

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, February 27, 2003 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 Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Public Hearing - Flood Plain Amendments to Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land- Use By-law

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting amendments to the flood plain provisions of the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law. The text for the proposed amendments to the Strategy and By-law has 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 have been followed.

Mayor Smith reminded Councillors that only those present throughout the public hearing can vote on the amendment when it is eventually considered by Council and that in order for the amendment to pass, it must receive a majority vote of the entire Council. The 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 amendments. He indicated that the current flood plain provisions have been in place for almost a year and generally have worked quite well; however, some discrepancies have been identified. The amendments are intended to correct these discrepancies and provide the Development Officer with clearer direction on how the provisions should be administered. No changes have been made to the intent of

the provisions or in the process.

Councillor Masters provided a report from the Planning Advisory Committee. He indicated that with the amendments, applicants can now hire a professional engineer or surveyor regarding cut and fill provisions in the By-law. He did acknowledge that there were concerns regarding affordability of professionals by landowners and the cumbersome process involved.

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 was received:

Mr. Charlie Wilson: Mr. Wilson stated that all he wants is to take fill from property located near the N.S. Agricultural College and put it on his land. If he cannot take it from this property, he cannot accomplish anything.

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 the proposed text amendments to the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law concerning flood plain development standards be approved by Council.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson opposed)*

Mayor Smith advised that this is a planning strategy amendment and implementing land-use by-law amendment and accordingly, there will be no appeal to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. The amendments must be reviewed by the provincial Director of Planning and may require approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Notice of such a decision can be expected within 30 days.

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

**Public Hearing -
Development
Agreement, Vimy
Road - Ron Wallace**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for a development agreement involving the construction of four 12-unit apartment buildings, a duplex unit, and a maintenance shop, office structure on a lot located on Vimy Road near its intersection with Farnham Road. The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated

to Council members and have been made available to the public.

Mr. 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 development agreement 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 development agreement 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.

Paul Smith provided an overview of the application. The development agreement involves a multi-building complex to be located on property along Vimy Road. The proposed structures will be on a lot behind two existing 12-unit buildings on Vimy Road. The land use in the area is predominantly single detached dwelling units. A long established heavy equipment commercial use adjoins the existing side at the intersection of Vimy and Farnham Roads. Parking will be provided along the circular driveway and there are plans for extensive landscaping of the site. There will be a common entrance for all buildings to help reduce traffic problems. The Department of Transportation has reviewed the plan and suggested changes that have been incorporated into the final design. Since the property is located in a growth area, central sewer service is available and a number of wells have been developed for the new complex. This application has been made under Policy RP-25 of the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy which enables Council to consider a development agreement for such a use on land that has been designated for "residential" purposes. The project is consistent with the criteria under the Strategy and By-law.

The applicant, Mr. Ron Wallace, had no comments to offer at this point in the hearing.

Councillor Masters provided a report from the Planning Advisory Committee. He indicated that the Committee had no problem with the proposal - it suited the site and the existing buildings in the area. Mr. MacIsaac advised that no written submissions had been received regarding this application.

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

Denise: Denise stated that she had three concerns regarding this development agreement, the first being a possible increase in the noise

level, the second being outside lighting, and the third being salt contamination in the wells. Both Mayor Smith and Mr. Smith agreed that, with the addition of a 48-unit structure, there would be an increase in the noise level. Mr. Smith stated that there are specific standards in the agreement that address the exterior lighting issue. There will be a couple of exterior lights on the buildings for security; however, there will be no street lights which create a glare. With regard to salt contamination in the wells, Mr. Smith stated that properties on this side of the river have not experienced this problem to date.

Mr. Wallace stated that he is very strict regarding noise levels, both inside and outside, and has not experienced any problem with his other rental properties.

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

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council enter into a development agreement with Ron Wallace that would allow for the establishment of a multi-building apartment complex off of Vimy Road in Bible Hill.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith advised that this is a development agreement 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.

**Public Hearing -
Rezoning, Oakwood
Drive - Keith Jeffers**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order with respect to an application for a By-law amendment involving a rezoning of properties located at 140, 144, 147 and Lot 53 on Oakwood Drive, Truro Heights, from R-2C Residential Two-Unit Conversion to R-2 Residential Double Unit. The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and have been made available to the public.

Mr. 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 indicated that the primary application from Mr. Jeffers is for the rezoning of Lot 53 on Oakwood Drive in Truro Heights. The applicant has a pending sale for the property to an individual who wishes to construct a duplex unit on the site. Three adjoining properties presently contain two-unit structures that have been established for several years. The recent adoption of the 2002 Municipal Planning Strategy has made these uses inconsistent with the current zone requirement. The other property owners for whom this rezoning involves wish for these amendments as well. A change in zoning will broaden the types of permitted uses on this lot. Policy IMP-5 of the Municipal Planning Strategy sets out a criteria under which Council will review and consider zoning map amendments.

The applicant, Mr. Keith Jeffers, indicated that he had tried to sell the lot for three years but anyone interested was concerned with the existing duplexes on the adjoining properties. He now has a potential buyer for the property who is interested in constructing a duplex.

Councillor Masters provided a report from the Planning Advisory Committee. He stated that the Committee had no problem with the application and is recommending it for approval.

Mr. MacIsaac advised that no written submissions had been received regarding this application.

There was no response to Mayor Smith's call for public presentations.

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

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That Council approves the rezoning of properties located at 140, 144, 147 and Lot 53 Oakwood Drive in Truro Heights from R-2C Residential Two-Unit Conversion to the R-2 Residential Double Unit Zone."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith advised that this is a by-law amendment 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 Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That the agenda be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- S add 7b: Reports from Councillors Appointed to Outside Boards and Agencies
- S add 11b: Position Vacancy - Finance Manager (on table)
- S add 11c: Pictou Garbage
- S add 11d: Tourism
- S add 14b: Meeting with the Honourable Peter Christie (on table)
- S add 14c: Badger Flood, Newfoundland"

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That the minutes of meeting held on January 24, 2003 be approved as circulated and the minutes of meeting held on January 30, 2003 be approved with the following amendment:

- S Page 2002-100, insert a motion for the presentation from the Victoria Park Pool Committee as follows:

*Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor*

'That the presentation from the Victoria Park Pool Committee be received and referred to Council Committee.'

Motion Carried Unanimously."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on January 24 and 30, 2003.

Presentations

Jo Ann Fewer, Chief Executive Officer and Ron Creighton, Chair,
Colchester Regional Development Agency

Mr. Creighton began the presentation by stating that each year CoRDA is asked to update the Municipality and other funding partners on what has taken place in the past year and what is upcoming in the year ahead. Mr. Creighton explained that since it is unlikely that the new regional development agency will be up and running on April 1st, CoRDA's strategic plan for the year ahead was based on the current mandate.

Ms. Fewer continued with the presentation with the following highlights from 2002-03:

- S a series of networking events, learning workshops, business breakfasts and open houses were held in 2002-03, on topics such as increased cell phone coverage on North Shore, tourism marketing package in West Colchester, Colchester Renewable Energy Society, Halifax-Moncton Growth Corridor Plan, Youth Employment Strategy and Retention Program, Kohler Employment Fair
- S sector specific initiatives related to tourism
- S creation of producers directory of local agricultural products
- S Colchester Regional Development home to three lending organizations, one adult learning association, two community development organizations

Ms. Fewer reported that one of the pitfalls from this past year is the failure to integrate the three economic development organizations into one. This has resulted in a delay in long-term hires, reluctance to replace outgoing Board members, uncertainty with staff and plans for the next year. The Board is requesting direction from the Economic Development Transition Committee on how to proceed in 2003-04.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the presentation from the Colchester Regional Development Agency be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Given the discussion that resulted from CoRDA's presentation and how it related to what is taking place between the County and the Colchester Park Development Society, Council agreed to move Item 8, Update on CPDS, ahead on the agenda.

Update on CPDS

In response to a question from Mayor Smith on whether any CPDS meetings had been held since a Special Council meeting on January 24th, Councillor Baas indicated that there had been an informal session on Tuesday, February 18th at which no minutes were taken. The meeting was held to discuss matters which may take place while Mr. Winters, the

Chair of the CPDS Board, is away. In addition to Councillor Baas, those in attendance at this meeting were Bob Winters, Ed Koenig and Robert King. Councillor Baas stated that Mayor Smith was not invited to this meeting because he was not a member of the CPDS Board yet and that he (Councillor Baas) had not yet resigned from the Board. He further indicated that Mayor Smith will not be appointed to his position on the Board until CPDS holds its annual general meeting in March. Councillor Baas will resign his position as County representative at that time but will continue on the Board as a private citizen.

The County Solicitor indicated that, in his view, Mayor Smith is the County representative on the CPDS Board and has been since Council appointed him to replace Councillor Baas at its meeting held on January 24th. This was communicated to CPDS in a letter from the County dated January 27th. The Mayor's appointment to the Board was further supported by Council members in the discussion that followed.

Referring to the next Economic Development Transition Committee meeting, Mayor Smith reported that this meeting had been requested by the Town of Truro following an in-camera meeting they had with Bob Winters and Stu Rath. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 4th. He indicated that he needs to know before going to this meeting whether Council is prepared to support the creation of a new agency given the deterioration of the original vision for economic development. During the discussion that followed, it was noted that although the County had made three concessions during negotiations with CPDS, no agreement has been reached to date nor was it likely to happen anytime soon. It was suggested that Council step back from these negotiations with CPDS.

Moved By Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Municipality of Colchester step back from negotiations regarding the Colchester Park Development Society.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Deputy Mayor Matheson,
Councillors Taylor, Masters,
Elliott, Edwards, Cavanaugh
LeFresne, Lynds, McKenna
opposed)*

Mayor Smith stated that on March 4th, if the Transition Committee indicates that it does not wish to pursue the asset issue and wants to hire the Executive Director, then he will come back to Council with a recommendation that the County consider withdrawing its funding support from this project.

Councillor Baas agreed to notify Council when the next CPDS Board

meeting is being held.

**Council Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented a report from a Council Committee meeting held on February 13, 2003:

**Funding Request -
Victoria Park Pool
Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the one-time donation of \$25,000 from the current year’s operating surplus to the Victoria Park Pool Committee Project.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)*

Council Priorities

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves that the application for the Replacement of the Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant remain as No. 1 on the capital priority list and that the Upgrade to the Tatamagouche Water Utility be added to the list as the No. 2 priority.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In addition to approving this motion, Council agreed to have staff pursue a funding application for the Tatamagouche Water Utility under the provincial assistance program.

**Funding Request -
International Tulip
Festival**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves a \$1,500 donation to the International Tulip Festival in support of this event scheduled for May 16-19, 2003 in Truro, source of funds to be the 2003-04 Economic Development Grant Fund.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Elliott, Baas and LeFresne opposed)*

**Low Income Tax
Exemption Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves an amendment to the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy by increasing the amount of the tax exemption from \$100 to \$150. The applicant’s income shall remain at ‘equal to or less than \$15,000 for the previous calendar year’.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Materials Recovery
Facility Equipment
Replacement
Reserve Fund**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves the Materials Recovery Facility Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund Schedule as presented, and that this schedule continue to be reviewed annually.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2003.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

Councillor Masters reported that any planning issues were dealt with earlier in the evening at the public hearings.

Special Council

A report from a Special Council (Maintenance Budget) meeting held on February 18, 2003 was presented:

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That \$500,000 be transferred from General Operations to the Special Operating Reserve to fund potential costs associated with improvements to the County pension plan.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Central Nova Tourist Association: Councillor Edwards reported that CNTA has launched its Strategic Plan for the region’s tourism industry. If Councillors would like a copy of this plan, it can be obtained through Councillor Edwards or from the Clerk’s office.

St. Andrews Stewardship Committee: Councillor Elliott reported that the Committee met on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. and that the next meeting will be on March 10th. The Department of Environment and Labour has been requested to attend.

**Village of Bible Hill -
Recreation and
Sidewalk**

Councillor Taylor provided a report on this issue which was originally tabled by Council Committee in August 2002 at the request of the Village of Bible Hill. The Village is now asking Council to re-consider their original request. The Village is objecting to the \$100,000 from general operations devoted to street paving debt costs by the Municipality and \$100,000 devoted to recreation costs. They are stating that it is their responsibility to deliver these services and their residents are being taxed twice. Residents and businesses of Bible Hill should be exempt from paying towards the \$100,000 per year for paving and the \$100,000 per year for recreation. The alternative would be to grant the Village of Bible Hill \$30,000 annually towards its transportation and recreation costs.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the grant of \$30,000 to the Village of Bible Hill be restored.”

Motion **Defeated**.

(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Elliott, Edwards, LeFresne, Lynds, Baas, Cooke, McKenna opposed)

**Authorization to
Expend Funds in
Municipal
Recreation Trust
Account**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approve that the source of funds for the land acquisition approved on November 14, 2002 be the Municipal Recreation Trust Account.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillor Taylor opposed)

**UNSM Conference
2004**

Staff have been informed by the UNSM that the joint proposal to host the UNSM Conference in 2004 has been accepted. In past years, the host community has also sponsored a luncheon and/or a hospitality suite at the previous year’s conference. The total amount spent on the luncheon and hospitality suite in 1999 was \$4,300, with Colchester’s share being approximately \$2,000. Staff recommend this amount for the 2003 Conference.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council refer the matter of funding the 2003 UNSM Conference to Additions/Deletions, and that Councillor Keith Baas be appointed to the Conference Planning Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were requested to bring forward at Additions/Deletions a clearer definition of the costs involved.

**Position Vacancy -
Finance Manager**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council authorize Administration to open competition for the position of Finance Manager in accordance with the County’s Personnel Policies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Pictou Garbage

Councillor Cavanaugh indicated that he had heard on the news that there was pressure being placed on the Municipality to accept Pictou County garbage. At its meeting on February 13th, Council Committee decided not to revisit its policy of accepting garbage only from within County boundaries. Mayor Smith stated that he had received a call from a reporter who informed him that Pictou was going to lobby the provincial government to have Colchester accept their garbage but he had not heard anything from Pictou County. Mr. MacIsaac reported that the Municipality has received a similar request from the District of East Hants and a copy of this letter and his response will be circulated to Council. His response will follow existing County policy.

Tourism

Councillor LeFresne stated that because some of the requests for funding under the Economic Development Grant Fund appear to be related to tourism, he asked that tourism be referred to Additions/Deletions.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That tourism be referred to Additions/Deletions.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed)*

In preparation for Additions/Deletions on March 6th, staff were asked to review past requests over the last couple of years to determine what activities are being funded.

Correspondence

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

- S No. 18: letter from Environment and Labour dated February 14, 2003 regarding THM’s in municipal drinking water supplies
- S No. 23: letter from Five Islands Bazaar Committee dated February 1, 2003 concerning possible closure of Five Islands Elementary School

ACTION

Alan Nymark, Environment Canada

A copy of a letter dated January 13, 2003 from **Alan Nymark, Environment Canada**, regarding a report on a Climate Change Plan for Canada: Achieving Our Commitments Together (report available in Clerk’s office).

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from Environment Canada regarding a Climate Change Plan for Canada be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sue Burley, Manager
of Recreation**

A request from **Sue Burley, Manager of Recreation**, requesting that the week of April 27-May 3, 2003 be proclaimed Volunteer Week in Colchester County.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the week of April 27-May 3, 2003 be proclaimed Volunteer Week in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Dale O’Connor,
Canadian Liver
Foundation**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 15, 2003 from **Dale O’Connor, Canadian Liver Foundation**, requesting March be proclaimed Help Fight Liver Disease Month.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the month of March 2003 be proclaimed Help Fight Liver Disease Month.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Joyce Mingo-
MacLean, Executive
Director, CNTA**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 21, 2003 from **Joyce Mingo-MacLean, Executive Director, Central Nova Tourist Association**, requesting the annual per capita fee from the Municipality.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the letter from the Central Nova Tourist Association requesting the annual per capita fee from the Municipality be referred to Additions/Deletions.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Smith and Councillor Cooke
opposed)*

**Meghan O’Blenes,
Program Officer, NS
YES**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 13, 2003 from **Meghan O’Blenes, Program Officer, NS YES**, requesting March be proclaimed Youth Science Month.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the issue of proclamations be referred to Council Committee for policy discussion.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the month of March be proclaimed Youth Science Month.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**David Briggins,
Manager, Water and
Wastewater Branch,
Dept. of Environment
& Labour**

A letter to the Director of Public Works dated February 14, 2003 from **David Briggins, Manager, Water and Wastewater Branch, Department of Environment and Labour**, regarding THM's in municipal drinking water supplies.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillor LeFresne reported that he is aware of this issue and that the current reading of THM's is 110. The level of THM's is being monitored at the Tatamagouche Water Utility and will be discussed at an upcoming Water Utility Committee meeting.

**Faye Currie,
Coordinator, Five
Islands Bazaar
Committee**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated February 1, 2003 from **Faye Currie, Coordinator, Five Islands Bazaar Committee**, concerning possible closure of the Five Islands Elementary School and a response from the CAO dated February 24, 2003.

Councillor Cooke indicated that he had an inquiry from a resident in the Five Islands area who thought that the Municipality owned the school. Councillor Cooke asked how he should approach this issue should he receive any other inquiries. Mr. MacIsaac advised that the Municipality does not own the school. If the School Board does choose to close the facility, it will formally advise the Municipality that the building is surplus to its needs and at that time, Council will be asked to determine a process for dealing with the property.

INFORMATION

**Shelley Dooher,
Manager, Volunteer
Initiatives, HRDC**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 9, 2002 from **Shelley Dooher, Manager, Volunteer Initiatives, Human Resources Development Canada**, regarding nominations for the Therese

Casgrain Volunteer Award (report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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

A memorandum to the Chief Administrative Officer dated December 13, 2002 from **Janet Pelley, Regional Library Director, Colchester East Hants Regional Library**, enclosing a copy of the 2001-02 annual report and minutes of meetings of the Library Board (report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Kevin Lamarque,
Director, N.S. Office,
Dept. of Canadian
Heritage**

A copy of a letter dated January 2003 from **Kevin Lamarque, Director, N.S. Office, Department of Canadian Heritage**, concerning a Celebrate Canada campaign. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members Advisory dated January 29, 2003 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding the federal court of appeal decision that denied municipal governments to manage public lands. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Don Zwicker,
President, UNSM**

A memorandum to Mayors and Council dated January 29, 2003 from **Don Zwicker, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, enclosing draft amended by-laws. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

StoraEnso

A copy of a news release dated January 30, 2003 from **StoraEnso** regarding a new TMP expansion approved for Port Hawkesbury. Council agreed to receive this news release for information purposes.

**Kevin Lamarque,
Director, N.S. Office,
Dept. of Canadian
Heritage**

A copy of a letter dated February 2003 from **Kevin Lamarque, Director, N.S. Office, Department of Canadian Heritage**, concerning an International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Tom Davis, Chair,
N.S. Coalition
Against No-Fault
Insurance**

A letter to the Municipality dated February 3, 2003 from **Tom Davis, Chair, N.S. Coalition Against No-Fault Insurance**, concerning a coalition against no-fault insurance. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Ron Creighton,
Chair, CoRDA**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 6, 2003 from **Ron Creighton, Chair, Colchester Regional Development Agency**, regarding support for the Colchester Park Development Society Memorandum of Understanding. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mayor Christopher
Wright, Town of
Stewiacke**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 7, 2003 from **Mayor Christopher Wright, Town of Stewiacke**, regarding support for the Colchester Park Development Society Memorandum of Understanding. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Winston Settle, Stewiacke	A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated February 10, 2003 from Winston Settle, Stewiacke , concerning St. Andrews River Watershed. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Federation of Canadian Municipalities	A copy of a Members Advisory dated February 13, 2003 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding Federal Budget Day. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Education	A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 13, 2003 from Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Education , concerning funding for regional library boards. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Federation of Canadian Municipalities	A copy of a Members Advisory dated February 18, 2003 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding FCM's reaction to the federal budget. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
Building Inspector	A copy of the Building Permits Statistics Report received from the Building Inspector for the month of January 2003. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this report for information purposes.
Development Officer	A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the Development Officer for the month of January 2003. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this report for information purposes.
John Patterson, Chair, Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board	A copy of a letter to Angus MacIsaac dated February 17, 2003 from John Patterson, Chair, Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board , concerning funding for regional library boards. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Sheldon Dorey, CAO, Town of Stewiacke	A letter to the CAO dated February 18, 2003 from Sheldon Dorey, CAO, Town of Stewiacke , regarding the County's strategic planning survey. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Krista Wood, Colchester East Hants Health Authority	A copy of highlights of a meeting held on February 18, 2003 from Krista Wood, Colchester East Hants Health Authority . <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Hank Kolstee, Supervisor, Land Protection, Dept. of Agriculture & Fisheries	A letter to Crawford Macpherson dated February 20, 2003 from Hank Kolstee, Supervisor, Land Protection, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries , concerning procedures for appeals made to the Agricultural Marshland Conservation Commission. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Ellie Grady, 31 Cross Street, Truro	A copy of correspondence received on February 21, 2003 from Ellie Grady, 31 Cross Street, Truro , regarding closure of the trailer court in Millbrook. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this correspondence for information

purposes.

**Ed Koenig, Executive
Director, CPDS**

A letter to the CAO dated February 24, 2003 from **Ed Koenig, Executive Director, Colchester Park Development Society**, enclosing a copy of audited financial statements for the year ending October 31, 2002. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**St. Andrews River
Watershed Planning
Documents**

At the January Council session, a discussion was held concerning the rationale behind the December 3, 2002 decision to table the St. Andrews River Watershed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law. At this session, Councillors identified that the principal reason was the concern over a separate stewardship committee which is also in existence. Following discussions with the Solicitor and a meeting between Colchester and Stewiacke, it was agreed that the planning documents will remain tabled until a final report of the Stewardship Committee is available. This final report will be presented to Council for information and Council will then remove the planning documents from the "table" and vote on their contents.

**Mayor's Challenge
Update**

More than 550 adults and 200 children are currently participating in the Mayor's Challenge. The registrants are from all over the County, including Tatamagouche, Debert, Economy, North River, Great Village and Stewiacke Valley. There are 11 schools participating in the Challenge, adding some 2,000 participants to the Challenge total.

**Meeting with the
Honourable Peter
Christie**

The Honourable Peter Christie, newly appointed Minister for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, is presently meeting with municipalities to familiarize himself with issues in local areas. He will meet with Colchester Council on Friday, February 28th at 2:00 p.m.

Badger Flood, Nfld.

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that the Bank of Montreal would like to have Council on board to raise relief funds for the victims of the Badger flood in Newfoundland.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera session at 11:50 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 12:23 a.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:25 a.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Deputy Clerk