

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, February 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with all Councillors present except Councillor Blair and Councillor Merriam.

Public Hearing - Sobey Leased Properties Limited - Development Agreement Amendment

At 7:05 Warden Smith called the Public Hearing to order relative to the request from Sobey Leased Properties Limited for a Development Agreement Amendment to permit an addition to the front of the Robie Street food store.

A staff report had been circulated to Council members and made available to the public.

The Clerk advised that all guidelines of the Municipal Government Act regarding advertising of the Public Hearing had been followed.

The Warden reminded Council that only those Councillors present for the entire hearing are permitted to vote and staff are present to answer any technical questions. This public hearing is Council's opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors have an opportunity to debate the merits of the amendment when the motion is presented to Council.

Mr. Paul Smith, Planner, summarized the application, explaining that Sobeys wish to erect an addition to the front of their food store to accommodate a smoke shop and a banking facility.

Mr. Glen Boone, Real Estate Planner, representing Sobey's gave a brief overview of the request.

The Clerk reported that no written submissions had been received.

No public submissions were made at the invitation of the Warden. The Public Hearing was closed.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

"That Council approve the proposed addition to the Sobey's Food Store and enter into the Development Agreement attached as Appendix 3 to the Staff Report."
Motion carried.

The Warden reported that this is a Development Agreement amendment and does not require approval of the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs. Council's decision on this application is appealable to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. Any appeal of Council's decision must be made within 14 days of the advertising of same in the local newspaper.

Councillor Merriam arrived at this point in the meeting.

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

"That the Agenda be approved with three additions and one deletion." Motion carried

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

"That the minutes of the meetings held on January 5 and January 27, 2000 be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

**Presentations:
David L. Albert**

Mr. David L. Albert made a presentation regarding the Occupational Health & Safety Request for Proposals.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

"That the report as presented by Mr. David Albert be received." Motion carried.

Correspondence:

**Municipality of the
District of Barrington**

A letter from the **Municipality of the District of Barrington** expressing concerns regarding the use of the single license plate system.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the letter received from the Municipality of the District of Barrington be referred to Council Committee." Motion carried

**Petition - Peppard
Drive residents**

A petition from residents of **Peppard Drive** requesting paving of their street.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

"That the petition received from residents of Peppard Drive be referred to Council

Committee.” Motion carried.

**Purdy Crawford -
Five Islands School**

A letter from **Purdy Crawford** requesting Council’s assistance in keeping the Five Islands School open.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That a letter be written to the Chignecto-Central School Board requesting information on the closure of the Five Islands School, with copies of correspondence to Purdy Crawford and West Colchester Development Association, and the matter be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Nova Scotia Housing
& Municipal Affairs**

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Department of Housing & Municipal Affairs** requesting comments on the Discussion Paper - Registry 2000.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That the letter from the Nova Scotia Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs regarding the Discussion Paper - Registry 2000 be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

Village of Bible Hill

Two requests for rezoning from the **Village of Bible Hill** for property owned by the Village in Bible Hill.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the request for rezoning from the Village of Bible Hill be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee and the Clerk be authorized to set the date and time for the Public Hearing.” Motion carried.

**White Paper on the
Development of a
Policing Plan for
Nova Scotia**

A letter from **James Beaver, Executive Director, Department of Justice**, announcing the release of the White Paper on the Development of a Policing Plan for Nova Scotia.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson

“That the letter from the Department of Justice be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Limited**

A letter from the **Colchester Transportation Cooperative Limited** providing an update on the pilot project and requesting an extension of the lease for the former LIDA bus for a further six months.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter received from the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Limited be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried

Fundy Senior Games

A letter from the **Fundy Senior Games** requesting assistance in the amount of \$300.00 to help offset expenses.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter received from the Fundy Senior Games be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

A letter from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** enclosing minutes of meetings held on December 8, 1999 and January 12, 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A news release from **Air Canada and Canadian Airlines** with information on their 2000 schedules. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **FCM** informing they had filed a submission on behalf of municipal governments regarding the CRTC Rights-of-Way Proceeding. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Nova Scotia Power** introducing a new service to residents of Nova Scotia. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Development Officer** containing the Development Activity Report for the month of January. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Building Inspector** containing the Building Permit Statistics for the month of January 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A Press Report from **FCM** regarding the National Infrastructure Program. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **NS Department of Education** containing the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries Annual Report. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from **Councillor Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM** to the Minister of Finance regarding the provincial HST rebate. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Gordon Balsler, Minister Economic Development** to Colchester Regional Development Agency regarding the Debert Air Industrial Park. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Northern Regional Health Board** containing highlights of their meeting held on January 19, 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Nova Scotia Tourism Partnership Council** containing the Executive Summary of “The Business Case for Growing Tourism in Nova Scotia”. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **FCM** with an update on the new national infrastructure program. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Good Neighbour Energy Fund** announcing the fund is in effect for the third year. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **The Lung Association of Nova Scotia** informing that a Door to Door Campaign will be held March 15 to April 3, 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

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

A letter from **Jerry Pye, MLA, Dartmouth North** and NDP Critic for Housing and Municipal Affairs. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Utilities & Review Board** informing that the application to divide Polling District 1 had been approved. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Second Reading -
Tax Exemption By-
law**

Moved by Councillor Ross
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approve at Second Reading the Tax Exemption By-law, with the addition of Property #00483559 to part 2, non-profit recreation, community

organization.” Motion carried.

**Second Reading -
Council Proceedings
By-law**

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approve at Second Reading the Council Proceedings By-law as attached.” Motion carried.

**First Reading -
Municipal Holiday
By-law**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approve at First Reading the Municipal Holiday By-law, as attached to these minutes.” Motion carried.

**2000 FCM
Delegates - London,
Ontario**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Councillor Merriam and Deputy Warden Johnson attend the FCM Conference in London, Ontario.” Motion carried.

**Occupational Health
& Safety Proposal**

Staff responded to concerns raised regarding the awarding of the Occupational Health & Safety Proposal.

**Sale of Surplus
Equipment**

An Information Item was presented to Council advising that 3 pieces of surplus equipment had been sold by tender.

**Grants to Non-Profit
Organizations**

An Information Item was presented to Council outlining procedure for considering grants to non-profit organizations.

Dutch Delegation

Council was informed that Ivo Blom from Holland is scheduled to visit the area in early March.

Council Committee

Deputy Warden Johnson presented the report from Council Committee which consisted of the following motions:

**Road Signage -
Economy Fire
District**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

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

presented.” Motion carried.

**Transfer from
Capital Reserve**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That \$170,393 be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund to be applied to the Kemptown Properties.” Motion carried

**Appointment of
Election Officers**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Mr. Gary MacIsaac be appointed as Chief Returning Officer and Ms. K. Ann Fiddes be appointed as Registrar of Voters for the 2000 Municipal Elections.”
Motion carried

**Property Tax Write-
offs**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That property taxes and interest in the amount of \$12,773,82 as detailed on the listings presented be written-off.” Motion carried.

**Planning Priorities
2000**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That the Municipality proceed with the Central Plan Review as per the proposal and time frame presented by Crawford Macpherson.” Motion carried

**Area Planning
Advisory Committee**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the current Planning Advisory Committee and Commissioner Gary Betts from the Village of Bible Hill form the Area Planning Advisory Committee to consider the Central Plan Review.” Motion carried.

**County
representative to
REMO**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Deputy Warden Johnson be named as the County’s representative to the Regional Emergency Measures Organization (REMO).” Motion carried.

**Natural Gas Task
Force**

Deputy Warden Johnson reported for the Natural Gas Task Force and read a letter from Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM regarding the meeting held in Truro.

**Nominating
Committee**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Councillor Ross be named as the CNTA representative from Colchester County Council.” Motion carried.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That a letter be written to Mr. Coupar, owner of Atlantic Central Drive, East Mountain, requesting that the agreed to buffer/screening between the commercial subdivision and neighbouring residences be constructed.” Motion carried.

**Reports from
Councillors
appointed to outside
Boards**

Deputy Warden Johnson reported that she had attended the Town Hall meeting on Health Care meeting called by CUPE. Deputy Warden Johnson and the CAO attended a meeting in Halifax of Rural Municipalities. It was agreed by those in attendance that the rural municipalities continue to work through the UNSM.

Councillor Taylor reported that CoRDA is working on their 5-year plan. Councillors Baas and Merriam reported they had attended several meetings held by Harold Verge.

Recess

Council agreed to recess for an In-Camera meeting.

The Council reconvened following the In-Camera meeting, Councillor Taylor was not present for this portion of the meeting as he had previously declared a Conflict of Interest.

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That staff be instructed to prepare a collection tender document to include a five-year term, reflecting the current status of the blue box program, with provision for modification, and a change in specifications to indicate Saturday collection will occur after holiday long weekends.” Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes
Deputy Clerk