

November 30, 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, November 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All Councillors were in attendance with the exception of Councillor Cavanaugh

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

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

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2000 be approved as amended by adding on *page 4*, third paragraph, after the word Crosswalk, the words ‘on Mountain Lee Road’, and on *page 7* under ‘School Board Invitation’ after the word area, the words ‘in Brookfield’ and minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2000 be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

Staff Presentation

Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development, presented a report to Council on Parkland Strategy in the Municipality of Colchester.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the report presented by Crawford Macpherson be received.” Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the report be referred to Council Committee for further study.” Motion carried.

**Convention
Committee,
Colchester Branch
No. 26, Royal
Canadian Legion**

A letter from **Ronald T. Trowsdale, Chairman, Convention Committee, Colchester Branch No. 26, Royal Canadian Legion** requesting financial assistance for the 45th Provincial Convention being held in Truro during the week of May 18-23, 2001.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the request from the Colchester Branch No 26, Royal Canadian Legion for financial assistance be referred to Council Committee for consideration.” Motion carried

**Nova Scotia
Agriculture and
Fisheries**

A letter from **Susan Horne, Nova Scotia Agriculture and Fisheries** containing information re the Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That staff be instructed to contact a staff person from the Department of Agriculture to request they attend the meeting of Council Committee on December 14 to respond to questions about the new Marshland Conservation Act.” Motion carried.

**George Buckler,
Chairman,
Tatamagouche
Village Commission**

A letter from **George Buckler, Chairman, Tatamagouche Village Commission** requesting a change in legislation to allow the Village to pass a by-law to exempt properties from the hydrant rate.

Moved by Councillor Lefresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the letter from the Tatamagouche Village Commission regarding hydrant rates be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Canadian Public
Health Association**

A letter from the **Canadian Public Health Association** requesting Council to proclaim December 1, 2000 as World AIDS Day.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That December 1, 2000 be proclaimed as World AIDS Days in the Municipality of Colchester.” Motion carried.

**White Ribbon
Campaign**

A letter from **Jack Layton, Chair: The White Ribbon Campaign, FCM** requesting Council to proclaim November 25 - December 6 as White Ribbon Week.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That November 25 - December 6, 2000 be proclaimed as White Ribbon Week in the Municipality of Colchester.” Motion carried.

Central Nova Tourist Association

A letter from the **Central Nova Tourist Association** requesting support in Hosting the Annual General Meeting in January.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the request from the Central Nova Tourist Association be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

R. Elroy Hanes

A letter from **R. Elroy Hanes** requesting rezoning of property at 1259 Hwy #2 in Hilden.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the request from R. Elroy Hanes for rezoning of property in Hilden be rejected.” Motion carried.

Nova Scotia Liquor Commission

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Liquor Commission** requesting the Municipality to request a Plebiscite to allow an Agency Liquor Store to be located in Bass River.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the letter from the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission be referred to Council Committee for consideration.” Motion carried.

**Angus MacIsaac,
Minister, Department
of Housing &
Municipal Affairs**

A letter from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs** informing that they are unable to approve the proposed amendments to flood risk areas for Farnham Road.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the letter from the Minister, Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs re Farnham Road be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Joseph Dion,
Director, Policy and
Public Affairs, FCM**

A letter from **Joseph Dion, Director, Policy and Public Affairs, FCM** calling for Resolutions for Consideration by the FCM National Board was brought forward from Information Correspondence and discussed. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Brian Stonehouse,
Service Nova Scotia
and Municipal
Relations**

A letter from **Brian Stonehouse, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations** regarding Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure was brought forward from Information Correspondence and discussed. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**NS Department of
Environment &
Labour**

A copy of **Committee Report, Nova Scotia's Environment Act Legislative Review Process 2000** was brought forward from Information Correspondence and discussed. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Transition News

A copy of **Transition News**, the newsletter from the NS Department of Health was brought forward from Information Correspondence and discussed. Councillor Lefresne informed Council that he had resigned from the Health Board as an elected official is prohibited from service as a Board Member. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Municipality of
Annapolis County**

A copy of a letter from the **Municipality of Annapolis County** to the UNSM re Assessment Services Cost Recovery was brought forward from Information Correspondence and discussed. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Gordon Balsler,
Minister Responsible
for the Petroleum
Directorate**

A letter from **Gordon Balsler, Minister Responsible for the Petroleum Directorate** requesting input regarding Oil and Gas Issues was brought forward from Information Correspondence and discussed. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Anna Allen,
President, Union of
Nova Scotia
Municipalities**

A copy of a letter from **Anna Allen, President, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities** to Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Housing & Municipal Affairs regarding UNSM's Pre-Conference Executive Committee meeting pertaining to Municipal Taxation of Utilities. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Premier John Hamm

A letter from **Premier John Hamm** in response to Warden Smith's letter regarding the FCM's Quality of Life Infrastructure Program Proposal. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A report from the **Building Inspector** containing the Building Permit Statistics for the months of September and October, 2000. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

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| Development Officer | A report from the Development Officer containing the Development Activity Report for the months of September and October, 2000. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the report for information purposes. |
| Environment Canada | A letter from Environment Canada containing a copy of speaking notes for the Honourable David Anderson, Minister of the Environment. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |
| Suzanne Meunier, Federation of Canadian Municipalities | A News Release from Suzanne Meunier, Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding World Habitat Day 2000. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |
| Clyde A. Purvis, CAO, Municipality of Pictou County | A copy of a letter from Clyde A Purvis, CAO, Municipality of Pictou County to the Prime Minister supporting Colchester's proposal re gasoline taxation. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |
| Brian Stonehouse, Deputy Minister, Services Nova Scotia | A letter from Brian Stonehouse, Deputy Minister, Service Nova Scotia providing an introduction to the new government department. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |
| Angus MacIsaac and Ernest L. Fage | A letter from Angus MacIsaac and Ernest L. Fage providing an update on the status of Nova Scotia protected areas initiative. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |
| Angus MacIsaac, Service Nova Scotia | A copy of a letter from Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Service Nova Scotia to Anna Allen regarding the municipal taxation of utilities. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |
| South Colchester Development Association | A copy of October minutes from the South Colchester Development Association . <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the minutes for information purposes. |
| Allan Hayman, President, CUPE Local 3945 | A letter from Allan Hayman, President, CUPE Local 3945 regarding the new Canada Infrastructure Program. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |
| John F. Eddy, Executive Vice President, Radio AM60 CKCL | A letter from John F. Eddy, Executive Vice-President, Radio AM60 CKCL notifying of their application to convert radio station CKCL from AM to FM. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive the letter for information purposes. |

**Kevin G. Caines,
Department of
Transportation**

A letter from **Kevin Caines, Department of Transportation** regarding lighting at the Debert Interchange. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

OilHeatfax

A copy of *OilHeatfax*, the newsletter from the Canadian Oil Heat Association. Council agreed to receive the newsletter for information purposes.

**Anna Allen,
President, UNSM**

A letter from **Anna Allen, President, UNSM** containing information on the new Social Services Act. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Betty Bauman,
Chairperson**

A letter from **Betty Bauman, Chairperson**, requesting support for widows of Nova Scotia. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Mayor Leonard
MacDonald, Town of
Mulgrave**

A copy of a letter from **Mayor Leonard MacDonald, Town of Mulgrave** to the UNSM regarding Assessment Services Cost Recovery. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Bill Casey, MP

A letter from **Bill Casey, MP** in response to a letter from Warden Smith regarding the proposed overpass to serve the Millbrook First Nation. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Bill Casey, MP

A letter from **Bill Casey, MP** in response to our letter regarding gasoline and diesel tax. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Gordon Balsler,
Minister, Economic
Development**

A letter from **Gordon Balsler, Minister, Economic Development** announcing the launch of a new economic growth strategy for Nova Scotia. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Donald J. Savoie,
University of
Moncton**

A letter from **Donald J. Savoie, University of Moncton** enclosing a copy of a study *Community Economic Development in Atlantic Canada: False Hope or Panacea*. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Gretchen Pohlkamp,
Registry 2000**

A newsletter from **Gretchen Pohlkamp, Registry 2000** entitled "Deeds and Dialogue". Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Halifax Regional
Municipality**

A copy of a letter from **Halifax Regional Municipality** to the Prime Minister regarding gas tax money. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Brooke Taylor, MLA

A letter from **Brooke Taylor, MLA** responding to the Municipality's letter to Jamie Muir re health care. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Cobequid
Neighbourhood
Work Activity**

A letter from **Cobequid Neighbourhood Work Activity** enclosing their Annual Report. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Municipality of the
County of
Cumberland**

A copy of a letter from the **Municipality of the County of Cumberland** to the UNSM regarding the Premier's Gas Committee. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**William Langille,
MLA**

A copy of a letter from **William Langille, MLA** to George Buckler, Tatamagouche Village Commission, regarding fire protection rates. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Jamie Muir, Minister
of Health**

A letter from **Jamie Muir, Minister of Health** regarding the Pediatric Unit at the Colchester Regional Hospital. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Angus MacIsaac,
Service Nova Scotia
and Municipal
Relations**

A copy of a letter from **Angus MacIsaac, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations** to the president of the Unsm re procedures at the recent conference. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Economic
Development**

Councillor Taylor presented an Interim Operational Review of CoRDA.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

"That the report of CoRDA as presented by Councillor Taylor be received." Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

"That the additional funding referred to in the CoRDA Report be referred to Additions/Deletions Budget meeting." Motion carried

**Policy on Dangerous
and Unightly
Premises**

The CAO provided background information on the Policy on Dangerous and Unightly Premises. This matter had been considered at Council in August and was tabled until additional information was brought forward.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approve the Policy on Dangerous and Unsightly premises.”
Motion carried.

Bill 80

The Chief Administrative Officer briefed Council on the current status of Bill 80, which proposes changes to the Assessment Act. Mayor Smith provided an overview of the implications to Colchester if the legislation is passed in its current form. This could result in Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline having the ability to enter into tax agreements with individual municipalities.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council stand strongly opposed to Bill 80 and that a letter be immediately written to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia, copied to the Minister of Justice, Premier of Nova Scotia, Member of Parliament and three local MLA’s, expressing our opposition to this Bill.” Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the three area MLA’s be invited to attend Council Committee on December 14 to justify how we are going to pay for things downloaded when they keep cutting money coming to us.” Motion carried.

**Council Committee
Report**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held November 16, 2000 which consisted of the following motions:

**Request for Proposals
- Auditing Services**

Councillor Taylor declared a conflict of interest and left the table during discussion on the following motion.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the firm of Grant Thornton be appointed as the County’s Municipal Auditors for the five year period commencing with the fiscal year 2000/2001.” Motion carried

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

Road Signage - Bible Hill Fire District and Salmon River Fire District

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“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 attached 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 attached discrepancy list.” Motion carried

Renaming of McElmon Road to MacElmon Road

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That McElmon Road be renamed MacElmon Road and staff be instructed to forward appropriate information to the Department of Transportation.” Motion carried.

Hearts of Oaks Subdivision

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the proposed amendments to Schedule C, Rules and Regulations of the Tatamagouche Water Utility be approved.” Motion carried.

Web Page

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality endorse the creation and start-up of a Web Page.” Motion carried.

Sunday Shopping

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That a letter be written to the Premier of Nova Scotia stating that the Municipality feels the decision regarding Sunday Shopping should be made by the Province and not passed on to the Municipalities.” Motion carried

Customs Service

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That a letter be written to MP Bill Casey, requesting an investigation into the changes to customs services in the Truro area.” Motion carried

**Nominating
Committee Report**

Mayor Smith read the report and recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as presented and that appointment of committee members to the various committees named be as outlined in the report.” Motion carried

In-Camera Report

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council be prepared to approve a settlement for pay in lieu of notice to Jim Beeler at a total cost of \$33,835 representing six months pay and benefits.” Motion carried

Integration

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the Mayor be given authority to proceed with the proposal regarding Integration, as presented, in co-operation with other players and support.” Motion carried.

Signage - District #7

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the request for signage on Gully Lake Road be referred to staff for referral to the Department of Transportation.” Motion carried.

Appeals

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That discussions on the Red Tape Task Force involved with the Land Use Planning Appeal Process be referred to Council Committee for further investigation.” Motion carried

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera meeting. Following the In-Camera meeting Council reconvened in open session.

**Vacancy - Director of
Public Works**

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Administration be authorized to open competition for the position of Director of Public Works (Engineer).” Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes
Deputy Clerk