

## Parrsboro Dangerous & Unsightly By-Law Repealed

By Donald Fletcher

*(Cumberland Council held two meetings in December. We have combined the two articles)*

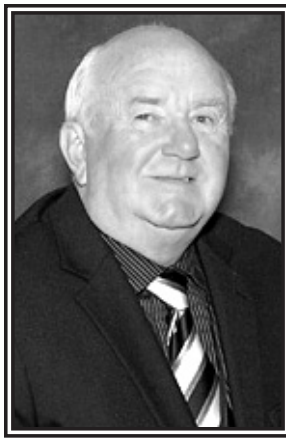
Council's December 7th meeting began with a brief presentation from Ron Dauphinee, our municipal advisor from Nova Scotia municipal affairs. He gave an overview on his portfolio and agreed to do some follow up meetings to expand on the orientation package given by the province in November. This was followed by a presentation from a company called UPLAND to help the municipality with planning and land use bylaws.

There will be a lot of public engagement and the project will take approximately 18 months. Please check the web site [cumberlandplan.ca](http://cumberlandplan.ca) for more info.

We next approved two motions dealing with Pugwash water, the reservoir, and source water protection. We passed a motion to adopt the fees policy and the ice related activities protection helmet policy. We next gave notice we will consider repealing the former town of Parrsboro dangerous and

unsightly policy at our next council meeting on Dec 14th. This will allow consistent administration of the dangerous and unsightly program throughout the municipality. A motion was passed giving notice to all council a new policy on divestiture of surplus real estate property will be considered in the future. A report from the UNSM conference was deferred.

A recommendation to support three community group projects for funding for increased access to rural high speed internet was approved. We next discussed future meetings and we will meet on Dec 14 and 21st and on Jan 18th the first meeting of the new year. Info items in our package covered energy authority update, canine control and by-law enforcement, sunset community board meeting minutes and ad requesting citizen membership on municipal committees. This is a great chance to serve on boards and committees and be involved in the municipality. Deadline for applying is Fri Jan 6th 2017. For more info contact Allie Maclean at [amaclean@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](mailto:amaclean@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)



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berlandcounty.ns.ca or 902 667.2313. Also be aware of the meeting Dec 15th at 7pm with the minister of health at the Amherst firehall. Question: are you concerned with health care in Cumberland county? Call your councilors.

The December 14th meeting began at 1pm with a nomination committee meeting. Each councilor selected the committee's they wished to be on. At the end of the process it averages 7 committees per councilor. This was put forward for public council

and the motion was approved. The public meeting at 2pm with three presentations. First was a very good report from Lida Currie representing an internet group trying to get improved service in rural Cumberland county. She stated all levels of government must work together to improve service.

The second presentation was a short talk from MLA Terry Farrell also on working together. I asked him to consider the first presentation going forward. The third presentation was on the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE). This was an update which considered potential benefits, predictability and the environment. We next held a public hearing and with no objections we passed a motion to adopt the building bylaw. The Parrsboro dangerous and unsightly policy was discussed for repeal. Motion passed. We now have one policy county wide.

A grant request was approved followed by a discussion on tax collection. Tax collection is very important and an ongoing issue. We will meet next Wednesday 21 Dec to discuss the audit report on finances. Info items in our pack-

age were, provincial volunteer award nomination due Feb 2017, Cumberland business connector update, community economic development update, Springhill community centre and park update, community development department report, UNSM signs historic agreement with province report and thank you letters from two grant recipients.

Merry Christmas to all. Question: Have you considered volunteering for a citizen committee? Call your local councilor with questions or concerns about matters relating to the Municipality of the County of Cumberland.

**Don Fletcher is councillor for District 10 and also serves as Deputy Warden.**

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Other categories included: NS Farm Loan Board, 24 properties with \$76,033; Municipal Properties, 34 properties, \$40,909; Provincial Properties, 35, \$88,610; Federal Properties, 1 property, \$46; Adjourned tax sale, 30 properties, \$391,277; Title problems, 10 properties, \$61,024 and Survey required, 6 properties with outstanding balance of \$21,646.

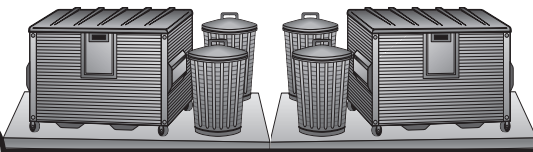
As of November 30th, total taxes outstanding for 5,023 properties totaled \$4,835,063. A total of 814 properties owe \$3,166,022 in outstanding taxes that are outside the current status. A total of 4,209

properties still owe \$1,669,061 in taxes that are listed in the current category.

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All residents of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland interested in serving as a member on the following Boards and Committees are invited to submit a letter outlining their interest and qualifications to the Municipality's Nominations Committee:

- Cumberland Energy Authority (2 positions)
- Cumberland RCMP Management Advisory (3 positions)
- North Tyndal Wellfield Committee (1 position)
- McElmon Brook Wellfield Committee (1 position)
- MacAloney Lake Wellfield Committee (1 position)
- Leamington Brook Wellfield Committee (1 position)
- Pugwash Wellfield Committee (1 position)
- Cumberland Regional Library Board (2 positions)
- Border Entrance Committee (3 positions)
- Audit Committee (3 positions)
- Municipal Climate Change Adaptation Plan (2 positions)

Letters should be received on or before Friday January 6th, 2017.

The Municipality's Policy on Citizen Appointments contains information relating to citizen appointment remuneration and reimbursement of travel expenses.

Questions and letters of interest are to be submitted to Allie MacLean via one of the following options:

**Email:** [amaclean@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](mailto:amaclean@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)  
**Phone:** (902) 667-2313  
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A reminder that Municipal Service Centres in Upper Nappan, Springhill, and Parrsboro will be closed on  
**Friday, December 23, 2016 at 4:30pm.**

The Service Centres will reopen **Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8:30am.**

For more information please visit [cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](http://cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)

**Have a safe and happy holiday season!**



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