – Phone Disruption – Emergency Measures Coordinator

This item will be deferred to a future meeting.

2.5 Public Hearings

There were no public hearings for today's meeting.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ISSUES

3.1 Clean Foundation Climate Change Adaptation Project

Ray Hickey, COO of the Cumberland Energy Authority advised that he is part of a municipal energy learning group and they wanted to apply for a grant from FCM. The grant is for up to \$75000 and it must be applied for by a not for profit group and must include 5 municipalities. Each municipality must contribute up to \$5000 and that could be in-kind. Cumberland felt we can be one of the 5 municipalities and offer our in kind service.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Jackson, that Council approve participation in the Clean Foundation Adaptation project.

MOTION CARRIED #17-291

3.2 Advocate Harbour Flood Risk Study

Andrew MacDonald, Director of Finance, advised that we may be able to utilize gas tax funding for our portion of this project which is \$35,000.

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Welton to approve our participation in the Advocate harbor Flood Risk Study and approve expenditure of \$35000 for this project, from gas tax funding.

MOTION CARRIED #17-292

4. MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

4.1 Meeting with Minister Momberquette

There was discussion on the meeting held with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

4.2 McCarron's Park Property

A tour of the McCarron's Park Property was held for Council earlier today. Mr. Ferguson advised that the property had formerly been 3 parcels and it has now been joined and is one property. The appraisal will be undertaken and should be provided at the next Council session. Councillor vanVulpen feels that property would be a great campground facility.

4.3 Border Entrance Committee/Public Meeting

A report on this item was included in the council package. Council should make a decision regarding the Terms of Reference for the Committee. The CAO feels this item should be one of the 3 goals of inter municipal cooperation. It was agreed that this Terms of Reference will be amended by the new Committee.

4.4 Leicester Fire Hall Tender

Councillor Rafuse left the room citing a conflict of interest.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rector, seconded by Councillor Welton to award the Leicester fire hall tender to Sperra construction with the changes noted in the memo dated August 30th, 2017 from Mike Carter, FPS Coordinator. Also, that budget shortfalls will be covered by remaining funds from other under budget capital works projects.

MOTION CARRIED #17-293

Councillor Rafuse returned to the room after the motion was passed.

4.5 Inter Municipal Cooperation

CAO, Mr. Bugley feels that Council should pick 3 priorities and suggested they be Border Entrance, Tourism strategy, and how to further support organizations that exist in our communities and support our residents.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY/BY-LAW ISSUES

There are no organizational policy/bylaw issues for today's meeting.

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

6.1 UNSM Carbon Surcharge Fund

This item will be deferred to the September 20th meeting. Councillor Fletcher asked if the heat pump for the log building would be an item that could fall under that fund or perhaps the water tank for the JFI or an electric vehicle charging station. Mr. Ferguson, Director of Community Services, advised that we have applied for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station for the E. D Fullerton Municipal Building.

6.2 Canine and Bylaw Update

This report was provided for Council's review.

6.3 Dangerous/Unsightly Premise Update

This report was also provided for Council's review. Staff were requested to follow up on three properties.

6.4 UNSM Rebranding Survey

Council received this information from UNSM. Councillors have been requested to respond.

6.5 Upcoming UNSM Meetings

Council was provided with the information on the dates and locations of upcoming meetings regarding resolutions for the fall conference.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Chase to approve Councillors' attendance at the closest UNSM resolution meeting.

MOTION CARRIED #17-294

2 Nay votes

6.6 Audit Committee Minutes/Report

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Welton, seconded by Councillor Chase to approve the Audit Committee recommendations that Council participate in the high interest savings account.

MOTION CARRIED #17-295

6.7 Three Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Streets

IT WAS MOVED BY Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Williams to approve the 3 year cost share agreement for subdivision streets.

MOTION CARRIED #17-296

6.8 Springhill Public works Service Vehicle Replacement – Tender Award

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Rafuse, seconded by Councillor vanVulpen to award the purchase of the Public Works Service Vehicle Replacement, to Atlantic Dodge, New Glasgow for a total cost of \$65,670.00 plus HST (\$75,520.50).

MOTION CARRIED #17-297

3 objections

6.9 Refugee Sponsorship Funding Request

Michelle Byers, Economic Development Officer advised Council that the Oxford Resettlement Committee applied for a grant to assist a family from Syria in moving to Oxford. They are requesting \$2500.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Porter to approve a grant in the amount of \$1500 with the funds coming from regional grants.

MOTION RESCINDED #17-298

IT WAS MOVED BY Deputy Warden Fletcher seconded by Councillor Porter for a grant in the amount of \$1500 to the Oxford Resettlement Committee (\$125 per district) from Local Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED #17-299

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Palmer to discontinue the refugee grant fund for the rest of this fiscal year and include it again in the next fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED #17-300

Councillor Welton brought up the issue of houses being built without building permits so the Municipality isn't receiving tax revenue for those properties at the rate that they should as they are not being taxed for the residence. This matter will be discussed, at a future date.

6.10 Divestiture of Surplus Properties

A report from staff was included for the review of Council.

Staff will be asked to look into the Fenwick Airport lands and the Parade grounds lands and to provide all of Council a list of all municipally owned properties.

6.11 Grant Requests

Maccan Baseball Association - \$400

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Chase, seconded by Councillor Palmer to approve \$400 to the Maccan Baseball Association, from regional grants.

MOTION CARRIED #17-301

Parrsboro Headstart Society - \$3000

IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Porter to fund the Parrsboro Headstart Society \$3000 from regional grants.

MOTION CARRIED #17-302

Minudie Museum - \$2000 from regional funds

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor vanVulpen to approve \$2,000 from Regional Grants for the Minudie Museum.

MOTION CARRIED #17-303

Pugwash Communities in Bloom - \$2000

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Welton to approve a \$2000 grant from regional grants, to Pugwash communities in Bloom.

MOTION CARRIED #17-304

5 nay votes

Sport Pugwash - Disc Golf course - \$3000 from regional funds

IT WAS MOVED by Warden Gillis, seconded by Councillor Jackson provide a regional grant to Sport Pugwash in the amount of \$3000.

MOTION DEFEATED #17-205

6.12 Blueberry Producers Letter of Support

In consideration of the low price per pound for blueberries, Council was requested to submit a letter to the Minister of Agriculture stating Council's concern.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor vanVulpen, seconded by Councillor Welton to forward correspondence to the Minister of Agriculture supporting the situation of our blueberry growers, and advising the low price per pound is detrimental to the blueberry growers.

MOTION CARRIED #17-206

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 UNSM Climate Change Leaders Award Program

This information was provided to Council.

7.2 Cannabis Legalization Primer

Council will have a presentation on this subject at a joint meeting with the Towns of Amherst and Oxford.

7.3 Cape Sharp Tidal Community Connect

Provided as information.

7.4 Cumberland Business Connector Update

Provided as information.

7.5 Thank You's

Thank You's for grants received were received from the Springhill Centennial Golf Club, Mattatall Lake Stewardship Association and the Silver Spray Rebekah Lodge No. 1.

7.6 Social Media Engagement Report

Provided as an information update.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 The Queen

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The Queen was sung.