

April 27, 2000

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, April 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with all Councillors present.

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Agenda be approved with five additions.” Motion carried

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the minutes of the meeting held on March 30, 2000 be approved as circulated.” Motion carried

Correspondence

**David Darrow,
Executive Director
Municipal Services
and Duart
MacAulay,
President, UNSM**

Letters from **David Darrow, Executive Director, Municipal Services and Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM** with information on the impact of the 2000-2001 Provincial Budget on municipalities, in particular with regard to Machinery and Equipment grant.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letters from David Darrow and Duart MacAuley be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a letter be written to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, copied to the UNSM, regarding negative impact on municipalities of the Provincial Budget and downloading of services, with a request that information be forwarded to municipalities in a timely fashion.” Motion carried

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Merriam declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table during discussion of the following matter.

Truro and District Chamber of Commerce

A letter from the **Truro and District Chamber of Commerce** responding to the Municipality's denial of funding to the Tulip Festival.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That the Municipality support the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce Tulip Festival this year."

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the motion be amended to include the amount of \$1500."
Amendment defeated.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

"That the motion be amended to include the amount of \$1000."
Motion carried. Voting on the original motion with amendment, the motion was carried.

Councillor Merriam returned to the table at this point in the meeting.

Truro District Labour Council

A letter from the **Truro & District Labour Council** requesting Council to adopt a resolution to have the UI (EI) Act reviewed.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That the Municipality endorse the resolution from the Truro and District Labour Council requesting a review of the UI (EI) Act."

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Ross

"That the original motion be amended to read that the Municipality endorse intent for a review of the UI (EI) Act." Motion carried.
Voting on the original motion, the motion was carried.

Archibald, Morley

A letter from **Archibald, Morley** requesting the Municipality enter an Agreement with the owners of the Sand Point Beach Campground Limited re the Five Islands Lighthouse.

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That the letter regarding the Five Islands Lighthouse be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Region of Queens
Municipality and
Nova Scotia
Technology and
Science Secretariat**

Letters from the **Region of Queens Municipality and Nova Scotia Technology and Science Secretariat** requesting consideration of a resolution regarding mobile radios for Volunteers.

Moved by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the letters from the Region of Queens Municipality and Nova Scotia Technology and Science Secretariat be received as information.” Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Merriam declared a conflict of interest and left the table during discussion on the following matter.

**D.A. Stallard, N.S.
Highlanders**

A letter from **D.A. Stallard, N.S. Highlanders**, requesting support for the retention and augmentation of the Military Reserves.

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality write a letter of support for the retention and augmentation of the Military Reserve.” Motion carried

Councillor Merriam returned to the table at this point in the meeting.

**Ken Moses, CAO,
Municipality of
Yarmouth**

A letter from **Ken Moses, CAO, Municipality of Yarmouth**, requesting support of their concerns regarding state of rural roads in Nova Scotia.

Moved by Councillor Elliott

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a letter be written to Hon. David Collenette, Federal Minister of

Transport, regarding the state of rural roads in Nova Scotia.” Motion carried.

**N.S. Adopt - A
Highway Program**

A letter from the **N.S. Adopt-A-Highway** requesting the Municipality to participate in their program.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the letter from the N.S. Adopt-A- Highway Program be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried

**N.S. Utility &
Review Board**

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board** advising that the Millbrook Indian Band has filed an appeal of the development agreement with First Truro Shopping Centres Limited. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Oil Heatfax

The April Newsletter from the **Canadian Oil Heat Association**. Council agreed to receive the newsletter for information purposes.

**Truro-Colchester
Joint Planning
Advisory Committee**

A letter from the **Truro-Colchester Joint Planning Advisory Committee** requesting Council to set a joint hearing date for the Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for the Flood Risk Area.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approve at first reading the draft Truro-Colchester Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for Flood Risk Areas and that the Clerk, in consultation with the Town of Truro, be authorized to set a time and date for a Public Hearing.” Motion carried

**Canadian
Firefighters Curling
Association**

A letter from the **Canadian Firefighters Curling Association** expressing appreciation from participants in the firefighters curling championship. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Minister of the
Environment and the
Canadian Wildlife
Service**

Letters from **the Minister of the Environment and the Canadian Wildlife Service** informing that the *Species at Risk Act* will be tabled in the House of Commons next week. Council agreed to receive the letters for information purposes.

**Nova Scotia
Transportation and
Public Works**

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works** in response to our letter regarding road signage. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Nova Scotia Utility
and Review Board**

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board** notifying that the hearing scheduled for April 17th re Sempra Gas and Halifax Regional Municipality has been cancelled. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**The Spirit of the
Times**

A letter from **The Spirit of the Times** requesting municipalities to hold a plebiscite in conjunction with the municipal election on the topic “Should Cape Breton consider forming its own province”. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

FCM

A letter from the **FCM** calling for application for FCM-CH2M Hill Sustainable Community Award. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Michael Baker,
Acting Minister,
Department of
Environment**

A letter from **Michael Baker, Acting Minister, Department of Environment** in response to the Municipality’s letter regarding level II Qualified Persons. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Nova Scotia
Department of the
Environment**

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Department of the Environment** containing information on the new regulations regarding Home Sewage Disposal Systems. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A report from the **Building Inspector** containing building permit statistics for the month of March 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Development Officer

A report from the **Development Officer** outlining Development Activity for the month of March 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

FCM

A letter from **FCM** acknowledging receipt of FCM membership fees. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Northern Regional
Health Board**

Minutes from the **Northern Regional Health Board** containing highlights from the governance meeting. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Paul Szabo, M.P.
Mississauga South**

A letter from **Paul Szabo, M.P.** containing information on the National Awareness Campaign on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

John Hamm, Premier

A statement from **Premier John Hamm** released prior to budget. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Maritimes &
Northeast Pipeline**

A letter from **Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline** containing information on Pipeline Safety. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Emergency
Measures (NS)**

A letter from **Emergency Measures (NS)** announcing a new disaster financial assistance policy. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**The Canadian
National Institute for
the Blind**

A letter from the **Canadian National Institute for the Blind** acknowledging the municipalities grant to their organization. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Linda Vidal

A letter and petition from **Linda Vidal** regarding solid waste collection in Colchester Park. Council agreed to receive the package for information purposes.

**The Honourable Paul
Martin**

A letter from **the Honourable Paul Martin** responding to the Warden's letter concerning tax-free amount for fire fighters. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Dan P. McDougall,
CAO, Municipality of
the District of
Guysborough and the
Town of Parrsboro**

Letters from the **Municipality of the District of Guysborough and the Town of Parrsboro** enclosing a resolution regarding transfer payment for health care. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Nova Scotia Housing
& Municipal Affairs**

A News Release from **Nova Scotia Housing & Municipal Affairs** with information regarding assessments of gas-related properties. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**First Reading -
Regional Emergency
Measures By-law**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That Council hereby approves by way of First Reading the Regional Emergency Measures By-law.” Motion carried

**Planning By-law
amendment -
Huckleberry Lane,
Valley**

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That Council approve at first reading the proposed amendments to the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and implementing Land Use By-law amendments, all of which are attached hereto, for purposes of forwarding these documents to a Public Hearing, reserving consideration of the merits until Second Reading immediately following the Public Hearing.” Motion carried

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Taylor declared a Conflict of Interest and left the table during discussion on the following matter.

**Residential Waste
Collection - Award of
Tender**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Municipality award the Residential Waste Collection tender to Truro Sanitation Limited for a five-year term for a total contract price, inclusive of HST for \$5,901,715 and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the contract.” Motion carried.

Councillor Taylor returned to the table at this point in the discussions.

**CoRDA Meeting
Date**

Discussion took place regarding a suitable date for a special meeting to review CoRDA documents. It was agreed that all Councillors be contacted to confirm date of this special meeting.

**UNSM Regional
Meeting**

An Information Item was presented confirming that the UNSM Regional Meeting would be held on Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Noel Legion Hall.

**East Prince Street -
Brunswick Street
Extension Sidewalk**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Public Works Department, in conjunction with the Town of Truro, be asked to investigate the matter of a sidewalk extension at the East Prince -Brunswick Street intersection, with a report to be presented at a future meeting of Council Committee.” Motion carried.

Valley Bridge

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation, copied to three

area MLA's, clearly stating our position on the Valley Bridge and stressing that this bridge be replaced for the safety of the community." Motion carried.

Council Committee

Councillor Matheson presented the report from Council Committee which consisted of the following motions.

**Annual Bank
Resolution Renewals**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Ross

"That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the banking documents presented at the April 13 Council Committee meeting." Motion carried

**Temporary
Borrowing
Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the temporary borrowing resolution renewal as presented at the April 13 Council Committee meeting." Motion carried

**2000 Municipal
Election Fees**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

"That the following fee schedule for 2000 Municipal Elections be approved:

Chief Returning Officer	\$0
Registrar of Voters/Assistant Returning Officer	\$3,000
Deputy Returning Officers	\$150 plus mileage to attend Training Sessions and to return ballots to Court House
Poll Clerk	\$100
Enumerators	\$30 plus 65 cents per name
Polling Stations	\$75."

Motion carried

**Rental Space at
Materials Recovery
Facility**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That the Municipality write RRFB thanking them for their co-operation over the past three years, and

That the letter indicate that the Municipality advise the RRFB, that the alternations are to be kept intact, with no compensation, in keeping with the lease agreement.” Motion carried

Hilden Sewer Study

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That a Manhole Inspection and Rehabilitation Program be approved, as set out in the Council Committee Action item, subject to Council approval of a 1 cent increase in the sewer area rate during Area Rate budget deliberations in May.” Motion carried.

Hilden Sidewalk

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the 2000-01 Sidewalk Budget contain an allocation of \$7,000 for additional drainage work on the Hilden sidewalk.” Motion carried.

**Registry 2000-
Discussion Paper**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the draft letter, as presented to Council Committee, be forwarded as the Municipality’s position on the Registry 2000-Discussion Paper.” Motion carried

**Road Signage -
Debert Fire District,
Bass River Fire
District and Great
Village District**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That the Municipality contact the Department of Transportation and Public Works and request that they install road signs, according to their signage standards, using the 911 street names on the list of intersections lacking signage, as presented, and

That the Department of Transportation and Public Works be requested to modify their road signage to agree with the 911 street names on the discrepancy list, as presented.” Motion carried.

Crosswalk Policy

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Crosswalk Installation Policy be approved as presented.”
Motion carried.

**Reports from
Councillors
appointed to Outside
Boards, Committees**

Deputy Warden Johnson reported on the Provincial Volunteer Awards Dinner in Halifax and the National Fire Fighters Dinner. Deputy Warden Johnson also reported on the UNSM Spring Workshop in Bridgewater.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera Session

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes
Deputy Clerk