

## 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 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Michael 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 Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10

### Public Hearing - Cavanaugh & Son Excavating Ltd.

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for a rezoning involving a property located at civic address #30, Highway 311 in Onslow from E-2 Flood Way to RG-Rural General and E-4 Flood Plain. The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and have been 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 have 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. 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 and the County Solicitor are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise as a result of the public's input.

Mr. Paul Smith, Municipal Planner, presented a brief overview of the application. The applicant, Grace Cavanaugh of Cavanaugh & Son Excavating Ltd, has applied to the County to rezone a property situated at civic address #30 Highway 311 from E-2 Flood Way to the RG

Rural General Zone. The purpose of this request is to correct a mapping error and remove the limiting flood plain zone from the rear portion of the lot so the land may be further developed in the future.

There was no representative in the audience to speak for the applicant and provide an overview of the proposed rezoning.

Councillor Masters provided a report from the Planning Advisory Committee. He indicated that the application was reviewed by PAC at its meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The mapping error was seen largely as a housekeeping issue and the Committee recommends that the application be approved by Council.

Mr. MacIsaac advised that no written submissions had been received regarding these amendments.

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

Mr. George Norrie, North River: Mr. Norrie indicated that he had received a notice of this public hearing and was here this evening to lend his support for the rezoning application.

Mr. Carl Costandi, North River: Mr. Costandi stated that he had an issue concerning floods. As this was not specifically related to the rezoning application, Mr. Costandi was advised to speak to Council following the public hearing under the "Presentations" portion of the agenda.

As Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Masters placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

"That Council approves the rezoning of a portion of property located at civic address #30, Highway 311, from E-2 Flood Way Zone to RG Rural General and E-4 Flood Plain as described in the Planner's Report dated June 2003."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*Note: Councillor Taylor was not in attendance for the duration of the public hearing; therefore, abstained from voting.*

Mayor Smith advised that this is a by-law 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 Masters

"That the agenda for August 28, 2003 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- S add 14b: Bridges in Upper Stewiacke
- S add 16b: Tatamagouche Firemen's Picnic
- S add 14c: Date for Strategic Planning Session"

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That the minutes of June 19 and July 10, 2003 be approved as circulated and the minutes of June 26, 2003 be approved with the following amendments:

- S Page 2003-34: item 'Purchase of Dozer and Water Truck', second motion, add Councillor Edwards to those opposed
- S Page 2003-32: item 'Economic Development Grant Application - Maritime Firefighters Association Golf Tournament', should read 'Motion Carried'."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

Two items arose from Business Arising:

- S Page 2003-37: item 'Vernon Bridge' - the Municipality has not received any word yet that the new two-lane bridge will be located in the vicinity of the intersection of Eagle View Drive and Old Courthouse Branch Road.
- S Page 2003-39: correspondence from the Colchester East Hants Seniors Council concerning compost containers - staff to report at September Council Committee

### **Presentations**

Mr. Carl Costandi, North River: Referring to the spring flood, Mr. Costandi explained to Council that he owns a business on Highway 311

and had lost, with inventory, over \$250,000 due to the spring flood. Mr. Costandi voiced his frustration at not being able to get answers on when the dykes in North River will be repaired properly to avoid having this same experience next spring. If nothing is done, he would be forced to move his business elsewhere.

It was explained to Mr. Costandi that it has been Council's position that the ownership of the dykes is a provincial responsibility and that this position had been communicated to the Province; however, this did not answer Mr. Costandi's question on when the dykes would be repaired. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Province in support of Mr. Costandi's position and also to further address the ownership of the dykes issue.

From further discussion regarding strict federal criteria on doing work in the rivers, it was recommended that this issue be referred to Council Committee to look at possible FCM and/or UNSM resolutions on the federal process.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That a letter be sent to the Province to determine when the dykes would be repaired properly and to further address the ownership of the dykes issue."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the federal criteria on doing work in the rivers be referred to Council Committee for possible FCM and/or UNSM resolutions on the process."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Danny Cavanaugh: Mr. Cavanaugh also spoke on the repair of the dykes and questioned whether the County would fix the breach if the Province refused to take any action. He also encouraged the County to write to the CNR concerning a solution to allowing the water to escape faster during a flood.

**Standing Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented a report from a Council Committee meeting held on August 14, 2003:

**Five Islands School -  
Declaration of Surplus  
Property by the School  
Board and Disposal of  
Surplus School Property  
Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council advises the Chignecto Central Regional School Board that it wishes to have the Five Islands School property reconveyed to the Municipality; and,

That Council approves the attached Disposal of Surplus School Property Policy as presented to Council Committee on August 14, 2003.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Construction and  
Demolition Sites Paper  
and Regulations**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the following potential approaches be endorsed by the Northern Region Chairman to bring forward to the provincial Construction and Demolition Management Committee and the Regional Chairs:

- S That a provincial set of standards and guidelines (regulations) for construction and demolition disposal and diversion be created;
- S That there be a common list of provincial definitions for construction and demolition materials to be disposed and/or recycled;
- S That building and demolition permits be utilized to obtain information on the recycling and disposal of construction and demolition materials; and,
- S That the origin of all construction and demolition debris be identified prior to disposal and/or recycling.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Funding Request for  
Agri-Dome**

*Councillor Taylor declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on this matter.*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the donation of \$10,000 to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission in support of the Agri-Dome project, source of funds to be 2003-04 general operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor Taylor returned to the table.*

**Thomas Grue, Bass  
River**

It was recommended at the August Committee meeting that the Municipality fix the log and debris jam in the Bass River if a satisfactory answer to this problem was not received from the Provincial Committee on flood related property damage issues along water courses. Additional information was to be provided by staff at the August Council meeting.

Mr. MacIsaac showed pictures of the two problems in the Bass River, one being a log and debris jam and the other being a build-up of gravel in the river. Mr. Grue's property is downstream of the jam but is adversely affected because the river has now changed its course. His application to fix both problems under the provincial Flood Assistance Program was denied. One of the problems is that he does not own the water course but is expected to remediate the problem with his own personal money.

The Department of Environment and Labour is responsible for the water course but does not have a program to address the blockage. While the Municipality would be allowed to remove the debris without the need for a permit, it would not be able to remove the gravel or do work in the river without a permit.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality remove the log and debris jam upon receiving the necessary approvals from the Department of Environment and Labour.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson and  
Councillor Elliott opposed)*

Staff were directed to advise the Department of Environment and Labour of Council's decision and to investigate whether any approvals were required.

**Executive and Audit  
Committee**

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, the new Project Engineer for the Municipality, was introduced to Council.

**Planning Advisory  
Committee**

There was no business arising from the PAC report from a meeting held on August 7, 2003.

**Nominating Committee**

Mayor Smith presented a report from the Nominating Committee meeting held earlier this evening:

**Colchester RDA/CPDS**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council approves the appointment of the following to the Colchester

Regional Development Agency/Colchester Park Development Society  
Board of Directors:

1. Councillor Bill Masters, one-year term
2. Councillor Bob Taylor, one-year term
3. Carolyn Madden, two-year term
4. Jonathan Woolfit, two-year term
5. Ron Creighton, two-year term
6. Robert Stone, three-year term
7. Peter Kohler, three-year term”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Baas opposed)*

**Cobequid Housing  
Authority**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council approves the appointment of Ann Bourque as a Citizen Representative on the Cobequid Housing Authority for a three-year term.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**First Reading - Garbage  
By-law Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council hereby approves by way of First Reading the amended Garbage By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was noted that an amended Schedule of Materials Banned, accompanying definitions and an amended Section 16(a) of the By-law were placed on table this evening.

**Second Reading - Local  
Improvement By-law**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Local Improvement By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic Development  
Grant Request -  
Eastern Canadian  
Master Men’s Fast  
Pitch Championship**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves a donation of \$500 to the Eastern Canadian Master Men’s Fast Pitch Championship being held in August 2003, source of funds to be the Economic Development Grant Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Increase of Firefighting  
Water Supply**

Mr. MacIsaac informed Council that this issue arose from the consultant studies from the two fires at the Balefill site in June and September of 2002. The issue is how much water do we need at the site and how do we eliminate future fires. In earlier briefings, staff had recommended that the two fire ponds be connected to the sedimentation pond. At a special meeting of Council in June 2003, this recommendation was rejected by Council and staff were directed to look at other alternatives relating to construction of additional fire ponds or the expansion of the existing ponds.

In an overhead presentation, Mr. Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works, provided the following three options for Council's consideration:

Alternative "A" - \$590,000: Connect the ponds at MRF and Balefill and raise the spillways of both to meet fire demand at MRF, replace both 1000 GPM pumps with higher capacity pumps, stand alone system for Balefill cells (install 1000 GPM pump and adaptable pipe system for the active face) - available water 700,000 US gallons

Alternative "B" - \$900,000: Connect ponds at MRF, Balefill and cells to meet fire demand at MRF, re-arrange two existing pumps at MRF and Balefill ponds, install high capacity pump - available water 2.8 million US gallons

Alternative "C" - \$570,000: Construct another pond at MRF, replace 1000 GPM pump at MRF with higher capacity pump, stand along system for Balefill cells (install 1000 GPM pump and adaptable pipe system for active face) - available water 700,000 US gallons.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

"That Council approves Alternative "B" at a cost of \$900,000, to be funded over a 10-year period through the tipping fees."

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Baas and LeFresne opposed)*

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

The six voting delegates at the 2003 UNSM Fall Conference are: Mayor Michael Smith, Councillor Earl McKenna, Councillor Bob Taylor, Councillor Keith Baas, Councillor Richard Elliott, Councillor Glen Edwards.

Non-voting delegates are: Councillor Jimmie LeFresne (alternate voting delegate), Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson (tentative), Councillor Soley Lynds (tentative).

Councillor Bill Masters indicated that he will not be able to attend due to other commitments. Staff will check with Councillors Cavanaugh and Cooke on whether they wish to attend.

**Construction and Demolition Report**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That a letter be sent to the Department of Environment and Labour advising of Council’s support that all construction and demolition sites in Colchester County be instructed to create a citizens’ monitoring committee as part of the operating permit process.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were directed to advise the Kemptown Citizens’ Monitoring Committee of Council’s decision.

**Street Light Across from Earltown Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the request for a street light across from the Earltown Community Hall be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bridges in Upper Stewiacke**

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works requesting that the Province move quickly in replacing the two bridges in Upper Stewiacke that were damaged in the spring flood, copy to local MLA and Area Manager.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Date for Strategic Planning Session**

Mr. MacIsaac reported that the original date of September 19-20 for the strategic planning session has not worked out and staff are now looking at alternatives.

**Correspondence**

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

- S No. 6: letter from Mr. Ralph Murray dated July 4, 2003 concerning garbage collection
- S No. 15: letter from Environment and Labour dated July 14, 2003 concerning the ownership and maintenance issue of North River dykes
- S No. 23: letter from Village of Bible Hill dated July 8, 2003

regarding design tender and construction inspection for water system

ACTION

**Cpl. Kelly Moore-Reid,  
Conference Chair,  
Truro Police Service**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 3, 2003 from **Cpl. Kelly Moore-Reid, Conference Chair, Truro Police Service**, requesting financial support for the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Association's annual conference.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That Council recommends to September Committee a donation of \$1,000 for the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Annual Conference."

motion amended.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
(In Amendment)  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That Council recommends to September Committee a donation of \$1,500 for the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Annual Conference, with authority to Committee to act."

Motion Carried. *(Councillor McKenna opposed)*

The motion to amend having Carried, the main motion was Put and Carried.

**Francis Stewart, 527  
Pictou Road**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated July 24, 2003 from **Francis Stewart, 527 Pictou Road**, regarding the purchase of land on Pictou Road.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the letter from Mr. Francis Stewart dated July 24, 2003 regarding the purchase of land on Pictou Road be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Marjorie Hine,  
President, Colchester  
Historical Society and  
Museum**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 12, 2003 from **Marjorie Hine, President, Colchester Historical Society and Museum**, concerning the addition of a heritage/cultural component to the Municipality's website.

Moved by Councillor Lynds  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the letter from the Colchester Historical Society and Museum dated August 12, 2003 concerning the addition of a heritage/cultural component to the Municipality’s website be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In preparation for when this item goes to Committee, staff were requested to determine the exact cost of this project to the Municipality.

**K. Wayne McCormick,  
Chairman, Village of  
Bible Hill**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 19, 2003 from **K. Wayne McCormick, Chairman, Village of Bible Hill**, regarding the need for a noise by-law in Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill regarding the need for a noise by-law in Colchester County be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion **Defeated.**

*(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor  
Matheson, Councillors Taylor, Masters,  
Elliott, Lynds, Baas opposed)*

Council agreed that a letter be written to the Village of Bible Hill advising them that Council is not in favour of creating a new noise by-law at this time.

**The Honourable Denis  
Coderre, Minister of  
Citizenship &  
Immigration**

A copy of a letter dated August 11, 2003 from **The Honourable Denis Coderre, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration**, requesting that the week of October 13-19, 2003 be proclaimed Canada’s Citizenship Week.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Moved by Councillor Baas

“That Council proclaim the week of October 13-19, 2003 as Canada’s Citizenship Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ralph Murray, 161  
Springwaters Place**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 4, 2003 from **Ralph Murray, 161 Springwaters Place**, concerning garbage collection, specifically garbage left at the end of his driveway.

Councillor McKenna noted several concerns regarding the contents of Mr.

Murray's letter.

**Ronald Russell,  
Minister, Environment  
and Labour**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 14, 2003 from **Ronald Russell, Minister, Environment and Labour**, concerning the ownership and maintenance issue of the dykes in North River.

Referring to a portion of Minister Russell's letter which stated "minor repairs and routine maintenance should be the responsibility of property owners adjacent to the river", Councillor Lynds asked if this meant that property owners can do these repairs and maintenance along the river at any time. A further discussion on this matter indicated that the ownership issue of the dykes has still not been resolved to Council's satisfaction.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the CAO and County Solicitor carry out further research on the ownership issue of the dykes and bring forward this information at a future Council session complete with recommendations on how the Municipality should proceed in this matter."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**K. Wayne McCormick,  
Chairman, Village of  
Bible Hill**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 8, 2003 from **K. Wayne McCormick, Chairman, Village of Bible Hill**, regarding the design tender and construction inspection for the municipal water system.

Councillor Taylor indicated that the Municipality is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Village of Bible Hill on the possible expansion of the water system to Pictou Road. Those attending this meeting from Colchester would be Mayor Smith, Councillors McKenna and Taylor, and the County CAO. A report from this meeting will come back to Council for direction on how to proceed.

#### INFORMATION

**Colchester East Hants  
Health Authority**

A copy of highlights of the regular meeting of the Health Authority held on June 17, 2003 received from the **Colchester East Hants Health Authority**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Public Health Services,  
Colchester East Hants,  
Pictou County &  
Cumberland Health  
Authorities**

A letter to Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services dated June 25, 2003 from the **Public Health Services for Colchester East Hants, Pictou County and Cumberland Health Authorities**, enclosing a copy of a brochure entitled "Second Hand Smoke at Work in Northern Nova Scotia". Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Derek Firth, Chief**

A copy of a letter dated July 2, 2003 from **Derek Firth, Chief**

**Operating Officer,  
RRFB**

**Operating Officer, RRFB**, enclosing a copy of RRFB's annual report for 2003 fiscal year (annual report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Donna Marie Brown,  
129½ Burnyeat Street**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated July 3, 2003 from **Donna Marie Brown, 129½ Burnyeat Street**, concerning the Lower Truro artesian overflow well. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Fraser MacLeod,  
Pugwash**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated July 23, 2003 from **Fraser MacLeod, Pugwash**, concerning the Lower Truro artesian overflow well. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Janet Pelley, Regional  
Library Director,  
Colchester East Hants  
Regional Library**

A memorandum dated July 4, 2003 from **Janet Pelley, Regional Library Director, Colchester East Hants Regional Library**, enclosing copies of audited financial statements, minutes of meetings and survey report and brochures on "Where We Stand In Your Community" (copy of enclosures on file in Clerk's Office - brochures distributed in Councillor mailboxes). Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Bill Casey, MP,  
Cumberland Colchester**

A copy of a letter dated July 7, 2003 from **Bill Casey, MP, Cumberland Colchester**, regarding the Truro/Colchester flooding in 2003. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Don Zwicker, President,  
UNSM and Peter  
Christie, Minister,  
Service N.S. and  
Municipal Relations**

A copy of a letter dated July 7, 2003 from **Don Zwicker, President, UNSM and Peter Christie, Minister, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**, regarding the final report of the Guiding Principles for an Effective Relationship. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Evelyn Scott, Mahone  
Bay**

A letter to Council dated July 8, 2003 from **Evelyn Scott, Mahone Bay**, concerning private roads (additional documents and photographs on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Jeff Morton, President,  
Landscape N.S.  
Horticultural Trades  
Association**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 8, 2003 from **Jeff Morton, President, Landscape N.S. Horticultural Trades Association**, regarding the Healthy Lawns Integrated Pest Management Accreditation Program. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Bernie White,  
Municipal Clerk,  
CBRM**

A copy of a letter dated July 9, 2003 from **Bernie White, Municipal Clerk, Cape Breton Regional Municipality**, concerning the Aid to Municipalities Program. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Don Zwicker, President,  
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated July 10, 2003 from **Don Zwicker, President, UNSM**, regarding the establishment of a joint

UNSM/provincial committee to review assessment services. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Scotia Pool Society**

A copy of financial statements to March 31, 2003 received from **Scotia Pool Society**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**C.A. Berliner, Manager,  
HRDC**

A copy of a letter dated July 15, 2003 from **C.A. Berliner, Manager, HRDC**, enclosing two HRDC publications (documents on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Penny Lighthall,  
Curator/Administrator,  
Colchester Historical  
Society and Museum**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 17, 2003 from **Penny Lighthall, Curator/Administrator, Colchester Historical Society and Museum**, regarding signage for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Acadie. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Don Zwicker, President,  
UNSM**

A copy of a press release dated July 24, 2003 from **Don Zwicker, President, UNSM**, concerning issues of importance to Nova Scotia municipalities. Council agreed to receive this press release for information purposes.

**Kathleen Corrigan,  
Research  
Representative, CUPE**

A copy of a memorandum dated August 14, 2003 from **Kathleen Corrigan, Research Representative, CUPE**, regarding effects of trade agreements on Canadian public policy. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Don Zwicker, President,  
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated August 14, 2003 from **Don Zwicker, President, UNSM**, regarding the appointment of a UNSM Policy Advisor. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Development Officer**

A copy of the Development Activity Report for the months of June and July 2003 received from the **Development Officer**. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

**Building Inspector**

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics for the months of June and July 2003 received from the **Building Inspector**. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

**Alex Smith, Bible Hill**

An e-mail dated August 13, 2003 from **Alex Smith, Bible Hill**, concerning skateboarding. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

**Federation of Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members Advisory dated July 23, 2003 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding funding criteria for infrastructure program. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Janet Barlow, Active & Safe Routes to School Coordinator, N.S.**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 18, 2003 from **Janet Barlow, Active and Safe Routes to School Coordinator, N.S.**, concerning Walk to School Day. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Peter Terauds, Municipality of Annapolis County**

A copy of a letter to Premier Hamm dated August 21, 2003 from **Peter Terauds, Municipality of Annapolis County**, regarding insurance coverage for older homes and heritage properties. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Valerie Gauthier, Coordinator of Finance, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**

A letter to the CAO dated August 26, 2003 from **Valerie Gauthier, Coordinator of Finance, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**, enclosing a copy of the Board's financial statements for year ending March 31, 2003 (copy of report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Furnace Oil and Diesel Fuel Tenders**

Separate tenders for furnace oil and diesel fuel at various County facilities were let in July 2003. Tenders were for a five-year period. One bid was received for each tender and awarded to Superline Fuels.

**Tatamagouche Firemen's Picnic**

Councillor LeFresne indicated that the Tatamagouche Firemen's annual picnic is being held on Labour Day Monday.

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

School Enhancement Committee

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported that the new school in Brookfield is ready to open in September and a grand opening ceremony is expected in the near future. Councillors expressed interest in having a tour of the new facility.

Northen Region Inter-Municipal Committee on Solid Waste

As the newly appointed Chair for this Committee, Deputy Mayor Matheson advised that he had attended a meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Central Nova Tourist Association

Councillor Edwards advised that the year-end synopsis is available for anyone interested.

Windpower

Councillor Baas reported that the first test towers are almost ready to be put up.

Economic Development Transition Committee

Mayor Smith advised that the hiring for the Industrial Promotions position

is underway, a communications person is in place to assist in the transition of the two boards into one and that his work on the existing Board should be wrapped up within a month or so.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera session at 10:52 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:00 p.m.

**Recyclables Processing Agreement - Town of Truro**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the Municipality entering into a Recyclables Processing Agreement with the Town of Truro for a five-year term, commencing April 1, 2003; and, that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign all necessary documentation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:05.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Deputy Clerk