

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL**

A Special Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Mike Smith, Chair	
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson	District #3
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**

Councillor Bob Taylor	District #1
Councillor Richard Elliott	District #4
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Smith advised that the purpose of the meeting was to brief Council on the collective bargaining negotiations between the Municipality and CUPE Local 3945. However, he requested that a separate item relating to the Lower Truro Water Supply be added to the agenda, in light of recent events. Council was in agreement with this addition.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Lower Truro Water Supply**

At the June 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Council session, Council received presentations on the Lower Truro Water Supply owned by Dirk and Catharina Geense and agreed to consider the issue at the August 14th Committee session. The issue at hand is that the Geense’s insurance company has advised they will no longer insure the Geenses for public

liability if that water service remains intact after July 20, 2003.

At the June Council meeting, staff was also instructed to contact the insurance company and request an extension to the July 20th deadline to allow the Municipality time to consider the matter in August.

Mayor Smith advised Council of his discussions earlier that day with the President of the King's Mutual Insurance Company who had refused to grant an extension.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Mayor and CAO be authorized, on behalf of the Municipality, to take over the Lower Truro public water supply owned by Dirk and Catharina Geense and to sign any necessary documentation involved in this process.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera session at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 5:08 p.m.

### **Negotiations**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council rescind the motion of June 26, 2003 authorizing a pay raise for the three (3) foremen which was based on incorrect legal advice.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council authorize staff to make public the Municipality's collective bargaining position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council authorize the Solicitor to contest any allegation of bad faith bargaining at the Labour Relations Board or elsewhere.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council direct staff to prepare contingency plans for a lock-out or strike.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Gary MacIsaac  
Chief Administrative Officer