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**COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

The Regular Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Mike Smith	
Councillor Bob Taylor	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Deputy Mayor Hughie Matheson (Chair)	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10

Absent:

Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Mayor Smith

“That the agenda for January 11, 2007 be approved with the following additions:

- add 9b: Canada Games Bid
- add 9c: Civic Centre Project
- add 9d: Colchester Fire Brigades’ Cookbook
- add 9e: CAP Assessments”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Lynds  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of meeting held on January 11, 2007 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on January 11, 2007.

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**Presentations****Mr. Andy Kenny, Highland District Soccer Association**

In his presentation, Mr. Kenny provided an overview of the Highland District Soccer Association. The Association represents the numerous soccer clubs from Amherst to Antigonish and has over 4,000 members, with players ranging in age from 4 to 60.

The Association has an initiative underway for the construction of an indoor sports complex to be located in Pictou County.

Mr. Kenney indicated that the Association is in the process of submitting applications for federal/provincial grants and is asking Council for a letter of support for this project to accompany their applications.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the presentation from the Highland District Soccer Association be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Highland District Soccer Association - Request for Letter of Support**

To accommodate those in the audience, Council agreed to move this item forward on the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That a letter from the Municipality be provided to the Highland District Soccer Association in support of their initiative to construct an indoor sports complex in Pictou County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Presentations (Cont'd)****Mr. Darrell Graham, Brookside Road**

Mr. Graham expressed his concern over an increase in the number of trucks passing through the intersection at Valley Crossroads. Mr. Graham lives on Brookside Road and is frustrated by the noise and pollution coming from these trucks. He also expressed frustration with trucks parking overnight on property he thinks is owned by Irving Oil. These trucks often keep their engines running all night which is disturbing to the residents living in the area. He would like to see rocks placed around the parking lot to prevent the trucks from parking there.

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Mr. Darrell Lorette, Pictou Road

Mr. Lorette had similar concerns to those of Mr. Graham regarding the trucks parking overnight on property assumed to be owned by Irving Oil. He indicated that he has complained to both Irving Oil and the RCMP with no results.

Moved by Mayor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality write a letter to the owner of the parking lot located at Valley Crossroads requesting that access to this property be blocked off to prohibit vehicles from parking on it.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Staff Presentations**Mr. Gary MacIsaac, Chief Administrative Officer

Through a powerpoint presentation, Mr. MacIsaac provided an overview of the Materials Recovery Facility, including activities to date, financial situation and status of existing contracts with other municipalities. He indicated that staff expect to return to Council at the end of the month to discuss this matter, including an in-camera session to discuss specific details of these contracts.

During discussion on this presentation, Council expressed concern that the major educational institutions were not participating to a large extent in the Municipality's waste diversion programs. It was recommended that a letter be written to both the N.S. Agricultural College and the N.S. Community College to remind them of their responsibility and extend an offer to assist them in this matter.

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development

Mr. Macpherson provided an overview of the Debert Industrial Parks Concept Development Plan, a copy of which was circulated to Council as correspondence at their regular session on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Macpherson reported that the consultant, Ekistics Planning and Design, was hired to prepare a concept plan for the Debert Air Industrial Park, the Colchester Park Development Society (former military base) and the Village of Debert. The consultation process for the Plan is now complete. Members of the Steering Committee have been asked to return to their respective organizations to seek endorsement of the Plan.

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Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Debert Industrial Parks Concept Plan be endorsed as presented by way of a staff presentation on February 8, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the matter of a possible municipal planning strategy for the Debert Air Industrial Park be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Property Tax Write-Offs**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Mayor Smith

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that property taxes and interest totalling \$4,302.53, as presented in an Action Item dated February 8, 2007, be written off.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Low Income Tax Exemption Policy**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the amendment to the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy to reflect the changes to the income levels be approved as presented in an Action Item dated February 8, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Canada Games Bid and Civic Centre Project**

Councillor Taylor expressed his disappointment with the Central Nova Region not being awarded the bid for the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Two motions resulted from Council’s debate on this matter.

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Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the matter of a new civic centre be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality write a letter to the Truro Daily News and the local radio station to thank them for their efforts in promoting the Canada Games Bid; and,

That a thank you note be published in the Truro Daily News to acknowledge all the volunteers for their efforts in supporting the Canada Games Bid.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council also recognized a County employee, Mr. Paul Smith, for being the driving force beyond the Canada Games Bid. It was suggested that his work be recognized in a more formal way.

**Colchester Fire  
Brigades’ Cookbook**

Mayor Smith made reference to correspondence on table from the Colchester Printing Company regarding the printing of a 100-page cookbook to be used as a fundraiser by the fire brigades. He was asked to bring this item forward with a request to Council for a contribution toward the cookbook of \$250.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a contribution be approved in the amount of \$250 in support of the Colchester Fire Brigades Cookbook, contingent upon confirmation that the funds go directly to the Colchester fire brigades and not to the company printing the cookbook, source of funds to be the 2006-07 general operating budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**CAP Assessments**

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, staff were directed to come back to Council with an answer on whether or not it was necessary for homeowners to make application in order to qualify for the Assessment Capping Program.

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**Intersection Lights -  
Valley Crossroads**

In her absence, Councillor Mingo asked Mayor Smith to address this matter. Mayor Smith indicated that the Department of Transportation and Public Works have secured two of four right-of-ways to enable them to install the intersection lights at Valley Crossroads.

Moved by Mayor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Public Works indicating Council’s support for the installation of lights at the Valley Crossroads intersection and request that the Department provide an update on this project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 9:40 and reconvened in open session at 10:08 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary