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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, January 26, 2006 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 Hughie Matheson	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for January 26, 2006 be approved with the following addition:

S add 9b: Position Vacancy - Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of meetings held on December 1, 2005 and January 12, 2006 be approved with the following amendment:

- December 1, 2005 minutes, Page 2005-293: in right-hand column, correspondence should read from ‘Rodney’, not ‘Ronald’ MacDonald”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Business Arising
from Minutes**

Two items arose from Business Arising:

- S Page 2005-288 of December 1st minutes: a letter to the Minister of Environment and Labour regarding the Fire Safety Act has just been sent out so no response has been received as yet.
- S Page 2005-289: regarding the Provincial Generator Grant Program, staff advised that nothing in writing has been received to date; however, the County Emergency Measures Coordinator has indicated that he has heard unofficially that we have received approval for purchase of six generators.

Presentations

There were no public presentations received for this evening's meeting.

Staff Presentations

Overview of Capital Projects
Ramesh Ummat, Director of Public Works

Mr. Ummat provided the following overview on the status of capital projects approved by Council as part of the recent five-year capital budgeting process.

Ongoing projects:

- East Prince Sidewalk Construction
- Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant
- Paving of Unpaved Street

New Projects for 2005-06

- Robie Street Pumping Station
- Repair to Balefill Baler
- OHS Improvements to Balefill Facility

With regard to the OHS improvements to the Balefill Facility, Mr. Ummat reported that the consultants have given an estimate of \$250,000 for this project as opposed to staff's estimate of \$100,000. A report back to Council may be required depending on the outcome of a meeting of staff with the consultants regarding the gap in pricing.

New Projects for 2006-07:

- New Balefill Cell Liner Construction
- Coldstream-Teviot Place Sidewalk
- Brookfield Sewer Extension
- Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant
- MRF Sprinkler and Building Expansion

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With regard to the MRF sprinkler and building expansion, staff indicated that the Resource Recovery Fund Board has not formally committed to participating in this project. Council directed staff to write to the Board and determine whether they wish to participate or not. This letter should include a request for a meeting with the new CEO of the Board.

Other Projects:

- Balefill Compost Pad
- Debert Air Industrial Park and CPDS Infrastructure

Council requested that a copy of the capital projects presentation be copied to their mailboxes.

Commercial Tax Rates Comparison
Bruce Purchase - Director of Corporate Services

Mr. Purchase indicated that in the Fall of 2005, Council looked at phasing out the business occupancy tax and the current tax rate structure.

At that time, Council chose to increase the commercial rate to offset lost revenue from the phase-out of the business occupancy tax and to leave the current rate structure as is. Council also wanted to have a discussion on comparison of Colchester's commercial tax rate with other municipalities.

Mr. Purchase's presentation showed the total tax burden for five commercial properties in six different municipalities, including Colchester. It did not, however, include the residential and commercial tax rates currently in place for the six municipalities as well as the rate gap. Mr. Purchase indicated that he would come back to Council at a later date with this information.

Council also requested that a copy of the comparisons presentation be copied to their mailboxes.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented reports from the Council Committee meetings held on December 8, 2005 and January 12, 2006:

**Request for Funding -
Lillian Fraser
Memorial Hospital**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

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“That Council approves that the Municipality donate \$127,098 to the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital fundraising campaign and that the method of financing be brought forward to Council at a later date.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Opportunity to
Provide Cross-
Country Skiing in
Colchester**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council approves that a one-time allocation of \$10,000 from the Active Communities Fund go toward cost sharing in the purchase of cross-country ski trail grooming equipment and that ongoing maintenance be paid through the Municipal Trails Maintenance account, subject to the preparation and Council’s approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Truro and the Municipality.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Method of Financing -
Lillian Fraser
Memorial Hospital**

_____ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves that the method of financing for the Municipality’s contribution to the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital fundraising campaign in the amount of \$127,098 be through the surplus in the general operating fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Amendment to Salary
Administration Policy**

_____ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council repeals the current policy numbered 6.03 and approves revised policy numbered 6.03 as attached to Action Item dated January 12, 2006.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Revised
Organizational Chart
for Wastewater
Treatment Facility**

_____ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the revised organizational chart for the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on December 13, 2005.

**Transfer of CPDS
Infrastructure to
County**

Although the motion on table recommended that authority be granted to Council Committee on February 9th, Council decided to hold off making a final decision on the transfer agreement until February Council. This would allow CPDS an opportunity to provide any input following their meeting on February 6th.

_____ Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That a final decision on the transfer agreement of CPDS infrastructure to the Municipality of Colchester be made at February Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were directed to report back to Council, as part of maintenance budget discussions, on the properties being sold in Debert and how this will affect tax revenues for the Municipality.

**School Enhancement
Request - Salmon
River**

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Mingo declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from the table.

The letter presented to Council Committee on January 12, 2006 from the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board indicated that the Department of Education required confirmation of the proposed enhancements to the new elementary school in Salmon River by February 15, 2006. At that time, in order to meet this deadline, Committee approved a motion to refer this request to tonight’s Council meeting and subsequent referral to the Council Committee meeting on February 9th for final decision.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council will further consider the request from the School Steering Team for a contribution from the Municipality of Colchester in the amount of \$166,667 for enhancements to the new elementary school in Salmon River; and,

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That Council directs the School Steering Team to hold a public meeting on February 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss enhancements only.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Mingo returned to the table.

Staff were directed to contact the School Steering Team to ensure they were aware that the cost of these enhancements, if approved, would be recovered from an area rate.

**Position Vacancy -
Central Colchester
Wastewater
Treatment Facility**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council declare a vacancy in the Plant Maintenance Worker position at the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility and authorize Administration to fill the position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

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

- No. 4: letter from Statistics Canada dated November 29, 2005 concerning the next Census of Canada in May 2006
- No. 7: email dated December 6, 2005 regarding Canada Post’s plans to redesign their outside mailboxes
- No. 13: newsletter dated December 12, 2005 from Central Nova Tourist Association
- No. 15: letter from Transportation & Public Works dated December 13, 2005 concerning proposed closure of Kemptown Loop bridges
- No. 20: letter from Canadian Red Cross dated November 8, 2005 regarding sponsorship of MASH event in May 2006
- No. 26: various emails to Mayor and Council regarding new civic centre

ACTION

**Jim Forbes, Chief,
Tatamagouche Fire
Department**

A letter dated October 5, 2005 from **Jim Forbes, Chief, Tatamagouche Fire Department**, requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$5,000 toward the purchase and installation of two dry hydrants.

Staff advised that a similar request had been received from the Economy Fire Department in 1998. At that time, Council did not support the request as it was felt it should be handled by the fire

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brigade through an area rate.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the request from the Tatamagouche Fire Department for funding assistance in the amount of \$5,000 toward the purchase and installation of two dry fire hydrants be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion **Defeated**.

(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Taylor, Masters, Cooper and Cooke opposed)

**Laurie Sandeson,
Managing Director,
Agri-Tech Park**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 7, 2005 from **Laurie Sandeson, Managing Director, Agri-Tech Park**, requesting road work assistance on Innovation Drive or the Farnham Road extension.

During a brief discussion on this matter, Council felt that Innovation Drive was a private road owned by the N.S. Agricultural College. It was recommended that it be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for possible consideration if and when the Farnham Road extension project goes ahead.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the request from the Agri-Tech Park for road work assistance on Innovation Drive be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Jonathan Lepper, J.
Lepper Engineering**

A letter to Mayor and Council dated December 12, 2005 from **Jonathan Lepper, J. Lepper Engineering**, requesting a change to the Village of Tatamagouche sewer limit.

Moved by Councillor Edwards

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Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the request from J. Lepper Engineering for a change to the Village of Tatamagouche sewer limit be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colleen Hunt,
Department of
Canadian Heritage**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 4, 2006 from **Colleen Hunt, Department of Canadian Heritage**, requesting February 15, 2006 be proclaimed National Flag of Canada Day.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the date of February 15, 2006 be proclaimed National Flag of Canada Day in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tamara Smith, Public
Relations Chair,
Kinette Club of Bible
Hill**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 16, 2006 from **Tamara Smith, Public Relations Chair, Kinette Club of Bible Hill**, requesting that February 20 and February 19-25, 2006 be proclaimed Kinsmen and Kinettes Day and week respectively.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the date of February 20 and the week of February 19-25, 2006 be proclaimed Kinsmen and Kinettes Day and Week respectively.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Doris McCallum,
KAIROS Committee**

An email dated January 10, 2006 from **Doris McCallum, KAIROS Committee**, requesting Council’s endorsement of a Water Declaration.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council approve the endorsement of the Water Declaration as submitted by the Kairos Committee.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Edwards, LeFresne and Cooke opposed)*

Mayor Bill Mills,

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 17, 2006 from **Mayor Bill**

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Town of Truro

Mills, Town of Truro, regarding Truro Town Council's decision to not move forward with the consultant study on the proposed new civic centre.

At the end of Council's debate on Truro's decision and where the Municipality goes from here, it was recommended that the issue be referred to February 9th Council Committee in order to allow Truro time to reconsider its position.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

"That the decision on whether to proceed with the consultant study on the proposed civic centre be referred to February Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Joyce Mingo,
Executive Director,
CNTA**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 12, 2006 from **Joyce Mingo, Executive Director, Central Nova Tourist Association**, requesting consideration of an annual grant to CNTA of \$5,000.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That the request from the Central Nova Tourist Association requesting an annual grant of \$5,000 be referred to Additions/Deletions."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Karyn MacKinnon,
Lower Onslow
Community Park
Association**

A letter to Mayor and Council dated January 25, 2006 from **Karyn MacKinnon, Lower Onslow Community Park Association**, requesting a letter of support for the proposed Lower Onslow Community Park.

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Smith declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table. Deputy Mayor Matheson assumed the position of Chair.

Moved by Councillor White

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Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter be written to the provincial Nova Scotia Health Promotion Department in support of the proposed Lower Onslow Community Park.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Mayor Smith returned to the table and resumed his position as Chair.

**Guy Oddo, Director,
Eastern Region,
Regional Census
Centre, Statistics
Canada**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 29, 2005 from **Guy Oddo, Director, Eastern Region, Regional Census Centre, Statistics Canada**, concerning the next Census of Canada scheduled for May 2006.

Councillor Cooper requested that Council consider having the 2006 Census promoted in the County newsletter.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the promotion of the 2006 Census of Canada to the residents of Colchester County by way of the newsletter or other sources be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Warden Lloyd Hines,
Municipality of
Guysborough**

A copy of an email dated December 6, 2005 from **Warden Lloyd Hines, Municipality of Guysborough**, regarding Canada Post’s plans to redesign their outside mailboxes.

Councillor Cooper circulated a further email from Warden Hines regarding Colchester’s participation in a conference call on this subject scheduled for January 31st.

Because the conference call involves representatives from an FCM national committee, Council directed the CAO to follow up after the call for information of interest to Colchester.

**Central Nova Tourist
Association**

A copy of a newsletter dated December 12, 2005 received from the Central Nova Tourist Association.

Councillor Edwards indicated this year’s annual CNTA meeting is being sponsored by East Hants. He asked Council to consider donating a County flag to the silent auction event at the Conference.

Moved by Councillor Edwards

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Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That a County Flag be donated to the silent auction portion of the annual CNTA conference.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor, Masters, Cooper and Mingo opposed)*

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a policy on County flags and other promotional materials be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Minister Ronald Russell,
Transportation &
Public Works**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 13, 2005 from **Minister Ronald Russell, Transportation and Public Works**, concerning the proposed closure of the Kemptown Loop bridges.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillor Taylor confirmed that a meeting had taken place between officials from Transportation and Public Works and Councillor Cavanaugh but that not much progress was made. There were some good points raised regarding safety that should be discussed further at some point.

**Mona O’Brien,
Northern District
Field Associate,
Canadian Red Cross**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated November 8, 2005 from **Mona O’Brien, Northern District Field Associate, Canadian Red Cross**, regarding sponsorship of a MASH event in May 2006.

Councillor Edwards asked that Council consider donating \$1,000 to the Canadian Red Cross rather than sponsoring the MASH event in some way.

After a brief discussion on Councillor Edwards’ request, Council directed staff to contact Ms. O’Brien to advise her of the County’s Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Program and recommend she consider making an application to this program on or before the deadline of January 31, 2006.

Sonya Shearer, Eric Boutilier, Michelle Sharbell, Pat Fox and Vicki Smith

Various emails to Mayor and Council received from **Sonya Shearer, Eric Boutilier, Michelle Sharbell, Pat Fox and Vicki Smith**, regarding the proposed new civic centre.

This subject was discussed earlier in the evening under

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correspondence received from the Town of Truro.

INFORMATION

**Sheila Brown,
President, Mount
Saint Vincent
University**

A letter dated November 29, 2005 from **Sheila Brown, President, Mount Saint Vincent University**, regarding the University's 2004-05 annual report (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Joan McArthur-Blair,
President, NSCC and
Kelly Nelson, Chair
NSCC Board of
Directors**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 28, 2005 from **Joan McArthur-Blair, President, N.S. Community College and Kelly Nelson, Chair, NSCC Board of Directors**, regarding NSCC's annual report (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Warden Bryan Smith,
Municipality of
Yarmouth**

A copy of a letter dated November 29, 2005 from **Warden Bryan Smith, Municipality of Yarmouth**, concerning the overhaul of the New Youth Criminal Justice Act. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Warden Lloyd Hines,
Municipality of
Guysborough**

A copy of an email dated December 5, 2005 from **Warden Lloyd Hines, Municipality of Guysborough**, attaching a report on a recent FCM Board meeting. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**A/Commissioner Ian
Atkins, RCMP**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 5, 2005 from **A/Commissioner Ian Atkins, RCMP**, in response to the Mayor's letter dated November 29th concerning vacancies in the Bible Hill Detachment. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members' Advisory dated December 6, 2005 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** announcing FCM's new President. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

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Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members' Advisory dated December 8, 2005 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** regarding FCM's first technical mission to Sri Lanka. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Minister Ernest Fage,
Economic
Development**

A copy of a letter to the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce dated December 12, 2005 from **Minister Ernest Fage, Economic Development**, regarding support for the transfer of the Debert Air Industrial Park to the Municipality of Colchester. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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**J.K. Langille, CAO,
Town of Truro**

A letter to the CAO dated December 12, 2005 from **J.K. Langille, CAO, Town of Truro**, regarding the purchase of equipment for the Emergency Operations Centre. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of an email dated December 12, 2005 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning a recent Cabinet decision concerning assessment services. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Alex Steeves,
Executive Director,
Department of Justice**

A letter to the CAO dated December 13, 2005 from **Alex Steeves, Executive Director, Department of Justice**, regarding discussion on a preliminary budget for RCMP service in fiscal year 2006-07. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Minister Kerry
Morash, Environment
& Labour**

A copy of a letter dated December 20, 2005 from **Minister Kerry Morash, Environment and Labour**, regarding the launch of the provincial green plan (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Krista Stoll, Creamery
Square Association**

An email to Mayor Smith dated December 22, 2005 from **Krista Stoll, Creamery Square Association**, concerning an update on the Creamery Square project. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Mayor Anna Allen,
Chair, Women in
Local Government
Committee, UNSM**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 23, 2005 from **Mayor Anna Allen, Chair, Women in Local Government Committee, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, enclosing the final report on "Untapped Resources - Women and Municipal Government in Nova Scotia". Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of an email dated January 16, 2006 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**, regarding revamping the UNSM website. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity report received from the **Development Officer** for the months of November and December 2005. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics report received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of November and December 2005. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

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**Gloria Kovach,
President, FCM**

A copy of a letter dated January 18, 2006 from **Gloria Kovach, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning the Green Municipal Fund's new emergency sector funding opportunity. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Cldr. William
A/Zimmerman,
UNSM**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 17, 2006 from **Councillor William Zimmerman, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, enclosing a copy of the final report "Save Money, Save Energy and Cut Emissions" (copy of report and brochures on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Douglas Keefe, Deputy
Minister, Dept. of
Justice**

A copy of a letter dated December 28, 2005 from **Douglas Keefe, Deputy Minister, Department of Justice**, announcing the new 2004 Nova Scotia Police Act. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Carol Sutherland-
Brown, Health
Canada**

A copy of a letter received January 25, 2006 from **Carol Sutherland-Brown, Health Canada**, enclosing a publication entitled "Smoke-Free Public Places" (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members' Advisory dated January 24, 2006 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding FCM working with the newly elected government. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Tax Sale -
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A tax sale was held on January 5, 2006. Twenty-two properties had been advertised for sale originally; one was removed prior to the sale due to payment by the owner. Twenty-one of the 22 properties were sold. The bidder on one property failed to have the correct form of payment and there were no further bidders; therefore, the property will be sold at the next tax sale. A list of the properties sold was attached to the Information Item.

**Tender - Truck for
Wastewater Collection**

The tender to purchase a replacement truck for Wastewater Collection resulted in one bid being received from Pye Chev Olds, Truro for \$29,894 (net HST). The bid has been approved and staff are in the process of getting the new truck and trading in the 1997 Ford F150.

**Position Vacancy -
Balefill Facility -
Compost Utility
Worker**

As the result of an internal competition, one applicant applied for the position of Compost Utility Worker at the Balefill Facility. Mr. Jeff Nolan accepted the position and started on January 16, 2006.

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**Small Systems
Treatment Manager**

As the result of this competition, 48 applications were received for the position of Small Systems Treatment Manager at the Regional Sewage Treatment Plant. Four candidates were interviewed and an offer made and accepted by Terry Murphy who is currently the Plant Maintenance Foreman. Mr. Murphy started his duties on January 23, 2006.

**Balefill Cell
Construction -
Engineering Services
Contract**

Staff advised that this Information Item would be available for Council Committee on February 9, 2006.

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

Tatamagouche Fire Brigade

Councillor LeFresne reported that the Tatamagouche Fire Brigade is holding its annual awards banquet on February 18th. He is unable to attend and asked if another Councillor was available to go in his place. It was noted that Mayor Smith also received an invitation and if he was also unavailable, Councillor Edwards agreed to be the representative from Council at this event.

French River Watershed Advisory Committee

Councillor LeFresne reported that the Committee met this week and is holding a public meeting in March to which he invited Councillors to attend.

Creamery Square Heritage Development Committee

Councillor LeFresne reported that he has resigned from this Committee. From a brief discussion on whether Council wishes to fill the vacancy, it was recommended that for now, it would be satisfactory to have the Committee report to Council on major milestones when necessary.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That a letter be written to the Creamery Square Heritage Development Committee to acknowledge Councillor LeFresne’s resignation from the

Committee and to advise that the vacancy would not be filled at this time; and,

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That the Committee make a report to Council, including a presentation if they so wish, on major milestones when necessary.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Mingo opposed)*

CoRDA Board

Councillor White reported that the Board’s focus is on the future of Debert. With regard to CPDS, money should be coming into the Municipality from the sale of properties in the Park.

Colchester East Hants Library Board

Councillor Cooke reported that the next Board meeting will be January 31, 2006.

Regional Chairs Committee

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Resource Recovery Fund Board regarding an evaluation of their education programs.

Northern Region Inter-Municipal Management Committee

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported that he will attending a Northern Region meeting on Monday and a Regional Chairs meeting in Sackville on Wednesday.

Clifton District Planning Advisory Committee

The Committee’s draft plan was presented to the Clifton Federation of Agriculture for review. The Committee is working with a number of farmers to reach a consensus.

Village of Bible Hill

Councillor Taylor reported that to date, no letter has been received from the Village of Bible Hill indicating their commitment to not compete with the County for funding under the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program.

Steering Committee for New Civic Centre

This report was provided by Mayor Smith earlier in the evening.

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Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Mayor Smith reported that he, the CAO and Jo Ann Fewer from CoRDA had met with the Confederacy on January 13th regarding possible transfer of provincial lands in Debert.

The CAO also met with N.S. Business Inc. concerning the sewage treatment plant and a recent tender call by the Department of Transportation and Public Works for engineering services in the Debert Air Industrial Park. The Mayor and CAO will be meeting with Minister Ernest Fage January 31st on this matter.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary