

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Amherst Town Council  
Held in Council Chambers  
Monday, November 29 , 2010 at 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert Small  
Deputy Mayor George Baker  
Councillor Robert Angel  
Councillor Robert Bird  
Councillor Dale Fawthrop  
Councillor David March  
Councillor Terry Rhindress  
Greg Herrett, CAO

**ATTENDING:** Jason MacDonald, Director of Planning and Engineering  
Ben Pitman, Director of Transportation and Public Works  
Bill Crossman, Fire Chief  
Kim Jones, Policy, Research and Human Resources  
Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant

**1. O CANADA**

**2. HEARINGS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 Public Hearing – 1 Landsdowne Avenue**

Mayor Small called the Public Hearing to order and requested a report from the Director of Planning and Development. Jason MacDonald reported that an application has been made for an indoor recycling facility on property located at 1 Landsdowne Avenue. The subject property is designated Commercial in the Municipal Planning Strategy and zoned Downtown Commercial in the Land Use Bylaw. The subject property was historically used to manufacture granite monuments for distribution throughout the Maritime Provinces which would have been considered a non-conforming use under the current Land Use Bylaw. As recently as last fall the building was used as an office for this use. MPS Policy GP-11 allows a non-conforming use to change to another non-conforming use subject to a development agreement. He reported that the proposed operation complies with all policies in the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy. A public participation session has been held, during which time there was no opposition expressed. The Planning Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the development agreement, and it is also being recommended by staff.

Mayor Small asked if there were any questions from Council. Councillor Fawthrop questioned whether certificate of ownership for copper would be required, in today's climate of theft of such items. Jason MacDonald said that there is no requirement under the development agreement, and further, that the issue before Council is to determine whether to allow the development agreement, not requirements such as this.

Mayor Small asked if there were any presentations from the public. Roy Maltby introduced himself, saying that he had sent a letter to the CAO questioning whether there was any relationship between this proposed operation and the RRFB, or with the CJSMA, and whether there would be outdoor storage of materials on the site. Jason MacDonald addressed the three question: First, regarding the RRFB (Resource Recovery Fund Board) – no, they do not require a license. Second, Jason spoke with the manager of the CJSMA as well and there is no regulatory relationship there. Third, there will be no outside storage on the site.

There were no other presentations from the public. Other than the letter from Mr. Maltby, there was no other written correspondence on the matter. The public hearing concluded.

**2.2 FCM Recognition**

The CAO read a letter from the FCM, thanking the Town of Amherst for participating in the municipal capacity building project in the Philippines. Mayor Small thanked Roger Maclsaac for the effort he put into this project.

*"This letter is to thank your municipality, once again, for the remarkable contribution you have made as part of the FCM Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Please accept this plaque in commemoration of your dedicated work and successful implementation of the municipal capacity building project with the City of Escalante, Philippines."*

**3. CALL TO ORDER**

**3.1 Amendments to the Agenda – N/A**

**3.2 Approval of Agenda M-1011-01**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Baker, seconded by Councillor March to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**3.3 Approval of Minutes, October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting M-1011-02**

Moved by Councillor Rhindress, seconded by Councillor Fawthrop to approve the following minutes of the October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**4. REQUESTS FOR DECISION****4.1 DA at 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, 1 Landsdowne Avenue, RFD#2010098 M-1011-03**

Moved by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Angel that Council give second reading to development agreement DA-2010-04 with Zack's Property Limited in order to permit an indoor commercial recycling facility within the rear one third of the building located at 1 Landsdowne Avenue, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Case No. DA-2010-04

This Agreement made this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

Between:

Zack's Property Limited, Owners of property located at 1 Landsdowne Avenue (PID 25022831), hereinafter called the Owner, Of the one part

- and-

The Town of Amherst, a body corporate hereinafter called the Town, Of the other part

WHEREAS the Owner wishes to obtain permission pursuant to Policy GP-11 of the Municipal Planning Strategy of the Town of Amherst, to operate an indoor commercial recycling facility on property located at 1 Landsdowne Avenue.

AND WHEREAS a condition of the granting of approval of Council is that the Owner enter into an agreement with the Town;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town, at its meeting on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010, approved the said development agreement subject to the registered owner of the land described herein entering into this agreement;

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH THAT in consideration of the granting by the Town of the development agreement requested by the Owner, the Owner agrees as follows:

- 1) That the Owner is the registered owner of the aforesaid lands in the Town of Amherst, hereinafter called the lands. The aforesaid lots are the only lands in the Town of Amherst to which this agreement applies.
- 2) That the owner may an indoor commercial recycling facility on the said lands, subject to the following Schedule A, attached.
- 3) Any failure of the Town to insist upon strict enforcement of any requirements or conditions contained in this agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights or remedies that the Town may have and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default in the conditions or requirements contained in this agreement.
- 4) Should the owner fail to act in accordance with any aspect of this agreement, the Town shall retain the right to discharge the agreement upon 30 days notification and / or enter the property and conduct the required work. The cost of the said work will become a lien on the property tax bill.
- 5) The Town shall issue the necessary permit for the development upon the expiration of the appeal period specified for development agreements in the Municipal Government Act, Section 249, as the same may be amended from time to time, or upon the withdrawal or dismissal of any appeal which may be taken, and upon written notification that the Owner has filed the agreement against the property at the Registry of Deeds.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED ....

**4.2 Funding Request – Lions/Lioness, RFD#2010099 M-1011-04**

*Councillor Fawthrop declared a conflict in relation to this issue and excused himself from the Council table. Mayor Small declared a potential conflict and excused himself from the discussion and debate on this issue. Deputy Mayor Baker chaired the meeting in his absence.*

Moved by Councillor March, seconded by Councillor Rhindress that Council provide funding assistance in the amount of \$250 to Amherst Lions & Lioness under the Town's Festival and Events Policy 72000-07, to defray costs of hosting a theatrical production to raise funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4.3 Policy: Amend PAC Policy #66000-01, RFD#2010100 M-1011-05**

Moved by Councillor March, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baker that Council approve the amended Planning Advisory Committee Policy, #66000-01, which will allow the PAC monthly meetings to be rescheduled from the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 PM to the first Monday of the month at 12:00 noon.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY, #66000-01**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a Planning Advisory Committee in accordance with Section 200 of the Municipal Government Act.

**ROLE OF COMMITTEE**

1. The role of a Planning Advisory Committee is to advise Council respecting the preparation or amendment of the Town's Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use Bylaw and Subdivision Bylaw as well as general land use planning matters.
2. The duties assigned to the Committee, pursuant to this policy, shall only be carried out by the Committee.

**MEMBERSHIP**

3. The Council shall appoint members of the Planning Advisory Committee by resolution.
4. Membership shall include three members of Town Council and three members of the public who are residents of the Town of Amherst.
5. The term for members shall be three years, and members may be re-appointed to the Committee. Public members' terms shall be by fiscal year, with one member appointed each year.
6. In January of each year, an advertisement for the public member(s) whose term is set to expire that fiscal year shall be placed in the local newspaper. It is the intention to have members with a varied background; however, members with a planning, architecture, engineering or other similar background will have some preference.
7. At the beginning of the first meeting of each fiscal year the Committee will elect a chairperson as well as a vice-chairperson. Terms for such shall be one year. The chairperson and vice chairperson may be re-elected.

**STAFF RESOURCES**

8. The Director of Planning and Development is responsible for all functions of the Committee including:
  - a. Calling meeting;
  - b. Taking minutes
  - c. Distribution of reports and other information as required;
  - d. Public notification as required;
  - e. Providing Committee motions to the Chief Administrative Officer for inclusion on the Council agenda.
9. Where additional information or work is required of staff by the Committee the Director of Planning and Development will be responsible for prioritizing staff resources, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer when required.
10. Meetings are to be attended by the Director of Planning and Development or designate as well as an Administrative Assistant. At the discretion of the Director, other staff may be invited / asked to attend as well. Standing invitations to Committee meetings will be given to the Chief Administrative Officer and all Department Heads.

**MEETINGS**

11. Meetings will be automatically scheduled for the first ~~Wednesday~~ **Monday** of every month. Meetings will commence at ~~4:30 pm~~ **12:00 pm** unless otherwise informed.
12. Meeting times may be changed when appropriate by the Chairperson in consultation with the Director of Planning and Development.

13. Meetings may be cancelled by the Chairperson in consultation with the Director of Planning and Development when there are no agenda items.
14. All meetings are open to the public as per Section 203 of the *Municipal Government Act*, unless the Committee, by a majority vote, moves a meeting in private to discuss matters permitted by the *Act*.
15. The date, time and location of Committee meetings shall be posted in the lobby of Town Hall three days prior to the meeting, and in the Town's regular bi-weekly newspaper advertisement.
16. An agenda package will be provided to all Committee members and staff no later than 4 pm, two business days prior to the meeting.

**4.4 Policy: Amend Flowers, Gift Baskets & Memorial Donations, RFD#2010101 M-1010-06  
Moved by Councillor Angel, seconded by Councillor March that Council approve the proposed amendments to Policy #10350-11, Flowers, Fruit Baskets & Memorial Donations, to expand the definition of "immediate family" and increase the maximum dollar amount per expenditure.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PURPOSE:**

To establish a policy for the appropriate recognition by the Council of the Town of Amherst of current Council members, employees, members of Boards and Commissions and past members of Council in cases of death or hospitalization.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Upon learning of the death of an active member of Council, current employee or Board or Commission member, or member of their immediate family, or the death of a past member of Council, the Town May send flowers in the amount not to exceed ~~\$80.00~~ **\$80100.00** plus applicable taxes and delivery charges. If the family has requested "no flowers", arrangements will be made for an equivalent donation to a charitable organization. Also an appropriate card shall be the accepted means of expression of sympathy to the family.

In the event of the hospitalization of a current member of Council, current employee or Board or Commission member, the Town may send flowers or a fruit basket along with an appropriate card in the amount not to exceed \$40.00 plus applicable taxes and delivery charges.

Individual Department Heads may, at their discretion, send flowers and/or fruit baskets or similar items in addition to the items sent by Council in accordance with the amounts set out above.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Employee – A person currently employed by the Town of Amherst, including unionized and non-unionized personnel, and retired employees.

Immediate Family - Shall mean a parent, spouse, partner, son, daughter, sibling, or a family member who resides at the employee's primary household.

Board/Commission Member – Shall mean any person appointed by Council currently serving on any Board or Commission of the Town.

**4.5 Amend Police Commission By-Law, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, RFD#2010102 M-1011-07  
Moved by Councillor Fawthrop, seconded by Councillor March that Council approve first reading of an amended By-Law Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A BYLAW RESPECTING THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE TOWN OF AMHERST**

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Amherst, under the authority of the Police Act, Chapter 31, ACTS OF NOVA SCOTIA 2004.

**Short Title**

- 1 This By-Law shall be known as the "Amherst Board of Police Commissioners By-Law".

**Definitions**

- 2 In this By-Law
  - (a) "Board" means the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst
  - (b) "Council" means the Council for the Town of Amherst.

- (c) "Chief of Police" means the Chief of Police of the Amherst Police Department.
- (d) "Amherst Police Department" means the Chief and members of the municipal police force of the Town of Amherst.
- (e) "Minister" means the Minister of Justice for the Province of Nova Scotia

### Board Established

- 3 The Council establishes the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst, with membership as follows:

One Year Term	Two community volunteers
Two Year Term	One member of Council One Community Volunteer
Three Year Term	Two members of Council
Other	One Ministerial appointment

### Membership

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- (a) ~~Where a vacancy occurs on the Board or where a member is unable to carry out his/her duties as a member of the Board by reason of illness or absence council shall at its first regular meeting following such event appoint a replacement. An absence from two consecutive meetings without just cause as determined by the chair and Board members shall be cause for a member's replacement.~~
  - (a) The member of the Board appointed by the Minister shall be appointed pursuant to subsection 44(4)(c) of the Police Act.**
  - (b) The members of the Board appointed by Council shall be appointed pursuant to subsections 44(4)(a) and (b) of the Police Act.**
  - (c) Dismissal of members of the Board shall be carried out in accordance with subsection 44(7)(a) with regard to a member appointed by the Minister and subsection 44(7)(b) with regard to members appointed by Council.**
  - (d) An absence from two consecutive meetings without just cause as determined by the chair and Board members shall be cause for the replacement of a member appointed by Council.**
  - (e) Where a vacancy occurs on the Board or where a member is unable to carry out his/her duties as a member of the Board by reason of illness or absence, Council shall appoint a replacement as soon as is practicably possible.**
  - (f) The members of the Board appointed from Council shall serve without remuneration.
  - (g) The Board shall, at its first meeting each calendar year or as soon as practicable thereafter, choose its chairperson and vice-chairperson.
  - (h) The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his/her absence the vice-chairperson shall preside.
  - (i) Should the chair become vacant due to resignation or replacement, an election for the Chair shall be held within 60 days of such vacancy occurring.

### Procedure

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- (a) The Board shall conduct its business according to the bylaws, regulations and policies established by Amherst Town Council, the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, the Police Act and, where applicable the Municipal Government Act.
  - (b) The Board shall hold a meeting at least every three months. The Board may meet in camera at any time on 24 hours notice by the Chairperson or any two members or at any time with unanimous consent of all members concerning all matters relating to discipline, personal conduct, contract negotiations and security of the police operations.
  - (c) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
  - (d) The Chief Administrative Officer of the Town or his appointee, shall be the Secretary to the Board and shall have charge of all minutes, records and accounting procedures to be followed and maintained by the Board.

**Chief Officer**

- 6 (a) The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the council, and following a year's period of probation, may not be suspended, dismissed or otherwise disciplined except with cause, and in such event, he shall have the right to appeal, within fifteen days of such disciplinary action, to the Chairman of the Nova Scotia Police Commission. The Commission shall conduct a hearing therein and may confirm, overrule, or modify such action and its decision therein, shall be final.
- (b) The Chief of Police shall advise the Board with respect to the provision of efficient and effective municipal police service delivery. S/he may, in consultation with the Board, undertake in a timely manner research, strategic planning, policy development and implementation, and the reporting of results in response to inquiries by the Board pertaining to its community governance responsibilities as defined in the Police Act.
- (c) The Chief of Police and/or the Deputy Chief of Police shall whenever requested by the Chairman and where practicable attend meetings of the Board, whether public or in-camera.
- (d) The Chief of Police or his Deputy shall be in charge of the management, direction and control of the day to day operation of the police force, including the enforcement of law and the maintenance of discipline within the force. Should such discipline, in the opinion of the Chief Officer, require that an employee be dismissed, such dismissal shall be by the Board on the recommendation of the Chief Officer.

**Board Powers**

- 7 (a) The Board shall conduct its responsibilities in accordance with the requirements established by the Police Act,
- (b) The Board shall, each year, submit to the council for its consideration and approval its estimates of all monies required for the year to pay the remuneration of the members of the police force and staff and to pay for the accommodation, arms and equipment and other things for the use and maintenance of the force.
- (c) All collective agreements or other agreements with members of the police force or its bargaining agent shall be contracted in the name of the Town of Amherst, and the Town of Amherst shall be the employer of all members of the police force.
- (d) The Board shall submit all requests for all capital equipment proposed to be purchased to the council, together with the recommendation of the Board for the purchase consideration in accordance with the purchasing policy of the Town of Amherst.
- (e) The Board shall have the jurisdiction without interference by the Council over all matters relating to the enforcement of all criminal law, federal statutes, provincial statutes, and Town by-laws and ordinances.
- (g) The Board shall further have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the enforcement of provincial statutes having local effect and Town by-laws and ordinances, but Council shall have the right to request the enforcement of such statutes or by-laws as may be required for the proper administration thereof within the Town.
- (h) The Chief of Police or his designate shall give all necessary orders, directions and instructions to the police force and no Board member, other than the Chair or his or her designate except when communicating a decision of the Board, shall issue any order, direction or instruction to any member of the police force relative to his duties as a member of the force.

**General**

- 8 The Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief of Police shall be members of any committee appointed for the purpose of negotiating a collective agreement with any union representing members of the Town police force.
- 9 The Town of Amherst By-Law to Establish the Amherst Police Commission, By-Law Number C-1 approved by Council on January 18, 1977 and amended on February 20, 1984 is hereby repealed.

**4.6 Appointment to CJSMA, RFD#2010103 M-1011-08**  
**Moved by Councillor Rhindress, seconded by Councillor March that Council appoint Councillor Dale Fawthrop to the CJSMA Board until March 31, 2011.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 4.7 **Appointment to Youth Advisory Council, RFD#2010104** **M-1011-09**  
**Moved by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Fawthrop that Council appoint Nipun Arora to the Youth Advisory Council.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 4.8 **December Meeting Date, RFD#2010105** **M-1011-10**  
**Moved by Councillor Rhindress, seconded by Councillor March that the date of the next regular Council meeting be changed to Monday, December 20, 2010**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Mayor Small suggested that the Committee of the Whole meeting should start at 3:00 PM*

## **5. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 5.1 **Authentically Amherst Update**  
 Councillor March presented the following update on the Authentically Amherst initiative:

### **Fibre Arts**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fibre Arts Festival took place in October. As well as making sure that all the events ran smoothly, I also took photos at all of the workshops and documented the activity around town. The festival was a great opportunity to meet local residents as well as people from out of town. Many positive comments on Amherst in general and my position in particular were received.

### **Newsletter**

The first edition of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Newsletter was published in October. It features a few short stories on local events and organizations as well as a list of upcoming events. It was very well received and is a great way of increasing communication.

### **Victorian Christmas**

The Victorian Christmas Committee met in October. Media releases were sent in regards to the light up and parade. Businesses have been contacted about receiving trees in late November. Logistics for these issues were also discussed and a poster is being put together.

### **Work Plan**

The bulk of the work plan was completed in October when it was presented to Council. In November more detailed "project action plans" have been completed. Some initiatives are already underway and have been well received.

### **Stakeholders**

Meetings are ongoing with stakeholders in the arts, culture and heritage community. They have provided interesting information, feedback and ideas. To date all of them have pledged their support for the coordinator position.

## **6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- 6.1 **Dickey Park Redevelopment – Status Report**  
 Councillor Baker presented the following project status report on Dickey Park Redevelopment:

## **7. INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.1 **Planning Advisory Committee** – Nil Report  
 7.2 **Amherst Board of Police Commissioners** - Nil Report  
 7.3 **Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Committee** - Nil Report  
 7.4 **Youth Advisory Committee**

Councillor Bird presented the following report on behalf of the Youth Advisory Committee:

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) met on November 1<sup>st</sup> in Council Chambers. Returning YAC members welcomed the three newly appointed members. An overview of the terms of reference was circulated and discussed.

Other discussion items included; membership on YAC. All 11 members expressed their concern that friends/classmates could not be considered for a position on YAC based on county residency. Another discussion item was an operating budget for YAC. YAC members feel this would provide them with additional elements to learn about being on a committee, as well as provide them a little more freedom to plan events or activities. YAC would like the opportunity to present their budget request to Town Council.

YAC members have decided to complete fundraising in order to purchase turkey basket(s) at Christmas time. CED staff is currently looking into potential initiatives that will also operate in accordance with the Town's Fundraising Policy.

Corey Crocker was present at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and this allowed YAC members to learn more about the new Municipal Physically Active Lifestyle (MPAL) position, as well as for Corey to learn about YAC. This opened lines of communication between YAC and Corey to potentially partner on physically active events for youth in the future. YAC members provided Corey with a youth perspective and a direct link to the youth community in Amherst.

As part of the Town of Amherst / Cumberland Health partnership of active lifestyle, "Hoofin for Health" was a part of the Christmas parade. YAC members that were not in the band program (marching in parade with band) participated in this initiative.

YAC will meet again on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin with a tour of Town Hall for a brief overview of departments and services.

## 7.5 **Tree Advisory Committee**

Councillor Fawthrop presented the following report on behalf of the Tree Advisory Committee:

The Tree Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, November 17, at the Amherst Stadium. In attendance were Wayne MacLean, Lorne Etter, Councillor Dale Fawthrop, Mike Shay, Ray Gouchie, Ben Pitman, Roger MacIsaac and Jenn Borne.

There was discussion on the 2009/10 DED Program which resulted in the removal of 56 out of the 106 trees recorded as having been infected. Trees were cut, removed and buried with stumps being stripped of bark.

Currently there are 90 trees identified within the Town that are infected by Dutch Elm Disease. Work is currently underway in requesting quotes on each of these trees for removal. In consultation with a number of contractors and an arborist from Truro, the committee concurs with staff that the requirement for debarking stumps does not add any value to the overall program. Therefore, the request for quotes will include the removal and burial of identified trees, but not the debarking of stumps.

The Committee is also reviewing whether the program in its current state is addressing the need in the community. Initially, the DED program was developed to slow down and stop the spread of DED in Amherst. The reality over the past number of years is that the disease is spreading and this program is just addressing the removal of infected trees. Options being reviewed include but are not limited to stopping the program and focusing on dangerous trees on Town properties, increasing the budget significantly and cutting all the Elm trees in Amherst over the next few years, or possibly to maintain the status-quo.

Staff will research what is being done in other Nova Scotia municipalities and the Committee will meet again on December 14, to discuss further.

## 7.6 **Heritage Advisory Committee** - Nil Report

## 7.7 **Audit Committee** - Nil Report

## 7.8 **Committee of the Whole** - Nil Report

# 8. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

## 8.1 **Cumberland Regional Library Board**

Councillor Angel presented the following report on behalf of the Cumberland Regional Library Board:

### **C.A.R.T (Children and Adults Reading Together)**

C.A.R.T is a popular pre-school program that teaches children the fundamentals of reading and their parents or guardians ways to incorporate literacy into everyday activities. This program is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and going strong. In the October to December session programs were held at the Advocate, Amherst, Parrsboro, and River Hebert branches. In January we will be offering sessions in Amherst, Oxford, Pugwash, and Springhill. Space is still available; call your local library for dates and times.

### **Statistics**

In the months of August and September, Cumberland Regional Library branches signed out over 22,000 items to residents of Cumberland County, that includes books, magazines, movies, TV shows and more; an increase of over 5% from 2009.

### **Downloadable Audio books & E-books**

Check out our new collection of downloadable audio and e-books on the library's webpage ([www.crl.library.ns.ca](http://www.crl.library.ns.ca)). Using your library card you can listen to books on your computer or MP3 player or read a book on your e-reader, ALL FOR FREE.

### **Did you know...**

...that you can borrow copies of the latest magazines from the library? We offer a wide selection; everything from cooking to wrestling, knitting to comics. Check out what's available in the library catalogue from our webpage ([www.crl.library.ns.ca](http://www.crl.library.ns.ca)).



**8.2 CREDA**

Councillor Fawthrop presented the following report on behalf of the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association (CREDA):

**Joggins and the UNESCO World Heritage List.**

To be included on the World Heritage List, sites must be of outstanding universal value and meet at least one out of ten selection criteria.

The Joggins site is covered within criteria number 8: *to be outstanding examples representing major stages of earth's history, including the record of life, significant on-going geological processes in the development of landforms, or significant geomorphic or physiographic features.*

There are 207 natural sites listed of which 80 are for geological reasons. Joggins is listed for the most accessible and most diversified fossils from the Carboniferous Age of 300 million years ago. To be granted World Heritage status the site must maintain its integrity. It must be protected, managed and authentic.

If you go to the UNESCO World Heritage website, you will find an interactive world map that lists all 207 natural sites.

Joggins will continue to be a key part of the Tourism Strategy for both Amherst and Cumberland.

**8.3 DARS**

Deputy Mayor Baker presented the following report on behalf of the Downtown Amherst Revitalization Society (DARS):

On November 3, Jason MacDonald met with representatives from CREDA regarding the DARS Wi-Fi project. While DARS is able to cover the capital costs (\$28,000) of the equipment, they are concerned about the ongoing operational expenditures which at this point are expected to be about \$2,000 per month.

They have indicated that there may be an opportunity to negotiate the monthly fees somewhat and there is some revenue potential through advertising. They asked me my opinion on Council's 'appetite' for partnering in this project.

I informed them that they should put together a presentation on the details and benefits of the project which they could present to Council. I also informed them that my initial thought was that Council may not want to 'partner' in the project, but that from an operational perspective we may want to buy advertising for our recreational and arts and culture programming. CREDA has indicated a willingness to advertise some regional attractions such as Joggins and Cape Chignecto as well.

CREDA / DARS will be requesting a presentation to Council on the issue in the near future.

**8.4 CJSMA**

Councillor Rhindress presented the following report on behalf of the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority (CJSMA):

At the September 29, 2010 meeting of the Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority (CJSMA), a motion was passed to request that each municipal unit adopt a requirement that residual garbage be placed in clear bags as of April 1, 2011. The Municipality of Cumberland and the Towns of Oxford and Parrsboro have recently adopted these changes. Staff will bring a recommendation to Council in December regarding this issue.

**8.5 Northern Region Waste Resource Committee**

Deputy Mayor Baker presented the following report on behalf of the Northern Region Waste Resource Committee:

A meeting of the Northern Region Solid Waste Committee was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> in Colchester County. The Northern Region Solid Waste Coordinator indicated that eight out of the nine member municipal units have adopted the new Northern Region Solid Waste Agreement, with Truro expected to adopt it soon. The document is currently being circulated for signatures.

**8.6 Cooperation Committee - Nil Report****8.7 Airport Committee - Nil Report****8.8 Amherst and Area Chamber of Commerce – Nil Report****8.9 VON**

Deputy Mayor Baker said he went to a meeting the other night – the CAO had asked last meeting where the VON received its funding from; Deputy Mayor Baker reported that their major funding came from United Way and explained the 'black out zone' time period.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to the adjournment, Mayor Small reported that Council and staff continue to do everything we possibly can to assist Teletech staff and create an investment portfolio to pursue new opportunities for the community. He thanked Councillor Angel for his efforts in the Victorian Christmas light up. He extended the Town's appreciation to the Y's Men's club the great job they did in organizing the annual Christmas parade.

On motion by Councillor Rhindress the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

### APPROVED BY:

Gregory D. Herrett, CA  
Town Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer

Robert Small  
Mayor

## November 29, 2010 - Agenda

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<b>4.</b>	<b>REQUESTS FOR DECISION</b>	<b>RFD</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
4.1	DA at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Landsdowne Avenue	2010098	Bird
4.2	Funding Request – Lions/Lioness/SADD	2010099	Baker
4.3	Policy: Amend PAC Policy #66000-01	2010100	March
4.4	Policy: Amend Flowers, Baskets, Donations Policy #10350-11	2010101	Angel
4.5	By-Law: Amend Police Commission By-Law	2010102	Fawthrop
4.6	CJSMA – Appoint Additional Board Member	2010103	Rhindress
4.7	YAC – Appoint Member	2010104	Bird
4.8	December Meeting Date	2010105	Rhindress
<b>5.</b>	<b>INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>		
5.1	Authentically Amherst Update	March	47
<b>6.</b>	<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</b>		
6.1	Dickey Park Redevelopment – Project Status Report	Baker	48
<b>7.</b>	<b>INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>		
7.1	Planning Advisory Committee	Nil report	--
7.2	Amherst Board of Police Commissioners	Nil report	--
7.3	Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Committee	Nil report	--
7.4	Youth Advisory Council	Bird	49
7.5	Tree Advisory Committee	Fawthrop	50
7.6	Heritage Advisory Committee	Nil report	--
7.7	Audit Committee	Nil report	--
7.8	Committee of the Whole	Nil report	--
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8.1	Cumberland Regional Library Board	Angel	51
8.2	CREDA	Fawthrop	52
8.3	DARS	Baker	53
8.4	CJSMA	Rhindress	54
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8.6	Cooperation Committee	Nil report	--
8.7	Airport Committee	Nil report	--
8.8	Amherst and Area Chamber of Commerce	Bird	Verbal
8.9	VON	Baker	Verbal
<b>9.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		