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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 Courthouse, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, May 25, 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 Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
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Public Hearing - Development Agreement Amendment - Sobeys, 68 Robie Street, Truro

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for an amendment to a development agreement involving an application made by Sobeys Inc. and Sobey Leased Properties for an expansion and facade improvements to their store located at 68 Robie Street, Truro. The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and made available to the public.

The Director of Community Development, Mr. Crawford Macpherson, advised that all guidelines of the Municipal Government Act had been followed regarding advertising of the public hearing.

Mayor Smith reminded Councillors that only those present throughout the public hearing can vote on the development agreement amendment when it is eventually considered by Council. This hearing is Council's opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of the amendment when the motion is presented. Staff are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise as a result of the public's input.

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Ms. Pam Macintosh, Acting Senior Planner, presented Council with a brief overview of the application. The original development agreement for the Sobeys' store has been in place for ten years with the most recent amendment being in 2000. A staff report prepared for the original agreement found the food store expansion consistent with many of Council's established planning policies and not likely to produce significant land-use impacts. One of the key issues identified in the original agreement was the flood proofing of the building. This position has not changed and any alterations or additions to the building must comply with the flood proofing standards established under the original agreement.

The application involves a small expansion on the north of the Sobeys' store which proposes a relocated entrance/vestibule, newly configured smokeshop and cart storage area. Ms. Macintosh indicated that an amendment had been made to the staff report since it was originally written. The proposed expansion covers an area of 2,000 square feet with the relocation of the main entrance being an actual net increase of 1,080 square feet, not 1,280 as originally indicated. This change will be made before the agreement is executed.

Ms. Macintosh recommended that Council approve the development agreement amendment subject to the change in the floor plan and recommended maintenance log.

Mr. Glen Boone and Mr. Mike Scott made a presentation to Council on behalf of the applicant. This presentation was similar to the one given to the Planning Advisory Committee on March 4th. Mr. Boone indicated that Sobeys and Sobey Leased Properties are respectful that the site is under a development agreement and conscious of the flood plain matters in the area. The main component of the proposal is the relocation of the main entrance. Entrance relocation will enhance customer flow and access by improved adjacencies such as the service departments, frozen food, community room and customer service. The new look is similar to the Stellarton and New Glasgow stores.

Councillor Masters presented a report on behalf of the Planning Advisory Committee. The PAC met on March 4th, at which time the issue of the flood control gates was raised. In the existing development agreement, there is provision that they be tested periodically and the PAC have recommended that a copy of the monthly maintenance and test log for all affected external doors be submitted to the Municipality on a yearly basis.

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

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

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council enter into a development agreement amendment with Sobeys Inc. and Sobeys Leased Properties that would allow for an expansion to the existing grocery store along with facade improvements on Robie Street in Lower Truro.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith indicated that this is a development agreement amendment application which does not require approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Council’s decision on this application is appealable to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. Any appeal of Council’s decision must be made within 14 days of the advertising of same in local newspapers.

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

**Public Hearing -
Administrative
Amendments to
Central Colchester
Land-Use By-law**

Mayor Smith called this public hearing to order respecting administrative amendments to the Central Colchester Land-Use By-law which includes a request to rezone a property owned by St. David’s United Church on St. David’s Avenue from Institutional (I) to Residential (Double Dwelling Unit - R-2). A subdivision has been approved to separate the Church from the former manse. The text for the amendments had been circulated and made available to the public.

Mr. Macpherson advised that all guidelines of the Municipal Government Act regarding advertising of the public hearing had been followed.

Mayor Smith reminded Councillors that only those present through the public hearing can vote on the administrative amendments when they are eventually considered by Council. This hearing is Council’s opportunity to consider these amendments and any concerns of the public. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of these amendments when the motion is presented. Staff are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise.

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Ms. Macintosh indicated that most of the changes in this amendment are typographical errors, omissions or clarifications which have been noticed during the day-to-day administration of the By-law. In addition, it is proposed that the property containing the manse owned by St. David's Church on St. David's Avenue be rezoned. The Church has a potential buyer for this property and will sell it if this request is approved. St. David's Avenue is now a public road so the Church has the ability to subdivide the property where the manse is located.

Councillor Masters presented the report on behalf of the Planning Advisory Committee. This amendment was also discussed at the May 4th meeting. The Committee agreed with the amendments as presented.

Mr. Macpherson advised that no written submissions had been received regarding these amendments.

There were no members of the public present who expressed an interest in addressing Council on these amendments.

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

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That Council amend the Central Colchester Land-Use By-law to reflect the administrative amendments as presented."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

"That the agenda for May 25, 2006 be approved with the following addition:

- add 17b: Canada Post"

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Appointment of Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the legal firm of Patterson Palmer be appointed as Solicitors for the Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the minutes of meetings held on April 13 and 26, 2006 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

Regarding the presentation on biosolids at the April 26th meeting, Mayor Smith reported that Maple Leaf Foods had responded to the Municipality’s letter regarding a meeting with its senior executives. A copy of this letter will be circulated in Councillor mailboxes.

Presentations

Christa Barnhill, Grant Thornton - County Financial Statements and
Bruce Purchase, County Director of Corporate Services
- Treasurer’s Statement

Ms. Barnhill presented the 2005-06 Audit Report and Statements to Council and provided a brief report on the audit of the Municipality. A meeting with the Executive and Audit Committee was held on May 24th to review the financial statements. The first paragraph of the Auditors’ Report stated that Grant Thornton had audited the financial statements. The second paragraph indicated the audit was conducted in accordance with the Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The third paragraph stated that Grant Thornton has provided a clean opinion on the financial results.

Mr. Purchase provided a brief presentation on the Treasurer’s Statement.

Council questioned the pension obligation of \$238,000 for the year which was set up as an expense on the financial statements. Staff advised that this issue was raised at the May 24th Executive and Audit Committee meeting at which time, staff were instructed to request a further meeting with both the pension consultant and auditor to discuss the reasons for the continuing financial obligation being made to the plan. The Committee also suggested

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that a discussion be held at a future meeting on alternatives to the current plan. Staff advised that they are looking at June 8th as a tentative date for the next meeting with the pension consultant and auditor.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council receive and accept the financial statements as presented and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the necessary documents.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

RCMP - S/Sgt. Hugh Walker, Ruth McLean and Lisa Jackson (Client Services), Cpl. Ed Hubbard and Sgt. Dave Darrah

In a letter dated May 12, 2006, the RCMP were invited to make a presentation to Council to address three policing matters. A copy of this letter was circulated to Council prior to tonight's meeting.

S/Sgt. Walker began his presentation by addressing the second question in the County letter dealing with correspondence from the Department of Justice stating that it is now mandatory for municipalities being policed by the RCMP to establish a police advisory board.

S/Sgt. Walker introduced Ms. Lisa Jackson who has been seconded from the Department of Justice to be the Coordinator for RCMP advisory boards in the province. Ms. Jackson indicated that Nova Scotia is the only province in Canada using advisory boards. Being new to the position, Ms. Jackson indicated a willingness to meet with Council in the Fall regarding this matter.

In response to question No. 3 regarding vacancies in the Bible Hill Detachment, S/Sgt. Walker circulated a report which provided Council with the number and duration of these vacancies by position number from May 2005 to May 2006. The chart also provided a legend showing the reason for these vacancies such as transfers, illness, restricted duty, secondments and paternity leave.

S/Sgt. Walker indicated that generally with lateral moves, the position can be filled within three months; promotional moves can take longer, in some cases, up to six months. As of right now, there are four vacancies, by June there will be three and by July, there will be two.

With regard to question No. 1 requesting additional information on

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the cost of locating officers in District 4 and 10, Ms. McLean made reference to S/Sgt. Walker's letter dated March 27th. She has discussed this matter with the Commanding Officer and he does not support fragmenting the current officer structure within the County. The RCMP are no longer in the business of obtaining or purchasing accommodations. If an officer were to reside in District 4 or 10, the County would have to locate a home for the member which met acceptable standards and at minimal cost to the RCMP.

Regarding visibility of the RCMP, S/Sgt. Walker indicated that in the last year and a half, 60% of his staff have been dedicated to major crimes in the County. He will not ask for additional resources unless he is sure that they are not doing the best job with what they have.

S/Sgt. Walker did agree to participate in a community meeting in District 10. Staff were directed to provide S/Sgt. Walker with contact information for this meeting.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

"That the presentation from the RCMP be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Creamery Square Project, Tatamagouche
- Colin Fowlie and Floyd Tucker

Mr. Colin Fowlie made a presentation to Council regarding Phase 2 of the Creamery Square Project in Tatamagouche. Phase 2 is part of a three-phase project. Phase 2 will focus on the museums that are to be located at the old creamery building and the final phase will be a performing arts facility. It is intended to bring a number of existing museums and historical interests together at one location.

Mr. Fowlie requested that Council consider a contribution to this project in the amount of \$50,000 or approximately 3% of the \$1.6 million budget.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne

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Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the presentation from the Creamery Square Association be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the funding request for \$50,000 from the Creamery Square Association be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council asked that the Association be advised of when this issue goes to Council Committee.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented two reports from the regular session of Council Committee held on May 11, 2006:

**Area Rates and
Budgets/Area Rate
Resolution**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the 2006/07 Area Rate Budgets as presented, with amendments to the Area Rates as set out on May 11, 2006; and,

That the following Area Rate Resolution be approved as presented.

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the County of Colchester is required to levy rates which it deems sufficient for an area or for the benefit of an area for the current twelve-month fiscal period;

RESOLVED that pursuant to **Section 75 of the Municipal Government Act**, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester authorizes the levying and collection of the area rates as per attached Schedule “A”;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Tax Collector or Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 10th day of August, 2006;

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby imposes an

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additional percentage charge of 15% per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 10th day of August, 2006.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid
Interpretive Centre -
Request for Funding**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves a donation to the Cobequid Interpretive Centre in the amount of \$2,500, source of funds to be the operating reserves.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Valley Sidewalk -
Salmon River Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council approves the addition of a sidewalk along the Salmon River Road from the corner of Eagle Drive to the edge of the Valley Variety parking lot, subject to approval being received from the Department of Transportation and Public Works for the relocation of the existing crosswalk from the corner of Eagle Drive to the end of the proposed new section of sidewalk.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Regarding the relocation of the existing crosswalk, staff advised that plans are being made to have a meeting with the Department of Transportation and Public Works next week on this matter.

It was noted that a letter of support for this project from the Valley Elementary School Advisory Council dated May 23, 2006 was circulated on table for this evening’s meeting.

**District Boundary
Review**

Mayor Smith advised that he would not be available on the proposed date of September 21st for the public consultation on the district boundary review. It was recommended that the date be changed to Wednesday, September 20th.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that the boundary review report being forwarded to the Utility and Review Board in the Fall state that the citizen and business survey results constitute phase one of the public consultation; and,
That a Special Council meeting be scheduled for Wednesday,

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September 20, 2006 to receive the results of phase two of the public consultation and finalize the Utility and Review Board application; and,

That public consultation be held concerning options for 10 municipal polling boundaries and 11 municipal polling boundaries.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Salmon River Water
Distribution**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council supports the request for contribution of a 10-inch water line to the new elementary school in Salmon River at an estimated budget cost of \$300,000; and,

That the municipal portion of this cost (net of contributions from the Province) be eligible for 50% funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Fund; and,

That the remaining municipal portion (net of contributions from the Province) be allocated against the Urban Service Area Rate budget beginning in 2007-08.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Macpherson made reference to a memorandum on table concerning discussions with the Province on contributing additional funding to this project. Originally the Province had committed \$100,000 to the estimated cost of \$300,000. They have now agreed to contribute 50% of the project cost to a maximum of \$150,000.

**UNSM Resolution -
Payment of Royalties
for Bottling of Water**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the UNSM resolution pertaining to Payment of Royalties for Bottling of Water as attached to Action Item dated May 11, 2006.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Executive and Audit

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held

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Committee

on March 23 and April 26, 2006. Staff did note an error in the March 23, 2006 minutes - the first sentence on the Enforcement Issue should have read “on behalf of Percy Maine”.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

Councillor Masters reported that the item on the report regarding outdoor carwashes is an ongoing issue and the other two matters were reported on earlier during the public hearings.

**Tatamagouche
Water Utility
Committee**

At its meeting on May 19, 2006, the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee recommended to Council approval of the Utility’s 2006/07 and 2007/08 operating budgets, subject to comment on \$5,000 that was included in the Water Utility budget referring to expenses for the French River Watershed. This recommendation is before Council this evening.

Councillor LeFresne reported on a recent meeting of the French River Watershed Advisory Committee. When told that the Watershed’s budget would be included in with that of the Water Utility, the Committee indicated that the budget of the Watershed Committee should not be paid by the Utility.

Following a brief debate, the recommendation to Council from the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee to approve the budget was withdrawn. It was then recommended that the matter of where the funding for the Watershed should come from be referred to Council Committee.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the issue of funding for the French River Watershed be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Nominating
Committee**

Mayor Smith reported that a meeting of the Nominating Committee was held earlier this evening regarding the appointment of three citizen representatives to the CoRDA/CPDS Board of Directors. There were three names who applied for these appointments: Jon Stanfield, Laurie Sandeson and Mark Wood.

Moved by Councillor Masters

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approve the appointment of Jon Stanfield, Laurie Sandeson and Mark Wood as citizen representatives on the CoRDA/CPDS Board of Directors.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Flood Committee

Councillor Cavanaugh presented a report of the Flood Committee from a meeting held earlier today. The Committee has four projects which it hopes to complete this year:

- Bass River by the store
- District 8 downstream from Stewart’s Bridge
- Bill Yorke property in Central North River
- Edwin MacQuarrie property in Central North River

The Committee also agreed to put a few loads of big rocks on the McPhee property which was done last year.

**Award of Tender -
Balefill Building
Expansion**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality rejects all tenders received for the Balefill Facility Upgrade.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Water Utility Study
for Debert Park**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council authorize staff to prepare and submit an application to the provincial Utility and Review Board enabling the County to be the authorized water distributor for Debert Park;

and,

That the application request permission to continue with the billing of water rates as prescribed in the Gates’ report of 2004.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor White opposed)*

Staff were asked to provide Councillor White with the cost saving on a \$60,000 home from the decrease in sewer rates from 11 cents to 9.5 cents.

Delegation of

Following a brief discussion on this matter, it was recommended that

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**Authority to Award
Tenders**

Council be part of the process to award the tenders for the Balefill Cell construction and for engineering services for the Brookfield Sewer System, rather than delegating the authority to the Executive and Audit Committee. In order to keep these projects moving, it was recommended that Council not wait until the end of the month to award these tenders but to hold a special meeting of Council the same date as the regular session of June Committee.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That a special meeting of Council be held the same date as the regular session of June Committee in order to award tenders for the Balefill Cell construction and for engineering services for the Brookfield Sewer System.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

June Committee Date

As the provincial election has been called for the same night as the next regular session of Council Committee, Council agreed to change the date from June 13 to June 15, 2006.

Correspondence

ACTION

**Jay Brenton, Regional
Manager, Department
of Environment &
Labour**

A letter to the Development Officer dated April 21, 2006 from **Jay Brenton, Regional Manager, Department of Environment and Labour**, regarding yield determination tests required under well construction regulations.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from the Department of Environment and Labour regarding yield determination tests required under well construction regulations be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Guy Roy, 44 Dominion
Street, Truro**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated May 3, 2006 from **Guy Roy, 44 Dominion Street, Truro**, requesting a group residential dwelling development agreement.

Moved by Councillor Edwards

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That the letter from Guy Roy requesting a group residential dwelling development agreement be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Derek Forsyth,
General Manager,
Mountain Golf Club**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated May 5, 2006 from **Derek Forsyth, General Manager, Mountain Golf Club**, requesting a policy amendment to sewer allocation for a proposed golf residential lifestyle community.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from the Mountain Golf Club requesting a policy amendment to sewer allocation for a proposed golf residential lifestyle community be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Richard Hilliard,
Chair, The Village of
Bible Hill**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated May 17, 2006 from **Richard Hilliard, Chair, The Village of Bible Hill**, requesting the rezoning of Murdock Park.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill requesting the rezoning of Murdock Park be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Jennifer Spencer,
Lornevale Road, Great
Village**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated May 18, 2006 from **Jennifer Spencer, Lornevale Road, Great Village**, regarding the sewer extension along the Lornevale Road in Great Village.

Following a brief discussion on this matter, Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Councillor Cooke requested that he would like to have input into the response going back to Mrs. Spencer.

Angus MacIsaac,

A letter to Mayor Smith dated April 25, 2006 from **Angus**

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**Minister of
Transportation &
Public Works**

MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, regarding the extension of Farnham Road in Bible Hill and the Province's indication that they are not in a position to cost share on this project.

Deputy Mayor Matheson asked whether the County will continue with the project on its own or have it be removed from the capital budget list. Mayor Smith indicated that this should be discussed by Council at a future date.

**Jay Underwood,
President, N.S.
Railway Heritage
Society**

A copy of a letter to the Mayor dated May 12, 2006 from **Jay Underwood, President, N.S. Railway Heritage Society,** regarding the 150th anniversary of the opening of the railway operations in Nova Scotia and an invitation to the Municipality to participate in the celebration preparations.

Councillor LeFresne volunteered to participate in the preparations for this celebration in 2008.

Lori White, Brookfield

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated May 16, 2006 from **Lori White, Brookfield,** regarding skateboarding on Elm Street in Brookfield and the CAO's response.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the Municipality send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Public Works indicating support for Mrs. White's situation regarding skateboarding on Elm Street in Brookfield."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

**N.S. Tourism, Culture
& Heritage**

A copy of a letter dated April 2006 from **N.S. Tourism, Culture and Heritage,** regarding the 2006 Tourism Plan (copy of enclosed CD on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Dominique Lemieux,
Director, Public
Affairs, Indian &
Northern Affairs**

A copy of a letter dated April 18, 2006 from **Dominique Lemieux, Director, Public Affairs, Indian and Northern Affairs,** regarding National Aboriginal Day. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Dwight Bishop, Office

A letter to Mayor Smith dated April 24, 2006 from **Dwight Bishop,**

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- of the Ombudsman** **Office of the Ombudsman**, enclosing a copy of an annual report (copy of report on file in CAO's office).
- Royal Bank** A letter to Mayor Smith dated April 27, 2006 from the **Royal Bank** regarding RBC's community investment in Atlantic Canada. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities** A copy of a Members' Advisory dated May 3, 2006 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding the federal budget delivering good news for municipal governments. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
- Union of N.S. Municipalities** A copy of correspondence dated May 9, 2006 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**, regarding the provincial budget's effect on municipalities. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
- Development Officer** A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of April 2006. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.
- Building Inspector** A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of April 2006. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities** A copy of a Members' Advisory dated May 15, 2006 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning the Prime Minister's support for fixing the municipal infrastructure deficit. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
- John K. MacDonald, Board President, North Shore Recreational Centre** A letter to Mayor Smith from **John K. MacDonald, Board President, North Shore Recreational Centre**, concerning additional funds for the North Shore Recreational Centre and the Mayor's response dated May 24, 2006. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Gas Tax - Eligible Projects** At the May 11, 2006 Council Committee session, questions were raised about eligible projects that can be funded through the gas tax revenues. This Information Item attaches a memorandum from staff in response to these questions. It appears that sidewalks are not eligible under the Municipal Funding Agreement for gas tax revenues.
- Position Vacancy -** There were no internal candidates for this position vacancy. In

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**Part-Time
Scalehouse
Operator/Utility
Worker**

response to an external competition, 21 resumes were received. Following the interviewing of five candidates, Mr. Christopher Spencer was offered and accepted the position. He began his duties on May 2, 2006.

**National
Environment Week**

During National Environment Week (June 3-10), Colchester Recreation Services and Colchester Waste Reduction are partnering with the Resource Recovery Fund Board and the Town of Truro to host a used recreation/sport equipment collection drive beginning on June 3rd.

Canada Post

Councillor Cavanaugh indicated that he has called a ratepayers' meeting at the North River Fire Hall for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2006 regarding rural mail delivery on Highway 311. Representatives from Canada Post have agreed to attend the meeting. Councillors were encouraged to attend.

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

Councillor Taylor made reference to his appointment to the Roads and Highways Committee through the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce. By way of the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, Councillor Taylor was advised that his services were no longer required on this Committee.

Councillor Masters reported that the Municipality received a cheque from CoRDA today in the amount of \$3.4 million from the sale of properties in Colchester Park, Debert.

Councillor Cooper reported that he has become part of the School Steering Committee which has started up in Stewiacke as well as the School Enhancement Committee.

Councillor LeFresne reported on a situation in Tatamagouche following the recent press release from the Province regarding THM levels in drinking water. Staff advised that contact had been made with the Department of Environment and Labour requesting clarification on why this press release was issued. The reason given was to report that the updated federal guidelines re-affirm the existing acceptable level of total THM's and to report on the new guidelines for BDCM's.

Councillor Cooke reported that the next meeting of the Library Board will be held on May 30, 2006.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

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Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary