

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL**

A Special Session of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, January 4, 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
Councillor Richard Elliott	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Absent:

Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson	District #3
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10

### **Economic Development Issues**

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, Chief Administrative Officer, provided Council with an orientation of the various community and government agencies involved in industrial development activities in Colchester County. In addition, an overview of the existing industrial parks was provided.

Council had previously received articles of incorporation for the Colchester Regional Development Agency (CORDA) as well as the Colchester Park Development Society (CPDS). Additional information was provided regarding historical background and Board representation.

A distinction was made between Industrial Development and Community Economic Development (CED) with the main distinction

being that Industrial Development seeks to attract resources from outside the community while CED builds from within the community.

Mayor Smith provided Council with his vision for an integrated Industrial Development group in the County. He suggested that CED not be discussed at this time as CODA will have to come before Council during the budget process in any event.

Mayor Smith presented a vision which would bring together Colchester, Truro, Stewiacke, CPDS, Millbrook First Nations and the Truro Industrial Development Society to form one integrated industrial development group. The Mayor recommended that a Committee be struck to investigate this matter and report back within a specified time period.

Also before Council was a proposal from Councillor Baas which also envisioned one group with the exception that CODA would also be integrated into this structure.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality support striking a Committee to look into forming an industrial development corporation to look at marketing on a regional scale.”

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Mayor represent Colchester on this Committee.”

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Mayor be given authority to spend up to \$5,000 to hire a consultant to review industrial development.”

Motion carried.

## **Municipal Parkland Strategy**

Council had previously received a copy of a draft Parkland Strategy in December. Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development, provided a number of statements concerning the future of recreation and service levels. These were intended to generate discussion and seek direction from Council.

### General Statements

Council agreed with the following two general statements:

- S** The Municipality should become more involved with parkland in Colchester County.
- S** Of the options - programming, facility maintenance and development, and facilitation/support - the Municipality should increase participation in facility maintenance and development.

### Provision of Parkland

Council agreed with the following statement:

- S** There should be a reasonable distribution of parkland and trails within suburban Colchester.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the standards highlighted in this presentation and in the draft strategy are the basis for other park related decisions.”

Motion carried.

### Development and Maintenance

Council agreed with the following statements:

- S** The Municipality has a responsibility to bring municipally owned park and open space sites (to be retained) to a minimal maintainable standard and provide maintenance on an ongoing basis.

- S** Park development beyond minimum maintainable standards should be undertaken in partnership with other stakeholders.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council should refer to PAC the task of preparing:

- priority list for parkland development
- review options for eventual park maintenance

That Council instruct staff to prepare concept plan and development cost for priority sites in consultation with community.

That Council refer the following to Additions and Deletions:

- S** budget allocation for park site development to minimum maintainable standard.
- S** budget allocation for capital improvements on a cost-sharing basis.”

Motion carried.

#### Municipally Owned (5%) Sites

Council agreed with the following statement:

- S** The Municipality should adopt policy procedures for the acquisition of new parkland and disposition of redundant sites.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council refer to PAC the task of preparing:

- S** guidelines for acquisition of land versus “cash in lieu” under the subdivision By-law.

**S** procedures for the disposal of redundant municipally owned park sites.”

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council refer to Additions and Deletions an allocation of funds for the acquisition of a central park site of sufficient size to support athletics (8-10 acres) in Truro Heights.”

Motion carried.

Athletic Sites

Council disagreed with the following statement:

**S** The Municipality should support turf maintenance for athletic fields.

Council agreed with the following statement:

**S** The Municipality should continue to help volunteer groups to meet new programming needs of the community.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That capital improvements should be cost shared and evaluated based on demand for proposed improvements.

That the Municipality should continue to provide support services to volunteer groups.”

Motion carried.

Rural Colchester

Council agreed with the following statements:

**S** Provision of parkland in Rural Colchester should be driven by local need and interest.

**S** The Municipality should make funds available for capital improvements of park sites.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresnes

“That Council refer to Additions and Deletions an allocation of funds for the development and improvement to rural parks and trail projects.”

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

Gary MacIsaac  
Municipal Clerk