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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, December 1, 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 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
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for December 1, 2005 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of meetings held on October 27 and November 10, 2005 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

Referring to page 2005-274 of the October 27, 2005 minutes, Council was advised that the gas tax agreement has been signed off by the Municipality and that a regional signing may take place at a later date.

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Presentations**Dr. Roland Langille and Mr. Derek Piers, Co-Chairs of Fundraising Campaign, Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital**

In their presentation to Council, Dr. Langille and Mr. Piers indicated that the Committee must raise 25 percent of the total capital upgrade locally for the renovation of the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital. The Committee is faced with raising \$250,000 for this purpose. They are hoping to finish the fundraising campaign by the end of July 2006. The Municipalities of Pictou County and Cumberland County have been approached for funding and the Committee is looking to the Municipality of Colchester for a contribution in the amount of \$127,098.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the presentation from the Fundraising Campaign for the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital be received and referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Rob Carreau, Truro Cross Country Ski Club

Mr. Carreau made a presentation to Council regarding the newly formed Cross Country Ski Club and their plans to build a facility in Victoria Park and groom trails in that area. The facility would be located in the watershed area of the Park. The Club has put together a business plan and received a financial commitment from the Town of Truro in the amount of \$15,000 and \$10,000 from the Province.

Mr. Carreau outlined the financing required for year one of this project:

Snowmobile:	\$10,000
Grooming Equipment	\$10,000
Signage & Promotion	\$ 5,000
Fuel, Maintenance, Wages	\$ 8,000
Trail Development	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$35,000

The Club would like to see the County make a financial contribution in the range of \$7,000 to \$10,000 to get the business plan going this year. This funding would be used for financing the purchase of a snowmobile and a trails groomer.

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Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the presentation from the Truro Cross Country Ski Club be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the request for financial support from the Truro Cross Country Ski Club be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

If all necessary information is available, Council requested that staff bring this issue forward at December Committee.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented reports from the Council Committee meetings held on November 10 and 15, 2005:

**Financing Options
for New Hospital**

Before voting on the following motion, Deputy Mayor Matheson indicated that he would like the motion amended to consider Schedule 5 of the Action Item as a possible option for financing the hospital. Staff advised that Schedule 5 is over a 10-year period rather than Schedule 2 which is over a 15-year period. Initial payments would be \$1.4 million in the first four years and surpluses generated of \$1.4 million would be applied to the 5th payment. The residential rate would increase by 6 cents for the first six years.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that, as presented in Schedule 2 of Action Item dated November 10, 2005, the financing of the \$7 million for the new hospital commence with a loan of \$1.0 million in 2006-07 followed by loans in each of the next three years of \$1.4 million beginning in 2007-08, with all loans coming due in the 15th year of the first borrowing (2021-22); and,

That the residential rate be increased by 5 cents commencing in 2006-07 with the surplus set aside to fund the final \$1.4 million payment in 2010-11; and,

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That \$400,000 be drawn from the operating surplus and applied to the first hospital contribution in 2006-07; and,

That staff be directed to begin the process to obtain a temporary borrowing resolution for the initial borrowing of \$1.0 million.”

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

During Council debate, the Solicitor indicated that in order to amend the motion, the current motion on the table would have to be defeated and a new motion put forward indicating Schedule 5 as the method of financing.

Nelson Memorial Park

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council approves that Nelson Memorial Park be operated as a day-use park and campground activity discontinue, with funding to be determined at a later date.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic
Development Grants
Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the Economic Development Grants Policy as presented in the Action Item dated November 10, 2005, with the understanding that applications for community festivals received under this new policy will be considered year one for the applicant.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Street Light Petition -
Shortt’s Lake West
Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that the street light petition for Shortt’s Lake West Road be accepted and that this area be billed at the area rate of 6 cents commencing 2006-07.”

Motion **Tabled**.

Deputy Mayor Matheson indicated that he had received a number of calls and letters (circulated on table) from residents in the area regarding this petition. The Deputy Mayor requested that the

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motion be tabled until February 23, 2006 Council meeting to allow time to straighten out the matter.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the motion to approve the acceptance of the street light petition for Shortt’s Lake West Road and that this area be billed at the area rate of 6 cents commencing 2006-07 be tabled until February 23, 2006 Council meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff was requested to advise the party who originally circulated the petition of Council’s decision to table the motion until February 2006. In addition, Council clarified that the petition would require a majority of the property owners and a majority of assessed value. In the event that persons who have signed the petition now wish to withdraw, they must do so in writing.

**Street Light Request -
East Folly Mountain
Road and Staples
Brook Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the placement of a street light at the intersection of East Folly Mountain Road and Staples Brook Road, source of funds to be general operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Elimination of
Business Occupancy
Tax**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council retains the existing single area rate structure for Fire Brigades and Commissions due to the phase out of business occupancy tax and that each of the Fire Brigades and Commissions be informed of the impact this phase out will have and what they need to do if they have to recover the lost revenue; and,

That Council retains the existing single area rate structure for all other area rates due to the phase out of business occupancy tax; and,

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That Council approves that the phase out of business occupancy tax assessment and corresponding tax reduction from general operations be recovered through the commercial tax rate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

Regarding the October 27th minutes, staff advised that to date, no response has been received from Scotia Pine Campground. If this continues, a second letter will be issued advising them of the date on which the Municipality will proceed to correct the problem connections to the public sewer and recover the costs.

Deputy Mayor Matheson agreed to speak with the owner of the Campground regarding this matter.

Regarding the November 21st minutes, it was noted that Councillor White should be listed as an attendee for Item 1 regarding the CPDS Memorandum of Understanding.

**Fire Safety Act -
Resumption of Service**

The Municipal Solicitor and the CAO provided Council with an update on the Fire Safety Act.

The Municipality got on board fairly early since the Act came into effect in February 2003, including the appointment of an inspector. Colchester County was one of the first municipalities to move forward with the inspection process and was meeting its obligations. Last fall, Council decided to suspend the program because of the frustration being experienced not only with the implementation of the Program but also in working within the framework of the Fire Safety Act and regulations. Following a meeting in September 2005 with the Assistant Deputy Minister and Fire Marshall regarding the program, the Mayor and CAO instructed the Solicitor to look at a number of issues.

Conflict of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Councillor LeFresne declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.

The Solicitor recommended that at the very least, before considering resumption of the fire inspection service, the Municipality should request that the Minister of Environment and Labour establish regulations around Section 30 (civil enforcement) of the Act plus better policy on liability protection.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That a letter be written to the Minister of Environment and Labour indicating that while the Municipality is willing to work with the Province on making changes to the existing Act and regulations, it will continue to suspend the Fire Safety Program until these matters are resolved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council requested that a copy of this letter be placed in their mailboxes.

At this point, Councillor LeFresne returned to the table.

**Exchange of Roads for
Snow Removal
Purposes**

_____ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality enter into an Agreement with the Department of Transportation and Public Works dated November 9, 2005, allowing for the redistribution of snowplowing responsibilities on streets owned by the Municipality and the Province.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Capital Budget -
Schedule of Projects**

The Director of Public Works provided Council with an overview of the Brookfield Sewer Extension projects.

During discussion on this item, Deputy Mayor Matheson requested that all five sewer extensions in Brookfield go forward for design. Residents have indicated to him that they want this to happen as there is presently a problem in two of the areas already and they are concerned about their water sources.

Councillor Cooke confirmed that the Municipality does not intend to proceed with design work on extending the Great Village sewer system for at least another year.

_____ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Municipality proceed with the design of all five sewer extensions in Brookfield in 2006-07, and, depending on the design

and pumping station location, begin construction on Carter Road in

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the late fall of 2006-07, with the balance being completed in 2007-08.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

_____ Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the Temporary Borrowing Resolution as presented and authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign on behalf of the Municipality.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Provincial Generator Grant Program

_____ Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality make application for generator funding for all seven brigades using the following priority list:

- 1. Tatamagouche
- 2. Bass River
- 3. Brookfield
- 4. Salmon River
- 5. Cobequid
- 6. Bible Hill
- 7. Upper Stewiacke;

and,

That the unspent generator grant money from 2004-05 in the amount of \$3636.36 be allocated to the next highest priority brigade that does not receive funding in this program; and,

That the issue of provision of generators for comfort stations at fire halls be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council requested that notice be given to the Colchester Firefighters Association when this goes to Committee.

Municipal Flags - Contribution to Royal Canadian Legions

Councillor LeFresne requested that, because of comments he received at the Remembrance Day service in Tatamagouche, Royal Canadian Legions in the County should have a municipal flag flying on their building in addition to the Canadian and Provincial flags.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne

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Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That each of the Royal Canadian Legions in the Municipality be given a County flag to fly above their building along with the Canadian and Provincial flags.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

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

- No. 2: letter from N.S. Emergency Measures Organization dated October 20, 2005 regarding approved funding from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund
- No. 3: letter from CN dated October 21, 2005 regarding industrial park spurs/sidings in Colchester County
- No. 1: letter from Canadian Union of Postal Workers dated October 2005 regarding Canada Post closing post offices and plants
- No. 14: letter from Bill Langille dated November 14, 2005 regarding Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant
- No. 16: letter from Health Promotion dated November 15, 2005 regarding delay in bid process for 2011 Canada Winter Games
- No. 20: memo from UNSM dated November 18, 2005 regarding UNSM seeking intervention status
- No. 23: correspondence from Colchester East Hants Public Library dated November 17, 2005 concerning request for more adequate library facilities in Tatamagouche
- No. 19: correspondence from FCM dated November 17, 2005 regarding impact of early election on federal transfers to municipalities
- No. 21: letter from Department of Health dated November 15, 2005 regarding development of continuing care strategic framework project
- No. 30: news release from Province of Nova Scotia concerning funding for municipal infrastructure
- No. 36: memorandum from UNSM dated November 29, 2005 concerning UNSM’s 2005/06 policy and research priorities

ACTION

**Richard Hillier, Chair,
Village of Bible Hill**

A letter to the Mayor dated October 24, 2005 from **Richard Hillier, Chair, Village of Bible Hill**, concerning the Village of Bible Hill’s infrastructure needs over the next five years.

Moved by Councillor Taylor

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Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill dated October 24, 2005 concerning Bible Hill’s infrastructure needs over the next five years be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In preparation for next week’s Committee meeting on December 8th, it was recommended that the CAO, Councillor Taylor and Councillor Mingo meet with the Village of Bible Hill to discuss this matter.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of an email dated November 4, 2005 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities** regarding proposed standards for pits.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the CAO meet with interested Councillors to review the discussion paper on proposed standards for pits; and,

That the CAO be authorized to send along any issues of concern to the UNSM resulting from this meeting with Councillors in order to meet the deadline of December 15, 2005; or, if necessary, bring back to December Committee for further discussion.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillors Lynds, Cooke and Cooper expressed an interest in being a part of this meeting. It was also noted that Councillor Cavanaugh should be invited to attend.

R.A. Langille, Derek Piers, Co-Chairs, Fundraising Campaign, Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital

A letter to the Mayor and Council from **R.A. Langille and Derek Piers, Co-Chairs, Fundraising Campaign, Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital**, requesting funding for the renovations to the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital in Tatamagouche.

A motion to refer to Committee was passed on this issue earlier this evening under the ‘Presentations’ portion of the agenda.

Minister Ernest Fage, N.S. Emergency Measures Organization

A letter to the CAO dated October 20, 2005 from **Minister Ernest Fage, N.S. Emergency Measures Organization**, regarding approved funding from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund for Nova Scotia municipal units.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, staff

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confirmed that this letter is not about the meetings staff have been having with local fire brigades regarding the Province's request to increase the number of communities in the County. It is an annual amount received from the Province to provide for the recovery of costs associated with administration of civic addressing programs at the municipal level.

Keith Creel, Senior Vice-President, CN-Eastern Canada Region

A letter to the Mayor dated October 21, 2005 from **Keith Creel, Senior Vice-President, CN-Eastern Canada Region**, regarding CN's industrial park spurs/sidings in Colchester County.

Staff confirmed to Deputy Mayor Matheson that parts of the spur line in Debert had been removed by CN. Written objections to this decision had been passed along by both County Council and CoRDA. CoRDA met with CN last week at which time CN indicated that Home Hardware had asked that the spur line be removed from their property. CN admitted to going beyond this property line which resulted in the removal of the spur line in the Debert Air Industrial Park. Recognizing that they did a poor job communicating on this issue, CN agreed to hold a stakeholders' meeting which is being organized by CoRDA.

Deborah Bourque, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated October 2005 from **Deborah Bourque, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers**, requesting support for a resolution to help communities keep public postal service and jobs.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor White

"That Council supports a resolution from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to help communities keep public postal service and jobs."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Bill Langille, MLA, Colchester North

A letter to the Mayor dated November 14, 2005 from **Bill Langille, MLA, Colchester North**, regarding the status of the application for funding under the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program for the Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant.

Councillor LeFresne noted that a response on this matter has not been received from MP Bill Casey. Mayor Smith agreed to follow up with Mr. Casey by telephone either tomorrow or Monday.

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**Rodney MacDonald,
Minister of Health
Promotion**

A copy of a letter dated November 15, 2005 from **Rodney MacDonald, Minister of Health Promotion**, regarding a delay in the bid process for the 2011 Canada Winter Games until after the federal and provincial governments have approved a new financial framework in June 2006.

Deputy Mayor Matheson asked how this delay would affect the local community in its bid for hosting this event. The CAO reported that the Bid Committee has been in a holding pattern for about four months. It appears that the previous rankings no longer apply and our submission will require going through another pre-approval process.

**Ken Simpson,
Executive Director,
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated November 18, 2005 from **Ken Simpson, Executive Director, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, regarding the UNSM seeking intervention status in the matter of Stora Enso vs. Director of Assessment.

Councillor Taylor commented on how assessments on wind turbines has become an issue and given what is happening with Stora Enso, it could be quite a deterrent to businesses wanting to get into wind turbines.

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

A copy of correspondence dated November 17, 2005 from **Janet Pelley, Library Director, Colchester East Hants Public Library**, concerning a request for more adequate library facilities in Tatamagouche.

Councillor LeFresne inquired as to whether this should be brought forward at next week's Committee meeting during the discussion on capital budget additions. Staff were directed to invite Ms. Pelley to a Council meeting in January to make a presentation on this matter.

**Federation of Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members' Advisory dated November 17, 2005 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning the impact of an early election on federal transfers to municipalities.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, staff advised that no announcements on Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure funding, specifically as it pertains to the Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant, would be made during the election.

**Keith Menzies,
Executive Director,
N.S. Department of
Health**

A letter to the Mayor dated November 15, 2005 from **Keith Menzies, Executive Director, N.S. Department of Health**, regarding development of recommendations for a continuing care strategic framework project.

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Being identified in this letter as a partner in this project, Council discussed briefly what involvement the Municipality would have in this process.

Province of Nova Scotia

A copy of a news release from the **Province of Nova Scotia** concerning the \$111 million in funding for Nova Scotia municipal infrastructure.

Staff agreed to provide Council with an information item on what this funding will mean for Colchester. Councillor Cooper indicated that he had heard that it would be designated for the whole County, not specific projects.

**Warden Richard Cotton,
President, UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated November 29, 2005 from **Warden Richard Cotton, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning UNSM's 2005-06 policy and research priorities.

The CAO updated Council on the Fair and Equitable Funding Report since the UNSM Fall Conference when the report's principles and recommendations received endorsement by the membership.

INFORMATION

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

An email to the CAO dated October 31, 2005 from **Jo Ann Fewer, Executive Director, Colchester Regional Development Agency**, providing an update on the Colchester Park Development Society. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Central Nova Tourist
Association**

A copy of the November newsletter received from the **Central Nova Tourist Association**. Council agreed to receive this newsletter for information purposes.

**Karen McNeil, Chair,
Colchester Regional
Hospital Foundation
Board**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated November 2, 2005 from **Karen McNeil, Chair, Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation Board**, concerning Colchester County's contribution to the new hospital foundation. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Ken Simpson, Executive
Director, UNSM**

A copy of an email dated November 7, 2005 from **Ken Simpson, Executive Director, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning responses to questions by the Rural Caucus regarding the Fair and Equitable Funding Report. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

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- Development Officer** A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of October 2005. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.
- Building Inspector** A copy of the Building Permit Statistics Report received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of October 2005. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.
- Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley** A letter to the Mayor and Council dated November 8, 2005 from **Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley**, regarding Bill No. 275 - Off-Highway Vehicle Act. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Dwight Bennett, CAO, Municipality of West Hants** A copy of a letter dated November 9, 2005 from **Dwight Bennett, CAO, Municipality of the District of West Hants**, in support of the Municipality of Cumberland's letter (copy attached) on Fair and Equitable Funding Report. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Sheldon Dorey, CAO, Town of Stewiacke** A copy of a letter dated November 10, 2005 from **Sheldon Dorey, CAO, Town of Stewiacke**, concerning Stewiacke Town Council's decision to not participate on the Civic Centre Steering Committee. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Lisa Jackson and Alex Steeves, Policing & Victim Services, N.S. Department of Justice** Two letters dated November 10, 2005 from **Lisa Jackson and Alex Steeves, Policing and Victim Services, N.S. Department of Justice**, regarding the Nova Scotia Police Act Regulations (copy of regulations on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive these letters for information purposes.
- Michael Price, Co-Chair, Canada Wide Science Fair 2007** A letter to the Director of Corporate Services dated November 14, 2005 from **Michael Price, Co-Chair, Canada Wide Science Fair 2007**, providing an update on the activities of the Canada Wide Science Fair 2007. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Union of N.S. Municipalities** A copy of an email dated November 16, 2005 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding the Legislative Reports Newsletter. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities** A copy of a Members' Advisory dated November 1, 2005 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning FCM's support for the post-tsunami reconstruction programs in Asia. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

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Leanne Hachey, Director of Provincial Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

A letter to the Mayor dated November 17, 2005 from **Leanne Hachey, Director of Provincial Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business**, regarding the elimination of the business occupancy tax. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Margaret Ling, 353 Salmon River Road

A letter received November 22, 2005 from **Margaret Ling, 353 Salmon River Road**, and a copy of the County's letter of April 2000 sent to Mrs. Ling regarding garbage collection services. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Krista Wood, Director of Public Relations, Colchester East Hants Health Authority

A copy of an email dated November 23, 2005 from **Krista Wood, Director of Public Relations, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, regarding temporary coverage of surgical and obstetrical services until late December. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Terry Canning, Deputy Fire Chief, Brookfield Fire Department

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated November 8, 2005 from **Terry Canning, Brookfield Fire Department**, concerning a generator for the new Brookfield Fire Station. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer, Village of Bible Hill

A copy of an email to the Emergency Measures Coordinator dated November 21, 2005 from **Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer, Village of Bible Hill**, regarding a generator for the Village of Bible Hill Fire Brigade. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Brady Hennigar, President of Lunenburg County Truckers Association & Kendall Veinotte

A copy of a letter dated November 22, 2005 from **Brady Hennigar, President of the Lunenburg County Truckers Association and Kendall Veinotte**, regarding new fees and regulations for quarries. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Union of N.S. Municipalities

A copy of an email dated November 24, 2005 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**, with attached UNSM presentation to the Utility and Review Board regarding the Nova Scotia Power Inc. rate hearing. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Rodney MacDonald, Minister Responsible for the Order of N.S. Act

A copy of a memorandum dated November 24, 2005 from **Rodney MacDonald, Minister Responsible for the Order of N.S. Act**, regarding nominations for members of the Order of Nova Scotia (nomination forms on file in the CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

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**Michael Coleman,
President, FCM**

A copy of correspondence dated November 23, 2005 from **Michael Coleman, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding the 2006 Sustainable Community Awards. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Garnet McLaughlin,
Chair, Kenomee Trail
Society**

A letter to the CAO dated November 24, 2005 from **Garnet McLaughlin, Chair, Kenomee Trail Society**, regarding the River Philip Road project. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Renée Kimber, Shortt's
Lake West Road AND
Gary MacIsaac, CAO**

A letter to the Mayor dated November 24, 2005 from **Renée Kimber, Shortt's Lake West Road** and the CAO's response of November 28, 2005 concerning the Shortt's Lake West Road street light petition. Council agreed to receive these letters for information purposes.

**Roy Bell, President,
Canadian Alliance for
Development Initiatives
and Projects**

An email to the Mayor dated November 28, 2005 from **Roy Bell, President, Canadian Alliance for Development Initiatives and Projects**, regarding the International Voluntary Service Program. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Project Engineer

After advertising for the vacant position of Project Engineer, 27 applications were received. A pre-screening of four candidates resulted in two candidates being interviewed. Mr. Sushil Bali was offered and accepted the position and began his duties on November 7, 2005.

**Approval to Increase
Height of Balefill**

The application to increase the height of the existing Balefill cell has been approved.

Mayor's Challenge 2006

This year's Mayor's Challenge is about taking things back to one's roots. As with the first year's challenge, the focus will be on biking, running and pushing to go further. Participants will have a number of new opportunities to earn Mayor Miles, learn new skills and keep motivated. Participants will be working to complete the distance of the Tour de France by working their way through the Tour de Colchester.

**Balefill Facility OHS
Extension -
Engineering/Architectural
Services**

A Request for Proposals was sent out to four engineering consultants for the provision of engineering/architectural services for the Occupational Health and Safety Extension of the Balefill Facility. Two consultants responded to the request and two declined the offer. Horner ADI Associates Limited was awarded the contract at a total cost of \$18,728 plus applicable taxes.

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

St. Andrews Watershed Stewardship Committee

Councillor Cooper reported that Mayor Dereck Rhoddy, Town of Stewiacke, will be chairing the Committee when re-instituted in the new year.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 11:10 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:52 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary