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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 25, 2005 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
Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
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**Public Hearing -
Development
Agreement,
Canadian Tire
Corporation,
Robie Street**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for a development agreement made by the Canadian Tire Corporation involving an expansion to their store on Robie Street, Lower Truro. 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 Council that only those Councillors present throughout the public hearing can vote on the development agreement when it is eventually considered by Council. This is Council's opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors will have the opportunity to debate the merits of the development agreement 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.

Pam Macintosh, Development Officer, presented members with an overview of the application. The application from the Canadian Tire Corporation for a development agreement would permit the

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expansion of their existing retail space by 10,100 square feet, bringing the total retail store size to approximately 39,000 square feet. With the seasonal garden centre and warehouse portion, the total size will be 66,700 square feet.

Staff referred two concerns regarding this application to the Planning Advisory Committee. The first related to the entrance points off Robie Street and the second issue related to the store being located in the flood plain. Both issues have been resolved.

Ms. Macintosh made reference to the applicant's request for two changes to the Agreement to which staff have agreed:

- item No. 6 - substantial construction of the development to commence within 2 years of the Agreement, rather than one year
- item No. 19 - developer requests 30 days notice of termination of Agreement by Municipality

Mr. Nick Price, Terrain Group Inc., addressed Council on behalf of the applicant. He indicated that construction would be no more than six months and the 30 day notice would give the Canadian Tire Corporation enough time to deal with any issues. The extension should benefit the community overall and also be a way to clean up the existing site formally owned by Stan LeBlanc.

In the absence of Councillor Masters, Councillor Taylor presented the report of the Planning Advisory Committee regarding this application. The Committee discussed the application and did not identify any serious issues. Some concern was expressed about the closure of the Budget entrance, noting that the new arrangement might create some awkward traffic patterns. Canadian Tire's design consultants indicated that the proposed redesign was developed in collaboration with a traffic engineer who felt that the solution was a marked improvement over what presently exists. Therefore, the Committee recommended to Council that the application be approved.

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

Councillor Taylor placed the following motion on the floor:

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Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council enter into a development agreement dated August 2005 with Canadian Tire Corporation Limited and Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited that will allow an expansion to the existing retail store on Robie Street in Lower Truro.”

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.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda for August 25, 2005 be approved with the following additions:

- add 15b: N.S. Provincial Exhibition Opening Ceremonies
- add 15c: Fairness to Cape Breton”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was noted that the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation had requested and Council agreed that they would be making their presentation at 9:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of meetings held on June 16 and 30, 2005 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of June 16 and 30, 2005.

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Presentations

Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia

Mr. Steve Talbot, Executive Director for the Association, made a presentation to Council on the benefits of intensive forest management and what this means in terms of economic growth for Nova Scotia. For example, in the past ten years, direct employment has grown from approximately 8,600 to 13,400 jobs. These are very good paying jobs which are equal to or above the provincial wage average.

Mr. Talbot also indicated that in the last decade, the forest industry has invested \$1.5 billion to upgrade and improve competitiveness in Nova Scotia. Forest products account for 20 percent of the province's exports. A herbicide ban would reduce any planned investments throughout the industry and is essential for intensive forest management.

A copy of Mr. Talbot's presentation and information brochure were circulated to Council and are available in the CAO's office.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

"That the presentation from Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

John Christianson

Mr. Christianson indicated that he lives in Hilden and owns a cottage on Sterling Lane in Brule. He made reference to correspondence in the Council package between him and the CAO in which he expressed concerns about the changes in cottage garbage collection on the North Shore. He stated that the location at the end of Sterling Lane, which the County designated as the spot for garbage collection, was not working for him and a couple of others. He wants his garbage put in a place where it can be picked up and that if the County cannot provide this service, then he shouldn't have to pay for it.

Mr. Christianson said he would gladly have the garbage collection truck turn in his yard. It was suggested that in order to do this, permission would have to be obtained from the other property owners to allow the truck to come down Sterling Lane and staff would need to determine whether it is safe to do so.

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Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the presentation from John Christianson be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester East Hants Hospital Foundation

Ms. Karen McNeil began the presentation by indicating the Foundation was given the challenge of raising \$25 million for the construction of a new hospital as the old one is undersized and out of date. The new facility will be 30% larger with an expansion to mental health services, ambulatory care, the urology program, a first-time dedicated palliative care unit, paediatric short stay unit and a rooftop helipad. Ms. McNeil then turned the rest of the presentation over to Mr. Tom Stanfield.

Mr. Stanfield indicated that he and Garry Pye were Co-Chairs of the Pacesetter Gifts Committee for the fundraising campaign. The new facility will cost \$100 million of which the Committee has to raise \$25 million within the local community. The remaining \$75 million is expected from the Province. Mr. Stanfield stated that this is the single biggest task for the community. To date, \$3.5 million from the Foundation and \$500,000 from the Hospital Auxiliary has been raised. From all municipalities in this region, including Millbrook, the Committee is asking for 55% of the \$25 million or \$13.7 million. This request is based on usage, population and assessment. County residents make up 60% of the users of the hospital. As the County is the largest municipal player in the region, the Committee is looking to them for the biggest contribution, 60% of the \$13.7 million or \$7.8 million.

Following the presentation, Mayor Smith indicated that he is a great supporter of the new hospital; however, it was his impression after meeting with members of the Foundation on April 14th that the Committee would be happy receiving \$6 million from the Municipality. He felt that the \$7.8 million was not supportable and as far as he was concerned, \$6 million paid in year one is a fair share.

In response to a request from Councillor LeFresne on the funding formula used to arrive at the proposed contribution from the Municipality, Mr. Stanfield circulated a sheet containing employment figures, assessment, population and usage numbers.

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the presentation from the Colchester East Hants Hospital Foundation be received and their request for funding in the amount of \$7.8 million be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

David Kersey

Mr. Kersey raised concerns regarding the future of Nelson Memorial Park. There appears to be some question on whether the two ball fields in the area are part of the Park. If the community loses the fields, then there is no place for the children to play baseball. He asked that Council keep this in mind when considering the Park’s future.

**Kenomee Trail
Society Request for
Support - Repair of
River Phillip Road**

Council agreed to move this item forward on the agenda to accommodate those representatives in the audience from the Kenomee Trail Society.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the County provide a grant to Kenomee Trail Society in the amount of \$3,159 for repair of the River Phillip Road, source of funds to be the Community Trails Program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff agreed to advise adjacent landowners of the grant approval and the work to be done.

**Standing Committee
on Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented a report from the Council Committee meeting held on August 11, 2005:

Capital Budget

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the following Five-Year Capital Projects Plan:

1. That the expansion of the Balefill Building for Occupational Health and Safety compliance with an estimated cost of \$100,000 be scheduled for construction in 2005/06; and

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That \$1.50 per bale be set aside from the tipping fee commencing in 2006/07, to establish a Balefill Capital Reserve Fund to fund this project.

2. That the construction of the Balefill Compost Pad with an estimated cost of \$400,000 be scheduled for construction in 2006/07; and

That authorization be given to finance a loan of \$400,000 over a ten year period, from General Operation Funds, to fund the cost of the project.

3. That expansion of the Materials Recovery Facility be scheduled for construction in 2006/07; and

That staff report back separately regarding negotiations.

4. That the sidewalk on Teviot Place to Coldstream/College Road intersection with an estimated cost of \$875,000 be scheduled for construction in 2006/07; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost or \$437,500 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That \$0.02 be added to the Urban Service Rate for sidewalks commencing in 2007/08 to fund the remaining cost of this project.

5. That the sewer lines for Carter Road System in Brookfield with an estimated cost of \$307,200 be scheduled for construction in 2007/08; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost or \$153,600 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That the remaining 50 percent of the cost be funded from the Sewer Capital area rate fund.

6. That the sewer lines for Highway 2 South System in Brookfield with an estimated cost of \$385,740 be scheduled for construction in 2007/08; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost or \$192,870 be

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withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That the remaining 50 percent of the cost be funded from the Sewer Capital area rate fund.

7. That the sewer lines for Upper Brookfield Road System in Brookfield with an estimated cost of \$409,344 be scheduled for construction in 2007/08; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost or \$204,672 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That the remaining 50 percent of the cost be funded from the Sewer Capital area rate fund.

8. That the sewer lines for John Bell Road System in Brookfield with an estimated cost of \$536,400 be scheduled for construction in 2007/08; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost or \$268,200 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That the remaining 50 percent of the cost be funded from the Sewer Capital area rate fund.

9. That the sewer lines for Highway 2 North System in Brookfield with an estimated cost of \$772,680 be scheduled for construction in 2007/08; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost or \$386,340 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That the remaining 50 percent of the cost be funded from the Sewer Capital area rate fund.

10. That the sidewalk on Harmony Road from Deuville's Rink to the existing sidewalk on East Prince Street with an estimated cost of \$310,000 be scheduled for construction in 2008/09; and

That 50 percent of this estimated cost of \$155,000 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

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That \$0.02 be added to the Urban Service Rate for sidewalks commencing in 2008/09 to fund the remaining cost of this project.

11. That the purchase and installation of a new scale at the Balefill with an estimated cost of \$100,000 be scheduled for installation in 2009/10; and

That funding of this project be withdrawn from the Balefill Capital Reserve Fund.

12. That the sidewalk on Prince Street under an existing approval at an estimated cost of \$75,000 be scheduled for 2005/06; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost of \$75,000 or \$37,500 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That the remaining 50 percent of the cost be withdrawn from the existing Urban Service Area Rate Fund for Sidewalks, upon completion of this project.

13. That the sidewalk in Debert with an estimated cost of \$158,000 be scheduled for construction in 2008/09; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost of \$79,000 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That an area rate of \$0.10 be established in the year of scheduled construction setting up a sidewalk fund; and

That the area rate remain until the project is fully funded.

14. That the sewer lines in Great Village on Lornevale Road at an estimated cost of \$467,292 be scheduled for construction in 2008/09; and

That 50 percent of the estimated cost or \$233,646 be withdrawn from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund upon completion of the project; and

That the remaining 50 percent of the cost be funded from the Sewer Capital area rate fund.

15. That infrastructure for Debert Air Industrial Park previously

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approved to be included in the five year capital plan is scheduled for 2007/08.

16. That Bible Hill Water Project previously approved to be included in the five year capital plan remains included but with no scheduled date.
17. That Farnham Road Project previously approved to be included in the five year capital plan is scheduled for 2009/10.
18. That staff be instructed to report back separately regarding the MRF Ponding Project.

AND

“That staff be directed to look into the cost of moving the 2007-08 Brookfield projects to 2006-07 and if possible, that the 2008-09 projects be moved up to 2007-08 and the 2009-10 be moved up to 2008-09.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**NSCAF Project -
Process for
Colchester**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the Municipality commencing a process with fire brigades and area Councillors on recommendations to existing 911 community names; and

That Council approves the recruitment for a term position in the Property Information Department at Range 4.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on June 30 and August 15, 2005.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

The report from the Planning Advisory Committee from a meeting held on August 8, 2005 was presented earlier in the evening during the public hearing for the expansion of the Canadian Tire store on Robie Street.

**Deuville’s Arena Ad
Hoc Committee**

As recommended in the Committee’s report from a meeting held in August, Councillor Edwards placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Edwards

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Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council not approve the request from Deuville’s Arena for financial assistance in the 2005-06 season.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Spring and Fall Cleanups

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the following changes to the Spring and Fall Cleanup Program be approved:

1. That limited amounts of home improvement materials be allowed for Spring and Fall Cleanup collection. Such items to include carpet, toilet, sink, bathtub, lighting fixtures, small bundled wood, door or window.
2. That each residence is permitted to place at curbside a maximum of 295 kgs. (650 lbs.) of bundled materials/units plus one of each type of appliances.
3. That except for appliances, furniture and fixtures, no bundle/unit to be in excess of 50 lbs. or one cubic meter in measure.
4. That one of each appliance is permitted fridge, stove, freezer, etc.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2005 UNSM Fall Conference - Delegates

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the following members of Council be appointed as voting delegates at the 2005 UNSM Fall Conference: Mayor Smith, Councillors LeFresne, Mingo, White, Edwards and Taylor.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Other members of Council wishing to attend the Conference as non-voting delegates are to advise staff within the next week.

Correspondence

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

- No. 22: letter from E.W. Crowell concerning garbage and

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- recyclables collection
- No. 29: letter from Canada Post dated August 19, 2005 and CAO's response dated August 22, 2005 regarding rural route delivery changes and location of community mailboxes
- No. 24: letter from Village of Bible Hill dated August 11, 2005 enclosing 6-Year Capital Budget Plan
- No. 30: correspondence received August 23, 2005 enclosing petition in support of Nelson Park
- No. 21: e-mails from John Christianson dated August 11 and May 21, 2005 and CAO's response dated August 18, 2005 concerning cottage garbage collection
- No. 19: letter from Baird's Septic Tank Pumping Ltd. dated August 5, 2005 concerning follow up on technology visit to Norway

ACTION

Allan Symes, Village of Tatamagouche

A letter from **Allan Symes, Village of Tatamagouche**, requesting that a vacant property in Tatamagouche be rezoned from commercial to residential for the purpose of building an apartment complex.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

"That the letter from the Village of Tatamagouche requesting that a vacant property in Tatamagouche be rezoned from commercial to residential for the purpose of building an apartment complex, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Michelle Misener, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 14, 2005 from **Michelle Misener, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters**, requesting that September be proclaimed Big Brothers Big Sisters Month.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the month of September 2005 be proclaimed Big Brothers Big Sisters Month in Colchester County."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Ken Ma, 50 Abrams Way, Halifax

A letter to Council dated August 5, 2005 from **Ken Ma, 50 Abrams Way, Halifax**, requesting consideration of a development agreement for 494 Pictou Road.

Moved by Councillor Taylor

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That the letter dated August 5, 2005 from Ken Ma requesting consideration of a development agreement for 494 Pictou Road, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Joe Volpe, Minister of Citizenship & Immigration

A copy of a letter dated August 2005 from **Joe Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration**, requesting the week of October 17-23, 2005 be proclaimed Canada’s Citizenship Week.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the week of October 17-23, 2005 be proclaimed Canada’s Citizenship Week in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sgt. Dave Darrah, Operations NCO, Colchester District, RCMP

Correspondence to the CAO dated August 17, 2005 from **Sgt. Dave Darrah, Operations NCO, Colchester District, RCMP**, concerning an RCMP member living in District 10.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the correspondence dated August 17, 2005 from the RCMP regarding a member living in District 10 be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Roland Langille, Co-Chair, Fundraising Campaign, Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital

A letter to Councillor LeFresne dated August 27, 2005 from **Roland Langille, Co-Chair, Fundraising Campaign, Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital**, requesting support for a fundraising campaign for a new hospital in Tatamagouche.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the letter dated August 27, 2005 from the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital requesting support for a fundraising campaign for a new hospital in Tatamagouche be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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E.W. Crowell

A letter to Mayor Smith from **E.W. Crowell**, concerning garbage and recyclables collection at 399 Five Houses Road.

In response to his inquiry, staff advised Councillor Cooke that letters of this nature are always answered. In this particular case, Mrs. Crowell will be advised that she cannot deduct a portion of her taxes because she chooses not to use the garbage and recyclables collection services. It will also be suggested to her that she may wish to use one of her nine properties in the area as the location for a cottage box for collection purposes.

**Avril Vollenhoven,
Manager,
Communications,
Canada Post**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 19, 2005 from **Avril Vollenhoven, Manager, Communications, Canada Post** and a response from the CAO dated August 22nd, concerning rural delivery changes and location of community mailboxes.

Councillor Cooper was advised that the Municipality has had no response to its letter dated August 22nd in which Canada Post was reminded of an earlier request to keep Councillors informed in advance of areas where these mailboxes may be located.

**Rick Hilliard, Chair,
Village of Bible Hill**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 11, 2005 from **Rick Hilliard, Chair, Village of Bible Hill**, enclosing the Village's six-year capital budget plan.

Mayor Smith advised that he and the CAO met with the new Village Chair Rick Hilliard and Clerk Bob Christianson this morning. The purpose of the meeting was to welcome Mr. Hilliard as the new Chair, to have an information exchange on issues of concern, and to stress the critical role of talking to area Councillors on capital priorities.

**Margie Cunningham,
Tatamagouche**

A copy of correspondence received on August 23, 2005 from **Margie Cunningham, Tatamagouche**, enclosing a petition in support of Nelson Memorial Park.

Councillor LeFresne indicated that up until this week, the community had been fairly quiet on the future of Nelson Park. This week there has been a groundswell of support through this petition and a number of phone calls for keeping the Park in public hands.

The CAO advised that he had a visit from Ms. Cunningham today when she dropped off the petition. Although Ms. Cunningham lives in Fort McMurray, Alberta, she has an interest in the Park due to her grandfather once owning the property.

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**John Christianson,
Sterling Lane and
County CAO**

An e-mail from the County CAO dated August 18, 2005 in response to e-mails from **John Christianson, Sterling Lane**, dated May 21st and August 11th regarding cottage garbage collection on Sterling Lane.

Councillor Taylor noted concerns about collection on a private road in Economy.

**Allan Baird, President,
Baird's Septic Tank
Pumping Ltd.**

A copy of a letter dated August August 5, 2005 from **Allan Baird, President, Baird's Septic Tank Pumping Ltd.**, regarding follow up on a technology visit to Norway.

Deputy Matheson indicated that the invitation to attend a demonstration of the de-watering unit referred to in this letter was an opportunity for members of Council to look at this new technology. He requested that a discussion on septic tank pumping should be referred to a future Council Committee meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the letter from Baird's Septic Tank Pumping Ltd. be referred to Council Committee for a discussion on septic tanks.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

**Russ Waycott, Vice
President, Woodlands,
StoraEnso**

A letter dated July 17, 2005 from **Russ Waycott, Vice President, Woodlands, StoraEnso**, enclosing a copy of the StoraEnso Port Hawkesbury's Forestry Green Balance Sheet for 2004 (report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**David Bauld, Audit and
Assurance Group,
PricewaterhouseCooper**

A letter to the CAO dated June 28, 2005 from **David Bauld, Audit and Assurance Group, PricewaterhouseCooper**, regarding the audited financial statements of the Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board (statements on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Jo Ann Fewer,
Executive Director,
CoRDA**

A letter to the CAO dated June 29, 2005 from **Jo Ann Fewer, Executive Director, CoRDA**, regarding the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2004-05 (financial statements on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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- M.H. McGill, Town Engineer, Town of Truro** A letter to the Municipality dated July 7, 2005 from **M.H. McGill, Town Engineer, Town of Truro**, regarding the Source Water Protection Plan, Lepper Brook Watershed Area. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Rennie Bugley, CAO, Municipality of Cumberland** A copy of a letter to Minister Barnet from **Rennie Bugley, CAO, Municipality of Cumberland**, supporting the position of Mayor Smith and Council regarding villages and fuel tax funding. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Michael Coleman, President, FCM** An FCM Members' Advisory dated July 12, 2005 from **Michael Coleman, President, FCM**, entitled Parliament Adjourns with Critical Budget Bill passed. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
- Rick Ramsay, Chair, RRFB Nova Scotia** A letter to the Mayor dated July 6, 2005 from **Rick Ramsay, Chair, RRFB Nova Scotia**, with a copy of their annual report for fiscal year 2005 entitled "New Journeys, New Directions" (copy of report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Development Officer** A copy of Development Activity Reports received from the **Development Officer** for the months of June and July 2005. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.
- Building Inspector** A copy of Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of June and July 2005. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.
- Lloyd E. Matheson, Chair, Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board** A letter to the Mayor dated July 13, 2005 from **Lloyd Matheson, Chair, Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board**, responding to Mayor Smith's letter regarding the library facilities (copy of Mayor Smith's letter attached). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Mayor Charles Crosby, UNSM** A copy of a fax to all UNSM membership from **Mayor Charles Crosby, UNSM**, regarding cancellation of the UNSM special meeting on August 4th. Council agreed to receive this fax for information purposes.
- Liza Frulla, PC, MP** A letter to the Mayor received July 15, 2005 from **Liza Frulla, PC, MP**, regarding arts and heritage within communities. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Union of N.S. Municipalities** A copy of an e-mail dated July 14, 2005 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**, attaching a supplementary report on roads. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

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- Ron Creighton, Chair, CoRDA** A letter to Mayor Smith from **Ron Creighton, Chair, CoRDA**, enclosing a copy of the 2004-05 Annual Report. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Marie Mullally, President & CEO, NS Gaming Corporation** A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 20, 2005 from **Marie Mullally, President and CEO, N.S. Gaming Corporation**, enclosing a copy of the 2004-05 Annual Report (copy of report on file in the Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Kevin Chudd, Mayor, Gimli, Manitoba** A copy of a letter dated July 29, 2005 from **Kevin Chudd, Mayor, Gimli, Manitoba**, regarding the importance of addressing sensitive environmental challenges. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Carol Thorn, President, Tourism Industry Association of N.S.** A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 2, 2005 from **Carol Thorn, President, Tourism Industry Association of N.S.**, regarding camping in unauthorized locations. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Jane Fraser, CEO, N.S. Municipal Finance Corporation** A copy of a memorandum dated August 3, 2005 from **Jane Fraser, CEO, N.S. Municipal Finance Corporation**, enclosing a copy of the Corporation's annual report (report on file in the Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.
- Minister Kerry Morash, Environment and Labour** A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 11, 2005 from **Minister Kerry Morash, Environment and Labour**, in response to a letter from the Municipality regarding the Fire Safety Act (attached). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Carol MacPherson, Hamilton, Ont.** A copy of a letter dated August 3, 2005 from **Carol MacPherson, Hamilton, Ontario**, regarding garbage collection in the Tatamagouche area. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Jeffrey Jiang, President, Global Mission to Rescue Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners** A copy of a letter dated August 12, 2005 from **Jeffrey Jiang, President, Global Mission to Rescue Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners**, regarding rescuing innocent orphans under persecution in China. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Service N.S. and Municipal Relations** A copy of a press release dated August 18, 2005 from **Service N.S. and Municipal Relations**, regarding distribution of gas tax revenues. Council agreed to receive this press release for information purposes.

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**Municipal/Provincial
Joint Advisory Group**

A copy of the August 2005 newsletter received from the **Municipal/Provincial Joint Advisory Group**. Council agreed to receive this newsletter for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of an e-mail dated August 22, 2005 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning the UNSM Nominating Committee Report for 2005-06. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

**Utility Services Position
Vacancy**

There were no internal applicants for this position. When posted externally, 35 applications were received and four applicants interviewed. An offer was made and accepted by Andrew MacCallum who commenced work on August 8, 2005.

**Environment and
Education Officer
(Term) Position**

This vacancy was created when Deborah Searle agreed to accept the position upon her return from maternity leave in September 2006. Christine Whelan, the present incumbent, tendered her resignation effective August 19, 2005. Thirty-three applications were received for the position of which four were interviewed. An offer was made and accepted by Shari Dillman who commenced work on August 2, 2005.

**Regional Processing
(Tote Bag Contract)
RFP**

The regional processing contract (commonly referred to as the Tote Bag Contract) with the Resource Recovery Fund Board expires August 31, 2005. The RRFB put out a request for proposals in May with the Municipality being the successful bidder. The contract is for a five-year term from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2010.

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

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported on an information meeting that he and the CAO attended on August 4th in Halifax regarding the Fair and Equitable Task Force report.

**N.S. Provincial
Exhibition Opening
Ceremonies**

Mayor Smith raised this issue because there was mention at the opening ceremonies of the Exhibition that no Council representative was in attendance. It was noted that the reason for this was the Municipality did not receive an invitation.

It was recommended that a letter be written to the Exhibition advising them that no invitation was received to the opening ceremonies but hope to be there next year.

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Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That a letter be sent to the N.S. Provincial Exhibition advising them that no invitation was received by the Municipality to this year’s opening ceremonies and that Council hopes to be there next year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Fairness to Cape Breton

Councillor Edwards made reference to an article in the August 5th Chronicle Herald written by John Morgan, Mayor for Cape Breton Regional Municipality. He encouraged other Councillors to read it.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 10:55 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:05 p.m.

**Evaluation of Proposals
- Nelson Memorial Park**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the two submissions received in response to the Request for Proposals for Nelson Memorial Park be rejected.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That a further discussion on Nelson Memorial Park be referred to Council Committee and that staff be instructed to present options regarding the future of the Park in the Action Item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m.”

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary