

This artists conception shows the exterior of each of the 12 buildings containing four units proposed for 14 Chambers Road, Parrsboro. (Extracted from application to Cumberland Council)

Development Agreement Planned for 14 Chambers Blvd

By Maurice Rees

Cumberland Council approved first reading and will call a public meeting to discuss major re-development at 14 Chambers Blvd, Parrsboro which will see the possible construction of 48 Grouped Dwellings - 12 townhouse dwellings with 4 dwelling units each.

Before discussion started on the matter, Councillor Lisa Goodwin declared a conflict of interest and was removed from council discussion until the matter was completed.

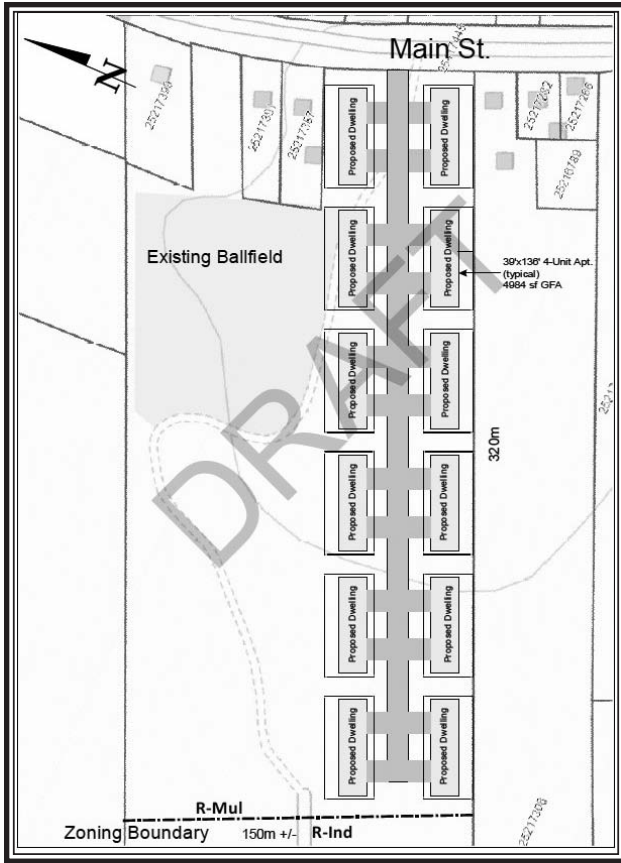
The subject property is owned by 3277041 Nova Scotia Limited. Development can not proceed until all approvals, including a public meeting, are in place and a development agreement has been executed. Planning and Development staff received an application on December 2, 2020.

The current Multi-Unit Residential zoning permits more than 16 dwellings on a lot only by Development Agreement. The property is located on Main St. Parrsboro, between Jacobs Lane and Jenks Avenue.

A majority of the neighboring properties are single-detached dwellings. The Parrsboro RCMP office and an auto dealership border the property to the North. The Triassic Park Ball field is also located in the front of the property.

With the proposal passing first reading, staff will prepare advertisements for the public hearing to be held prior to second reading and place a Notice on the property to further advise the community of the upcoming hearing. Staff will also finalize a draft agreement to be presented at the Public Hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for April 7, followed by a second reading.

Within the property borders, the existing sports field known as "Triassic Park Ball Field" which the owner / developer will allow the Municipality to continue to operate. The property which has a depth of approximately 320 metres will be transformed to a complex containing 48 Grouped Dwellings - 12 townhouse dwellings with 4 dwelling units each.



The proposed development at 14 Chambers Road, Parrsboro to construct 48 residential units shows the location of existing ball park will be mandated to continue. (Extracted from application to Cumberland Council)

Maximumizing Property Values

By Maurice Rees

In an effort to turn surplus municipal properties into tax generators, Cumberland Council has asked staff to prepare a

list of surplus properties, which might be sold. Mayor Scott and some councillors indicated they have been asked about the intent for some properties.

Acting CAO, Allie McCormick, indicated staff will prepare a report, but indicated it may take longer to include additional details, such as dimensions of the property, civic address. Council is also requesting that properties

which might have been acquired by the municipality through the tax-sale process be included in the list.

Council wants to review the matter as it might be a way to increase tax revenue and in some cases allow for residential or commercial construction. No date was established for submission of the report, but it is anticipated it will probably be available for the April meeting, if not March.

blast. The Divas came up with the idea and Clarissa Mc Cully set it up and what an amount of donations we received. The auction finished on Sat. February 13 and pick up was on Valentines Day and what fun we had. Certainly a picker up for the mid winter blues. Thank you to everyone who supported the hall.

Happenings at The Hall

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association is excited to announce a new series of Movies at The Hall. Six Sunday Matinees will be shown throughout the next few months. A member of the film society made a presentation to the board of directors at a meeting recently explaining that these film will be a sampling of alternative, indy films and will cover a wide variety of films for unique historical and cultural perspective.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the film and the end if supporters want to stay. These films will be shown at 2 pm. Only cold beverages will be sold. Due to restrictions there will only be allowed 22 people so you must call Nancy

at 902-254-3598 to reserve your seat. Donations greatly appreciated.

The next movie will be The Ghost of Peter Sellers on Sun. March 7 and will follow every second Sun. until Mid April. The regular Wed. night movies will reconvene on Wed. March 3, 2021.. Hope to see you all at the movies. The film title has not been announced as of yet but just go to the hall at www.thehall.ca for any updates about what we have up our sleeve

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Fire Service Advisory Committee being formed

By Maurice Rees

Mike Carter, Fire Protection Services Coordinator advised council at its February 17th he is currently accepting expressions of interests from Fire Chiefs in the Municipality of the County of Cumberland for the Fire Service Advisory Committee. There are 2 available spots.

He explained the purpose of the Fire Service Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to Council regarding certain operational issues as they relate to the Fire Departments. A lot of the equipment including fire pumers and tankers is older and is in need replacement, or will be become soon.

Carter explained, the Committee is an advisory committee to Council and does not have any delegated authority over the management of individual Fire Departments or their bylaws. Any direction given by the Fire Committee, to the Fire Departments, shall be done so through the Fire Coordinators office and re-

porting back shall follow the same order.

Membership consists of two members of Council appointed by Councils' nomination committee. He requested inclusion of two Fire Chiefs, should be increased to three with one of them being a deputy chief appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the Fire Service Coordinator. Meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis on the first Monday of the month beginning sometime in March 2021 for a two year term commencing from date of appointment.

Carter concluded his remarks stating an expression of interest form will be sent to the Fire Chiefs and will be reviewed by the Mayor and Coordinator. Staff members will include the Fire Service Coordinator, Director of Finance and an Administrative Assistant, other staff may be asked to attend as required. He also asked for the Mayor to appoint the chairperson. At the end of discussion council quickly approved his request.

RFP for Agenda and Meeting Software

By Maurice Rees

Cumberland Council at its February 17th meeting approved Communications Officer/EA to the CAO and Council, Shelley Hoeg's request to have an RFP issued to purchase Agenda and Meeting Management Software.

As a backgrounder to the memo, Hoeg stated, The Municipality of the County of Cumberland's Council and Committee meetings include the preparation and dissemination of information packages prior to each session/meeting.

At present this is process is done by one staffer who sends out requests for items, receives those items, addresses any formatting errors in the documents, follows up with staff for items not received, com-

poses each document, creates .pdf files of the documents, edits the .pdf's to include the numbering then creates a complete package, which is then disseminated to Council and Public.

Hoeg added, many Municipalities are using an Agenda and Meeting Management Software which streamlines the process for the production of meeting agenda's, minutes and action lists. The software also provides the bonus of standardizing the documents and creating documents that will meet criteria of the Accessibility Act.

Council approved the request after it was confirmed by the Director of Finance funding for this software could be included in budget deliberations for 2021/2022.

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