

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, August 30, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Mike Smith, Chair	
Councillor Bob Taylor	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson	District #3
Councillor Richard Elliott	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10

Public Hearing - MacD Holdings Ltd., 143 Pictou Road

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting the rezoning of a lot located at 143 Pictou Road in Bible Hill from R-2 Residential Double Unit to I-Institutional. The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and made available to the public.

The Clerk, Mr. Gary MacIsaac, advised that all guidelines of the Municipal Government Act regarding advertising of the public hearing had been followed.

Mayor Smith reminded Councillors that only those Councillors present throughout the public hearing can vote on the amendment when it is eventually considered by Council and that this public hearing is Council's opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of the amendment when the motion is presented to Council. Staff are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise as a result of the public's input.

Mr. Paul Smith, Planner, presented a brief overview of the rezoning application from the Truefel Building Society. The lot is located on the north side of Pictou Road in Bible Hill between St. David's Avenue and Allison Avenue. The lot currently has a vacant single family dwelling on

it. The proposed structure will measure 60 x 62 ft. containing 3,720 sq. ft. in area to be used as a Masonic Hall. Mr. Smith indicated that staff conclude that the project is consistent with all objectives expressed through planning policy and the Municipality's Service Delivery Strategy and therefore, recommend that this application be approved.

Mr. James Otto, Member of the Building Committee for the Truefel Building Society: Mr. Otto indicated that the Society's present location on Queen Street is in the process of being sold. The building is three stories high and very difficult for some members to get to the third floor. Truro Masonic Lodge #43 and the Fellowship Lodge #112 are combining and would like one building for both lodges. The Society likes the Pictou Road location as it has good access and visibility and they feel they could be good members of the community. Mr. Otto explained that the only difference in the property plot plan is the setbacks at the front of the building - three parking spaces have to be rearranged in order to meet the setback provisions.

Councillor Bill Masters presented a report from the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on August 9, 2001. A copy of this report had been circulated to Council members prior to this hearing.

Mr. MacIsaac presented one written submission dated August 28, 2001 from Mr. Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer, Village of Bible Hill, which was in favour of the application.

In response to Mayor Smith's call for public presentations, the following were received:

Christine Blair: Speaking as a property owner in the neighbourhood of 143 Pictou Road, Ms. Blair felt the addition of the Masonic Hall would be an asset to the community.

Mr. Otto stated that he had been involved in meetings with the neighbours and seniors who were very supportive of the Hall.

Mayor Smith called for questions from Councillors and indicated that this is the last opportunity for the public to join in the discussion. As there were no further questions received, the following motion was received:

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That the rezoning application of 143 Pictou Road, Bible Hill, be approved from R-2 Residential to I-Institutional for the purpose of establishing a new Masonic Hall on this site."

Motion Carried.

Mayor Smith advised that this is a rezoning application which does not require approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. 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 local newspapers.

As there was no further business, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- add the following list of presenters to item #6:
 - Steve Matthews
 - Lee Johnson
 - Mark Lavers
 - Toni Pottie
 - Joanne Scott

- 13b: CRTC and Aliant
- 15b: In-Camera: add Legal Matter”

Motion Carried.

Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the minutes of meetings held on June 6 (Joint Council and Special Council) and June 28, 2001 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of June 6 and 28, 2001.

Presentations

North River Ballfield

Steve Matthews

Mr. Matthews has been the President of the North River Recreation Association for one week. He referred to complaints raised in Toni Pottie and Joanne Scott's letter dated June 22, 2001, e.g. blowing dust;

loud music and games late at night; kids climbing the fence, throwing rocks and balls at the billboard; netting in need of repair; lights being left on in the canteen. In response to these complaints, Mr. Matthews offered the following suggestions:

- S** speed sign posted and road sprayed to help keep down the dust
- S** post ballfield rules for teams using the field
- S** reprimand kids for climbing the fence, etc.
- S** allow a half hour beyond closing time for people to get off the field
- S** no funds available to fix netting; however, the Recreation Association has struck a deal with Coke whereby Coke will supply the netting in exchange for purchase of their products

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Matthews circulated pictures of the ballfield and letters/petitions of support. These documents are to be copied to Councillors.

Lee Johnson

Mr. Johnson, as a parent and ball coach, spoke on the qualities of the North River Recreation Association and the ballfields. He stated that players come from all parts of Canada to play on these fields, the Association has the largest ball registration (approximately 128 ranging in age from 4 to 16 years old), and employs a full-time student for field maintenance.

Mark Lavers

Mr. Lavers asked to address Council with respect to the lease between the North River Recreation Association and the County that expired in 1999 and concerns over whether or not it would be renewed. He went on to say what the ballfield has meant to the community, including a history of the work that has been done to the ballfield. It has been a positive influence on the community and would be a loss to the community and youth if the lease was not renewed.

**Toni Pottie and
Joanne Scott**

Toni Pottie and Joanne Scott emphasized early in their presentation that at no time have they asked that the North River ballfield be shut down. They are asking the Association to abide by its lease agreement with the County and to strongly consider recommendations for change. Their complaints included: management of ballfield is lax, time lines of lease have been ignored (11:00 p.m. is too late for activity to be going on), noise makes it difficult to sleep, dust is extreme. Suggested improvements included: time lines be set back to 10:00 p.m., redesign and move backstops toward Hwy. 104 and move bleachers to cut down on the noise, spray the road to cut the dust down, fence and netting be repaired.

Bruce Fancy

Mr. Fancy indicated that he was not before Council to try and prevent

the renewal of the lease between the Association and the County. His complaints were similar to Mr. Pottie and Ms. Scott and he is requesting that Council set conditions in the lease to help alleviate some of these problems.

Wayne Sibley

Mr. Sibley's complaints about the ballfield were similar to those of Mr. Fancy and Mr. Pottie and Ms. Scott. His suggestions for improvement included: should be a representative from the North River Recreation Association at the ballfield at all times when a game is going on to ensure that the rules are being followed, activity should cease at 10:30 p.m. with a half hour to clean and close up, set curfews and bring back the County noise bylaw.

At the conclusion of the presentations and discussion with Council, the following two motions were received:

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the reports and presentations relative to the North River Recreation Association and ballfield be received for information."

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

"That staff be instructed to draft a new lease between the Municipality and the North River Recreation Association; that the lease be circulated to the public; and that it be referred to October Council Committee for decision."

Motion Carried.

Council agreed that when preparing the draft lease, staff should consider what costs would be involved for the North River Recreation Association which would allow them to abide by the terms and conditions of the lease.

Staff Presentations

Staff involved in this presentation included:

Organic Cart Expansion Proposal

- Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Coordinator
- Alanna Nelson, Waste Reduction Facilitator
- Tom MacMillan, Solid Waste Manager
- Andrew Blackburn, Compost Operations Supervisor
- Gary MacIsaac, Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Proctor briefed Council on the proposed expansion to the present Organics Collection Program. The expansion would be extended to an additional 4,000 homes in the urban fringe area, i.e Brookfield, Debert, Onslow, etc. The objectives of the proposed Program expansion are:

- S** environmental benefits (extend the life of the balefill, lower leachate volumes, reduce methane emissions)
- S** regulatory compliance (meet landfill bans)
- S** equity in service level
- S** public demand/satisfaction

Mr. MacIsaac stated that the cost of this expansion is estimated at \$33.00 which would increase the garbage area rate from \$70.50 to \$103.50 per year. In addition, the general rate would pick up an estimated amount of \$40,000 per year. Staff are suggesting to Council that this issue be referred to September Council Committee where the recommendation will be to approve this Program expansion proposal.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the staff presentation be received and referred to September Council Committee for full discussion and decision.”

Motion Carried.

In preparation for September Committee, staff were asked to provide Council with an area map which identifies the impact this Program will have on each district in the County.

Correspondence

Council requested the following ‘Correspondence’ items be removed from Information to Action:

- S** No. 7: letter from M.R. Lester concerning the designation of a combination of municipalities for the Emergency Measures Act
- S** No. 9: letter from Bernie White regarding clean-up of Sydney Tar Ponds/Coke Ovens site

ACTION

**Wayne Sibley AND
Tony Pottie/Joanne
Scott**

Letters to the Municipality from **Mr. Wayne Sibley and Tony Pottie/Joanne Scott**, concerning the North River Ballfield.

As this issue was addressed under “Presentations” above, it was felt that no further action was required.

**Kevin Caines, Area
Manager-Colchester,
Transportation and
Public Works**

A letter dated August 21, 2001 to the CAO from **Kevin Caines, Area
Manager-Colchester, Transportation and Public Works**, in
response to our letter of August 17, 2001 concerning the erection of
signs relating to engine brake use.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality send a letter to the RCMP making them aware of
citizen complaints regarding the use of engine brakes in residential areas
and recommend vigilant enforcement of the current legislation which
prohibits the use of engine brakes in a speed zone of 50 km. or less;
and,

That the Municipality send a further letter to the Province of Nova
Scotia with a recommendation that the current legislation be
strengthened by increasing the speed limit threshold from 50 km. to 70
km. per hour, with copies to the Minister of Transportation and Public
Works and local MLA’s.”

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality send a letter to the Atlantic/provincial trucking
associations and the truck drivers’ training school in Masstown to
advise them of the citizen complaints concerning the noise caused by the
use of engine brakes in residential areas and ask that this information be
shared with current and future truck drivers.”

Motion Carried.

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

AND

**Jamie Muir, Minister
Responsible for the
Emergency
Measures Act**

Letters dated August 16, 22 and 23, 2001 to Mayor Smith from **Angus
MacIsaac, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal
Relations and Jamie Muir, Minister Responsible for the
Emergency Measures Act**, concerning approval of the Regional
Emergency Measures Bylaw and the designation of the three
municipalities as one.

Due to conflicting messages contained in these letters from Ministers
MacIsaac and Muir concerning approval of the Regional Emergency
Measures Bylaw, the following motion was received:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That further clarification be requested from Minister MacIsaac and Muir as to whether the Regional Emergency Measures Organization is able to declare a state of local emergency.”

Motion Carried.

**Carolyn Lane, 67
Birch Street, Salmon
River**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated August 24, 2001 from **Carolyn Lane, 67 Birch Street, Salmon River**, concerning the use of chemicals in Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the letter from Carolyn Lane concerning the use of chemicals in Colchester County be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**M.R. Lester,
Director, N.S.
Emergency
Measures
Organization**

A letter to the CAO dated July 5, 2001 from **M.R. Lester, Director, N.S. Emergency Measures Organization**, concerning the designation of a combination of municipalities for the purpose of the Emergency Measures Act.

Councillor McKenna inquired as to what relationship this letter had with the correspondence from Ministers MacIsaac and Muir. The CAO indicated that Mr. Lester’s letter provided direction on how to designate three municipalities as one.

**Bernie White,
Municipal Clerk,
Cape Breton
Regional
Municipality**

A copy of a letter dated July 13, 2001 from **Bernie White, Municipal Clerk, Cape Breton Regional Municipality**, regarding concerns with the time lines for the clean-up of the Sydney Tar Ponds/Coke Ovens site.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That a letter be sent to the federal and provincial governments indicating Council’s support for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality in its efforts to have the time lines for the Joint Action Group Process moved forward.”

Motion Carried.

INFORMATION

**Kenneth MacDonald,
Partner, Grant
Thornton**

A letter to the CAO dated June 27, 2001 from **Kenneth MacDonald, Partner, Grant Thornton**, enclosing a copy of the March 31, 2001 financial statements for the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Board (statements on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Member Advisory dated June 28, 2001 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning municipal governments' right to restrict the use of pesticides. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report from the **Development Officer**, for the months of June and July 2001. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics Report from the **Building Inspector**, for the months of June and July 2001. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Robert Renouf,
Director of Finance,
Chignecto-Central
Regional School
Board**

A letter to the CAO dated July 3, 2001 from **Robert Renouf, Director of Finance, Chignecto-Central Regional School Board**, enclosing a copy of the approved 2001-02 Budget for the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (budget on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 4, 2001 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**, confirming that the Province's equalization proposal of June 7, 2001 is still on the table. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Pierre S. Pettigrew,
Minister for
International Trade**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 9, 2001 from **Pierre S. Pettigrew, Minister for International Trade**, in response to our letter regarding the future of the softwood lumber trade between the Atlantic provinces and the U.S. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Bob Baxter,
Managing Director,
Truro and District
Chamber of
Commerce**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 20, 2001 from **Bob Baxter, Managing Director, Truro and District Chamber of Commerce**, enclosing a Chamber letter to the Province concerning the promotion and marketing of the Debert Air Industrial Park. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Patrick McGrath and
Trish Pottie, IWK
Health Centre**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 23, 2001 from **Patrick McGrath and Trish Pottie, IWK Health Centre**, enclosing the second issue of the "Family Help Update" newsletter. Council agreed to receive this newsletter for information purposes.

**Michael Baker,
Minister of
Aboriginal Affairs**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 24, 2001 from **Michael Baker, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs**, in response to our letter regarding the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq-Mi'kma'wey Debert proposal. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Canadian Oil Heat
Association**

A copy of the July 2001 newsletter received from the **Canadian Oil Heat Association**. Council agreed to receive this newsletter for information purposes.

**Mayor Anna Allen,
President, UNSM**

A copy of a letter dated July 30, 2001 from **Mayor Anna Allen, President, UNSM**, requesting an extension to October 30, 2001 for municipalities to file their notice of intent to apply for a franchise. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 31, 2001 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**, in response to our letter to Premier Hamm concerning Bill 54 (Barrington Bill). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Kenneth Simpson,
Executive Director,
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated July 31, 2001 from **Kenneth Simpson, Executive Director, UNSM**, providing a report of the UNSM Nominating Committee meeting held on July 27, 2001. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Colchester East
Hants Health
Authority**

A copy of a press release dated August 3, 2001 from the **Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, concerning the release of the Health Authority's business plan. Council agreed to receive this press release for information purposes.

**Murray Fisher, 34
Truro Heights Road**

A copy of a letter dated July 27, 2001 from **Murray Fisher, 34 Truro Heights Road**, to the RCMP concerning the dangerous traffic situation on Truro Heights Road and a letter of acknowledgement from the CAO. Council agreed to receive these letters for information purposes.

**Jo Ann Fewer, Chief
Executive Officer,
CoRDA**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 7, 2001 from **Jo Ann Fewer, Chief Executive Officer, CoRDA**, enclosing a copy of CoRDA's audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2001. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Eleanor Norrie,
Chair, Colchester
Community
Workshops
Foundation**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 16, 2001 from **Eleanor Norrie, Chair, Colchester Community Workshops Foundation**, introducing the Colchester Community Workshops Foundation (document on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Doug Conrad,
President, Landscape
N.S. Horticultural
Trades Association**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 16, 2001 from **Doug Conrad, President, Landscape N.S. Horticultural Trades Association**, concerning information on pesticide risk reduction in Canadian neighbourhoods. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Maureen Baikie,
Associate Provincial
Medical Officer of
Health**

A copy of a letter dated August 21, 2001 from **Maureen Baikie, Associate Provincial Medical Officer of Health**, concerning the West Nile Virus and Nova Scotia's Response Plan. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Gordon Balsler,
Minister of Economic
Development**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 21, 2001 from **Gordon Balsler, Minister of Economic Development**, in response to his letter concerning the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Mi'kmaewey Debert Proposal. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Amy MacIsaac,
President, N.S.
Alzheimer Society**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 22, 2001 from **Amy MacIsaac, President, N.S. Alzheimer Society**, regarding hosting coffee breaks to raise funds for the Society. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**David English,
Barrister and
Solicitor, Blackburn
English**

Copies of letters dated August 29, 2001 from **David English, Barrister and Solicitor, Blackburn English**, regarding South and West Colchester Development Associations' partnership withdrawal from CoRDA. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Council Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

**Council Committee
Report**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on August 16, 2001 which consisted of the following motions:

**Rothsay Rendering -
Request to Connect
to the Sewer System**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council permits Rothsay's connection to the Municipality's sewer system, subject to the conditions set out in the memorandum from the Director of Public Works dated August 8, 2001 (attached) and that the final form of the conditions be subject to the approval of the CAO and the Municipal Solicitor.”

Motion Carried.

Public Works Garage

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

- (i) “That the Municipality pursue options for ownership of a public works garage, including design/build or purchase;
- (ii) that any options pursued meet the criteria of a public works garage which is a size of not less than 6,000 square feet; and,
- (iii) that staff investigate options for purchase and construction, including land acquisition and report back to Council with a recommended method for proceeding.”

Motion Carried.

**Brookfield and Area
Emergency Response
Service**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

- (i) “That the County annually make a payment to the Brookfield and Area Emergency Response Service (BAERS) from general operations to cover the cost of vehicle registration; and,
- (ii) that the Municipality write to the provincial Minister of Transportation and Public Works requesting that the Department review the existing policy for public safety volunteer agencies.”

Motion Carried.

**Donation of Property
- Broderick Lane,
Five Islands**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Municipality accepts the two parcels of land donated by Mrs. Gertrude E. Jenkins which are located on Broderick Lane, Five Islands.”

Motion Carried.

**Amendments to the
Dangerous and
Unightly Premises
Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the Dangerous and Unightly Premises Policy as presented at Council Committee on August 16, 2001 (copy attached).”

Motion Carried.

**Environmental
Health Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council approves the Environmental Health Policy as amended (copy attached).”

Motion Carried.

**Signing Authority as
Assistant
Development Officer**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves signing authority for Colin Forsythe as Assistant Development Officer.”

Motion Carried.

**Policy to Establish
the Tatamagouche
Planning Advisory
Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves the policy to establish the Tatamagouche Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Al Hoare Trailer
Sales Ltd. - Park
Street Property**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to accept the Quit Claim Deed from Al Hoare Trailer Sales Limited for the land on Park Street.”

Motion Carried.

**Renaming of 1st
Branch Off Little
Dyke Road to Folly
Point Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council approves the renaming of 1st Branch Off Little Dyke Road to Folly Point Road and instructs staff to forward appropriate information to the Department of Transportation and Public Works.”

Motion Carried.

August Civic Holiday

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to submit a written request to the Province of Nova Scotia in support of changing the August civic holiday to a statutory holiday to be known as “Family Day.”

Motion Carried.

**Emergency Dispatch
Services Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to extend the contract with Rafuse Associated Business Services Inc. for emergency dispatch services in accordance with Clause 2 of the current contract;

That the Town of Stewiacke be removed from the contract as of September 30, 2001 in accordance with their letter dated August 16, 2001; and,

That the Town of Stewiacke be advised in writing that the Municipality will no longer be involved in dispatch services in the Town of Stewiacke after September 30, 2001.”

Motion Carried.

Executive Committee

There was no business arising from the minutes of an Executive Committee meeting held on August 16, 2001.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

There was no business arising from the report of a Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on August 9, 2001.

**Reports from
Councillors
Appointed to Outside
Boards and Agencies**

CoRDA

Councillor Taylor made reference to a press release issued by the Chief Executive Officer of CoRDA concerning the withdrawal from CoRDA of the West and South Colchester Community Development Associations. Councillor Taylor reported that a meeting of the Community Development Associations had been held on June 13th which concluded with each organization being asked to come up with improved ways of communication and funding, with a follow-up meeting to be held in mid September.

**West Colchester
Community
Development Assoc.**

Councillor Baas reported that the West Colchester Community Development Association will hold a meeting on August 31, 2001.

**Central Nova Tourist
Association**

Councillor Edwards provided tourism statistics as of August 20, 2001. Overall, these statistics showed that tourism was down this year.

Group Home

Councillor McKenna reported on a meeting held on July 11th concerning repairs to the Group Home. Residents are claiming that covenants are being broken.

**Truro and District
Chamber of
Commerce**

Councillor LeFresne indicated he will be attending a Chamber meeting on September 12th.

**Colchester Park
Development Society**

Councillor Baas reported that CPDS is continuing to look for an Industrial Promotions and Marketing Specialist.

**First Reading -
Tatamagouche
Municipal Planning
Strategy and
Land-Use By-Law**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council approves at First Reading the Village of Tatamagouche Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, as presented, for purposes of forwarding this document to a public hearing reserving consideration of the Strategy until Second Reading following the public hearing.”

Motion Carried.

**Flood Advisory
Committee**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Flood Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body which prepares recommendations to Council;

That the composition of the Flood Advisory Committee consist of a Councillor from Districts 5, 6 and 8, plus two representatives from the provincial Department of Environment (in an advisory capacity only);

That the mandate of the Flood Advisory Committee would be to advise and make recommendations to Council on flood damage reduction projects; and,

That Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, District 6, serve as Chair for the Flood Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the formation of the Flood Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Voting Delegates and
Registration - UNSM
Annual Conference**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the following six Councillors to attend the UNSM Annual Conference as designated voting members:

- Councillor Bob Taylor
- Councillor Glen Edwards
- Councillor Earl McKenna
- Councillor Jimmie LeFresne
- Councillor Soley Lynds
- Councillor Keith Baas

and as non-voting delegates:

- Mayor Mike Smith
- Councillor Richard Elliott
- Councillor Ron Cavanaugh
- Councillor Bill Masters
- Councillor Doug Cooke (to be confirmed)”

Motion Carried.

Gary MacIsaac, CAO, will also be attending the Conference.

**CRTC and Aliant
Telecom**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Municipality send a letter to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission to express Council’s objection to the proposed rate increases in telephone rates for residents in rural areas.”

Motion Carried.

**Regional Processing
(Tote Bag) Contract**

This “information” item was presented to advise Council that the Municipality has been awarded a contract by the Resource Recovery Fund Board for baling of deposit items collected at RRFB-owned Enviro Depots in northern N.S. The term of the “Tote Bag” contract is four years and the Municipality stands to make between \$60,000-\$75,000 per year in profits from this arrangement.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera meeting at 12:10 a.m. Following the In-Camera meeting, Council reconvened in open session at 12:45 a.m.

**Streets and
Sidewalks
Snowplowing
Contract**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Municipality terminate its contract with Terra Excavation and Landscaping for sidewalk and street snowplowing for breach of contract and that these contracts be retendered.”

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:46 a.m.”

Motion Carried.

Sheila Arsenault
Deputy Clerk