

## 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, January 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

The roll was called with all Councillors present with the exception of Councillor Cavanaugh.

### **Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

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

### **Minutes**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the minutes of the meetings held on November 25, 1999 and December 9, 1999 be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

### **Presentations: Employee Liaison Committee**

Mr. Paul Smith, Chairman, and Mr. Colin Forsythe, representing the Employee Liaison Committee made a presentation to Council. Mr. Smith displayed a chart showing high temperatures and humidity registered at seven stations throughout the Court House during the summer months. The Committee is requesting that Council consider installing air conditioning in County Offices.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That the presentation from the Employee Liaison Committee be referred to the Additions and Deletions Budget Meeting.” Motion carried.

### **Harold Verge**

Mr. Harold Verge made a presentation to Council regarding Community Economic Development in the Colchester Regional Community. A copy of this report is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the report as presented by Mr. Harold Verge be received.”

Motion carried.

A letter from the **Town of Truro** informing that the Town have agreed to carry out their own tender for four stream garbage collection. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from the **Town of Stewiacke** to the Truro Chamber of Commerce regarding the Municipal Planning Strategy. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

## **Jake Brakes**

A letter from **Mike Henderson, Brookfield Community Assembly**, requesting the Municipality to enact a policy regarding use of Jake Brakes.

Moved by Councillor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the CAO be instructed to write a letter to the Minister, Department of Transportation, copied to the Brookfield Community Association, Town of Truro and R.C.M.P., regarding Jake Brakes.”  
Motion carried

A letter from **Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley**, urging the Municipality to enact a policy regarding jake brakes. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

## **Crosswalks**

A copy of a letter from **George Lantz, District Traffic Supervisor, Northern** to the Brookfield Community Assembly regarding RA-5 Signs with Luminaries.

Moved by Councillor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That information be obtained from the Department of Transportation regarding costs for crosswalks with overhead lighting in the Brookfield and East Prince Street areas.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting information on the cost to move a crosswalk overhead sign from the former military base to the area near the Debert School.” Motion carried.

A letter from **Elmer MacDonald, Superintendent of Schools** enclosing a copy of the Resource Allocation Formulae Report which will be considered at meetings held for this purpose. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Brian Russell, Acting Area Manager - Colchester DOT** informing that a study of the intersection of the Onslow Road and Highway 102 Exit Ramp is being conducted. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Mark Brennan, Pictou County Naturalists** containing information on the economic impacts of Nature Tourism. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Amendment to  
Development  
Agreement**

A letter from **Glen Boone, Real Estate Planner, Atlantic Shopping Centres Limited** with a request for an amendment to the original Development Agreement for their Robie Street store.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the request from Atlantic Shopping Centres Limited be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee and that the CAO be authorized to set a date and time for the Public Hearing.” Motion carried.

Letters from **Duart MacAulay, UNSM** and **John A. Young, Boyne Clarke** re Sempra’s correspondence to Halifax Regional Municipality. Council agreed to receive the letters for information purposes.

A letter from **Duart MacAulay, UNSM President**, advising that the UNSM is hoping to negotiate a more reasonable method of calculating municipal taxes with Sempra Gas. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Letters from **Ronald S. Russell, Minister, Department of Environment** and **Kenneth Simpson, UNSM** requesting input on the Provincial Water Resource Management Strategy. Copies of this report are to be made available to Councillors.

A letter from **George Fox, Deputy Minister, Department of the Environment**, regarding the September 1999 THM water sampling program. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Ronald S. Russell, Minister, Department of the Environment** advising that the Department cannot continue to offer the Watercourse Enhancement Program. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Jay Brenton, A. Regional Manager, Northern Region, Department of the Environment**, informing Council that DOE staff will provide technical and site supervision to complete the site on the North River which was previously identified. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from **Jane Purves, Minister, Department of Education**, to Chairman, Regional Library Board regarding funding. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM** advising that separate meetings for Town, Rural and Regional Government Officials will be held as part of the 2000 Spring Workshops. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Inky Mark, M.P. Dauphin-Swan Lake, Manitoba** containing feedback on Bill C-10. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Building Inspector** containing Building Permit Statistics for the months of November and December 1999. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Development Officer** containing the Development Activity Report for the months of November and December 1999. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** with an invitation to submit resolutions to the FCM Annual Conference. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Hon. David M. Collenette, Minister of Transport**, responding to the County's letter regarding the Town of Oakville and its case against Canadian National Railway. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** advising that the FCM has secured a much-improved set of legislation and

regulations by which municipalities receive payments in lieu of taxes. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** enclosing minutes of recent Board meetings. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM** enclosing the municipality's 2000 UNSM dues bill. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** advising the CRTC recently initiated a public proceeding to examine telecommunications companies access to municipal rights-of-way. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from the **Village of Bible Hill** to Beasy Nicoll Engineering Ltd. regarding the traffic study. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Truro and District Chamber of Commerce** regarding the Municipal Planning Strategy. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

#### **Tax Free Amount for Volunteers**

A letter from **The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance**, regarding the tax-free amount for emergency service volunteers.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality write a letter to the Minister of Finance requesting a clarification of the response to our letter of September 15, 1999, regarding tax free amounts for emergency service volunteers.”  
Motion carried.

A letter from **Lillian Smith, Town Clerk, Town of Stewiacke**, notifying that Stewiacke has agreed to contribute to a maximum of ten percent the Intermunicipal EMO Agreement. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **CIPEC** enclosing the Annual Report of the Canadian industry Program for Energy Conservation. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** enclosing the 1999-2000 Budget for the School Board. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Department of Housing & Municipal Affairs** advising the Registry of Deeds will act as the Municipality's agent for the collection of Deed Transfer Tax. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Department of the Environment** informing the Department is conducting a review of the Environment Act. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

### **Federal Funding for Homelessness**

A letter from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** announcing new Federal Funding for Homelessness.

Moved by Councillor Baas

Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality send a letter of support to the FCM for the new infusion of funds for Homelessness.” Motion carried.

A copy of a letter from **Brooke Taylor, MLA** to Ron Russell, Minister, Department of Transportation and Public Works, requesting a review of the file on the Valley Bridge. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Mannie Withrow, Building Inspector**, containing the Dangerous and Unsightly Report for 1999. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Department of the Environment** enclosing a draft of the Proposed Regulations and Guidelines for Monitoring Public Drinking Water Supplies. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from **Bob Baxter, Managing Director, Truro & District Chamber of Commerce** to Mayor Lohnes, Town of Stewiacke, regarding the MPS. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Town of Stewiacke** informing that the Town is withdrawing from the Natural Gas Task Force. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Draft brief to  
Minister of  
Education**

A letter from **The Municipality of the County of Cumberland** enclosing a draft brief to be presented to the Minister of Education re education concerns.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

That the Draft Brief to the Minister of Education, received from the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**First Reading - Tax  
Exemption By-law**

Moved by Councillor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council hereby approves by way of First Reading the Tax Exemption By-law as attached to these minutes.” Motion carried.

**First Reading  
Council Proceedings  
By-law**

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council hereby approve at first reading the Council Proceedings By-law as attached to these minutes.” Motion carried.

**Inter-Municipal  
Emergency Services  
Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Intermunicipal Emergency Services Agreement with the Town of Truro and the Town of Stewiacke be approved, and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.” Motion carried.

**Request from Bible  
Hill re dead, dying or  
diseased trees**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill regarding dead, dying or diseased trees be referred to Council Committee for action.” Motion carried.

**Health By-law Issue**

Councillor Taylor brought to the attention of Council a Health Issue brought on by an Open Compost Pile in an Urban Area.

Council agreed that staff be instructed to investigate the issue of open compost in an urban area.

**Committee Reports:**

**Council Committee -  
In Camera  
(December 9)  
East Hants  
Recyclables  
Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Municipality enter into a 3-year extension of the Recyclables Agreement with the Municipality of East Hants for a term expiring January 8, 2003, at a price of \$45 per tonne, and

That the Warden and CAO be authorized to execute the Agreement.”  
Motion carried.

**Council Committee  
(December 9)  
Renaming Alton  
Road to Coldstream  
Road**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That a portion of Alton Road be renamed Coldstream Road and staff be instructed to forward appropriate information to the Department of Transportation.” Motion carried

**Council Committee  
(January 13)  
Low Income Tax  
Exemption Policy**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy be approved as presented with the annual exemption increased to \$100.00.” Motion carried.

**Tax Certificate  
Resolution**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Tax Certificate rate of \$25.00 remain as charged.” Motion carried.

**Level II Qualified  
Persons**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That a letter be written to the Department of the Environment, copies to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, expressing concern regarding downloading of services and requesting information regarding availability and cost of the course to obtain Level II Certificate.”  
Motion carried.

**Blue Box Program**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the upcoming collection tenders for garbage/recyclables include

an option for seasonal collection on private roads in the three cottage country areas.” Motion carried.

**Personnel Policy 7:02**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Personnel Policy 7:02 be revised as recommended, and Policy 7:02 dated January 25, 1996 be repealed.” Motion carried.

**Flood Advisory  
Committee - North  
River Work**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That DOE be given permission on the North River work as described, allowing the use of funds up to \$20,000 (including HST), with any money remaining, if available, be used for the Park Street Bridge area.” Motion carried.

Council agreed that a letter be written to Department of Environment staff to express appreciation for assistance given in this project.

**Planning Advisory  
Committee -  
Heritage Property,  
Great Village**

Moved by Councillor Merriam  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the building located at 8 Wharf Road in Great Village be designated as a Municipal Heritage property.” Motion carried.

**Dutch Delegation  
Information**

Warden Smith reported that he has received information indicating that a representative from the Rotterdam Port Authority will be visiting the area in mid February.

**Reports from  
Councillors  
appointed to outside  
Boards**

Councillor Blair reported for the Library Board and Councillor Baas reported for CPDS.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess for an In-Camera session.

The Council meeting reconvened from the In-Camera session

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes  
Deputy Clerk

