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## County Renews Fire Protection Services Agreement

By Darrell Cole

Cumberland municipal council has voted to renew its fire protection services agreement with the Town of Amherst for 15 years.

The motion was passed as council's November regular council meeting on Wednesday,

Nov. 20, 2024. The 2008 agreement expired on March 31, 2023.

The terms of the proposed agreement are virtually identical to the previous agreement. The proposed agreement is for 15 years and will expire on March 31, 2038.

The consideration under the agreement is \$201,871.00 per year adjusted each year by the increase in the consumer price index for Nova Scotia. Coverage provided for under the agreement includes Initial Full Time Response to structure fires. Initial Full Time Re-

sponse means an emergency call that is responded to by two paid firefighters on call in the Amherst Fire Department.

Other emergency calls will be responded to by the Amherst Fire Department in the same manner as they would respond to an emergency call within the town boundary. In addition, other services include Hazmat response, motor vehicle rescue and extrication.

Councillor Fred Gould has been elected deputy mayor of the Municipality of Cumberland. Gould, who was first elected to council in 2020 and re-elected in October 2024, will serve a one-year term. Coun. Kathy Redmond was also nominated.

Cumberland municipal council has approved a code of conduct for elected officials, ensuring they follow procedural standards and behave professionally and respectfully. The code includes more than 40 guidelines and was developed based on recommendations of a working group established in January 2022.

The working group had representation from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia, and the Association of Nova Scotia Villages.

Celina Kinnear has been approved by Cumberland municipal council as a member of the municipality's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee was established in 2021 and consists of representatives from the Municipality of Cumberland as well as the Villages of Pugwash and River Hebert. The committee gives advice to council on removing obstacles for people with disabilities in all the municipality's programs and services and putting our ideas into action to make life simpler and better for people with disabilities.

At least one half of the members of the committee must have a disability (or represent an organization that serves people with disabilities).

Kinnear has been a strong advocate for those living with disabilities. She believes strongly in their ability to access resources, programs, and amenities throughout our county by facing as few barriers as possible.

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Just like the big city, tonight everyone was scurrying around, made for a great photo. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## Arrested for Warrant and 18 new Offences

Cumberland County District RCMP deployed a spike belt in order to arrest a man for outstanding warrants and multiple new offences. On November 28, Cumberland County District RCMP responded to a report of an assault at a residence on Medawell St. in Oxford. The subject, Chris Mattinson, had left the home. Officers attended the area in an attempt to locate the vehicle he was driving, and were aware that he had outstanding warrants related to firearms offences.

RCMP officers located the vehicle driven by Mattinson in the Wentworth area, on Hwy. 246. When officers attempted a traffic stop, the vehicle fled.

Investigators deployed a spike belt on Lake Rd., which deflated three of the tires on the vehicle. The driver continued to flee from police, but stopped shortly after when the vehicle hit a guardrail at low speed.

At the traffic stop, Mattinson resisted arrest briefly but was placed in custody by officers on scene. Officers found that the truck Mattinson was driving and the license plate attached were both previously reported stolen. Three passengers in the vehicle were also arrested.

On November 29, Christopher Mattinson, 33, had a court appearance at Amherst Provincial Court related to the previous charges on the warrant and the following 18 new

charges: Assault; Utter Threats to Cause Death or Bodily Harm (4 counts); Mischief; Assault with a Weapon; Assault a Peace Officer; Flight from Peace Officer; Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle; Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose (2 counts); Possession of Property Obtained by Crime; Possess Firearm While Prohibited; Possession of Break-In Instruments; Theft Under \$5000; Fail to Comply with Probation Order (2 counts);

The three passengers were released without charges. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers from Cumberland County District RCMP General Duty, Cumberland Street Crimes Enforcement Unit, and Nova Scotia RCMP Police Dog Services were involved in this investigation and arrest. Note: The Cumberland Street Crime Enforcement Unit includes members of the Cumberland County District RCMP and the Amherst Police Department.



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