

SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, March 8, 2007 at 5:30 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 Hughie Matheson	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
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 Ron Cavanaugh	District #6

Process Overview

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2007-08 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions will be considered, including grants to non-profit organizations.

Councillor Edwards indicated his concern with accountability of the funds disbursed to non-profit organizations. Council agreed that this should be referred to a future meeting of Council Committee for discussion.

Non-Profit Grant Applications

**Northern AIDS
Connection Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Northern AIDS Connection Society request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Taylor, Edwards, Lynds opposed)*

**Nova Scotia 55+
Games Society**

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Nova Scotia 55+ Games Society.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Mingo, Cooke, LeFresne, Cooper opposed)*

**Colchester East
Hants Community
Hospice Society**

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester East Hants Community Hospice Society.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Mingo, Cooke, LeFresne, Edwards, Cooper opposed)*

**Warwick Mountain
Recreation Club**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Taylor, Lynds, Cooper, Edwards, White opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Cooke, Mingo opposed)*

Northumberland Arts Council

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That the Colchester
Community
Workshops’ request
for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Counc
illors
Taylor,
White
oppose
d)*

Moved
by Councillor
LeFresne

Northumberland Arts Council receive a grant in the amount of
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the
Northumberland Arts
Council.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor White

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That the

**Brule Community
Centre Association**

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brule Community Centre Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Brule Community Centre Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brule Fossil
Preservation Society**

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brule Fossil Preservation Society.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Lynds, Cooke, Edwards opposed)

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Brule Fossil Preservation Society receive a grant in the amount of \$500.”

Motion Carried.

(Mayor Smith, Councillors Edwards, Lynds opposed)

**Stewiacke Valley
Historical Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Off Highway Vehicle
Closed Course
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Off Highway Vehicle Closed Course Cooperative Ltd. request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Middle Stewiacke
Recreation
Association**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith, Councillors Cooke, LeFresne opposed)*

**Stewiacke
Play/Preschool
Association**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Stewiacke Play/Preschool Association.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Mingo, Cooke, LeFresne, Edwards, Cooper, Taylor opposed)*

**Londonderry
Community Council
Association**

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Londonderry Community Council Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Londonderry Community Council Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Military
History Society**

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Debert Military Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Debert Military History Society receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor, Mingo, Cooke, LeFresne opposed)*

At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

Moved
by
Coun-
cilli-
llor
Taylor

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That the Debert
Military History
Society receive a
grant in the amount of
\$2,500.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor
Smith,
Coun-
cilli-
llor
Cooke
oppose
d)*

**Cobequid Salmon
Association**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Cobequid Salmon Association request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Mingo, LeFresne, Cooper, Edwards opposed)*

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Mingo opposed)*

**Canadian Mental
Health Association**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Canadian Mental Health Association request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Mingo, White, Lynds opposed)*

MADD Cobequid

Moved
by Councillor Lynds

“That the Municipality provide a grant to MADD Cobequid.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Mingo, Cooke opposed)*

Seconded by
Councillor Cooper

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That MADD Cobequid receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors
Mingo,
Cooke
opposed)*

Big Brothers-Big Sisters Association of Colchester

LeFresne, Lynds opposed)

Moved

by Councillor
Edwards

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the Big
Brothers-Big Sisters
Association of
Colchester.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor
LeFresne
opposed)*

Moved

by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by
Councillor Taylor

“That the Big
Brothers-Big Sisters
Association of
Colchester receive a
grant in the amount of
\$4,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors
opposed)*

**Boys and Girls Club
of Truro and
Colchester**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Truro and Colchester.”

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

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Boys and Girls Club of Truro and Colchester receive a grant in the amount of \$4,000.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors LeFresne, Lynds, Cooke, Cooper opposed)*

Moved
by
Coun-
cilli-
llor
Mingo

Cooper opposed)

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Boys and Girls Club of Truro and Colchester receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Seconded by
Councillor White

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Smith, Councillors Mingo, Cooke, White, Edwards, Taylor opposed)*

“That the Boys and Girls Club of Truro and Colchester receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

Motion **Defeated**.

“That the Boys and Girls Club of Truro and Colchester receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors LeFresne, Lynds, Edwards,

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Lynds, White, Cooper opposed)*

Illusions Art Gallery

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Illusions Art Gallery request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Earlton
Community Centre
Society**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Earlton Community Centre Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Five Islands Senior Citizens Association

Moved
by Deputy Mayor
Matheson

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That the Earlton
Community Centre
Society receive a
grant in the amount of
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by Deputy
Mayor Matheson

“That the

Municipality provide a grant to the Five Islands Senior Citizens Association.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Lynds opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Five Islands Senior Citizens Association receive a grant in

the amount of
\$1,000.”

Bass River Heritage Society

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor
Lynds
opposed)*

Brookfield Railway Station and Heritage Society

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by
Councillor Cooper

“That the Bass River
Heritage Society
request for a grant be
denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor
Lynds
opposed)*

*Deputy Mayor
Matheson declared a
conflict of interest on
this matter and
removed himself from
the table.*

Station and Heritage Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

Moved
by Councillor
LeFresne

“That the Brookfield Railway Station and Heritage Society receive a
grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Seconded by
Councillor Cooper

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the
Brookfield Railway

At this point, Deputy Mayor Matheson returned to the table.

Maggie's Place

Glooscap Heritage Society

Moved
by Councillor
Edwards

Seconded by
Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Maggie’s Place.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by
Councillor Edwards

“That Maggie’s Place receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Cooke, Mingo, LeFresne opposed)

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

“That the Glooscap Heritage Society request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Mingo opposed)*

Seconded by
Councillor Cooper

**Denmark
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Denmark Community Hall.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Denmark Community Hall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bayhead
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bayhead Community Hall.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro Head Start School Society

Moved
by Councillor
LeFresne

Seconded by
Councillor Taylor

“That the Bayhead
Community Hall
receive a grant in the
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Councillor Mingo

“That the Truro Head Start School Society request for a grant be denied.”

Seconded by

Motion Carried.

(Mayor Smith, Councillors White, Lynds,

Edwards opposed)

The Trustees of the Riverside Community Hall

Middleton Community Hall

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by
Councillor LeFresne

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the Trustees
of the Riverside
Community Hall.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by
Councillor Lynds

“That the Trustees of
the Riverside
Community Hall
receive a grant in the
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

*Councillor Mingo
declared a conflict of
interest on this matter
and removed herself
from the table.*

Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middleton Community
Hall.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillor Edwards opposed)

Moved
by
Deputy
Mayor
Mathes
on

Alton Recreation Centre

Moved
by
Councillor
White

Seconded by
Councillor Lynds

“That the Middleton
Community Hall
receive a grant in the
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor
Edwards
opposed)*

*At this point,
Councillor Mingo
returned to the table.*

Moved
by Deputy Mayor
Matheson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Alton Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Seconded by
Councillor Cooper

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the Alton
Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor Cooper

**Parrsboro and
District Head Start
Program**

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Parrsboro and District Head Start Program request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors White, Lynds opposed)*

**Festival Grant
Applications**

**Nova Scotia Blind
Golf Association**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Brookfield Community Assembly

Moved
by Councillor
Edwards

Seconded by
Councillor Taylor

“That the Nova Scotia
Blind Golf
Association receive a
grant in the amount of
\$1,500.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

*Deputy Mayor
Matheson declared a
conflict of interest on
this matter and
removed himself from
the table.*

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brookfield Community Assembly.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Debert Community Association

Moved
by Councillor
LeFresne

Seconded by
Councillor White

“That the Brookfield
Community
Assembly receive a
grant in the amount of
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

*At this point, Deputy
Mayor Matheson
returned to the table.*

*Councillor White
declared a conflict of
interest on this matter
and removed himself
from the table.*

Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Debert Community Association receive a grant in the
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillor
LeFresne opposed)*

Moved
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by
Councillor Lynds

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the Debert
Community
Association.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor Taylor

*At this point,
Councillor White
returned to the table.*

Upper Stewiacke Community Development

Downtown Truro Partnership (Tulip Festival)

Moved
by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Deputy
Mayor Matheson

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to Upper
Stewiacke
Community
Development.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by
Councillor White

“That Upper
Stewiacke
Community
Development receive
a grant in the amount
of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried.
*(Counc
illor
Edwar
ds
oppose
d)*

Moved
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Downtown Truro
Partnership.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor
LeFresne
opposed)*

Wild Blueberry Harvest Cooperative

Moved

by Deputy Mayor
Matheson

Seconded by
Councillor Cooke

“That the Downtown
Truro Partnership
receive a grant in the
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor
Smith,
Councillors
Edwards,
Taylor
opposed)*

*Councillor White
declared a conflict of
interest on this matter
and removed himself
from the table.*

Blueberry Harvest Cooperative.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Mingo, Cooke, LeFresne,
Cooper opposed)*

Moved

by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Deputy
Mayor Matheson

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the Wild

Moved
by
Deputy
Mayor
Mathes
on

Pipers Picnic Society

Seconded by
Councillor Taylor

“That the Wild
Blueberry Harvest
Cooperative receive a
grant in the amount of
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Counc
illors
Mingo,
Cooke,
LeFres
ne,
Cooper
oppose
d)*

*At this point,
Councillor White
returned to the table.*

Moved
by Councillor Taylor

by Councillor Mingo

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Pipers Picnic Society receive a grant in the amount of
\$1,000.”

Seconded by
Councillor LeFresne

Motion Carried Unanimously.

“That the
Municipality provide
a grant to the Pipers
Picnic Society.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved

Council Committee agreed to recess at 7:00 p.m. from the budget portion of the meeting and reconvened at 9:10 p.m. to continue the budget portion of the meeting.

**Central Nova
Tourist Association**

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Central Nova Tourist Association receive additional funding in the amount of \$1,200.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

**Insurance for
Non-Profit
Organizations**

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That \$25,000 be added to the 2007-08 Operating Budget for the

insurance program for non-profit organizations as outlined in the County Policy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.

Central Nova Tourist Association Conference Request

Nova Tourist Association receive a financial contribution in the amount of \$1,000 towards their Annual Spring Tourism Conference.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

Moved
by Councillor
Edwards

Seconded by
Councillor Taylor

“That the Central

**Tatamagouche
Water-Property Tax
Grant**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That an operating grant be provided from the General Operating Fund commencing in 2007-08 to the Tatamagouche Water Utility Fund, with the estimate for 2007-08 of \$23,700 being added to the Operating Budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The Solicitor advised Council Committee that the Tax Exemption By-law will require amendment to accommodate this exemption with the necessary two readings required.

**Debert Air
Industrial Park -
Resources**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the budget prepared for the Debert Air Industrial Park be approved as presented, with \$57,500 being added to the 2007-08 General Operating Budget for streets and sewer treatment.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Rural Arenas - Life
Cycle Analysis**

By consensus, Council Committee agreed that the operating budget does not require further adjustment at this time.

Fire Inspection

Education

Moved
by Deputy Mayor
Matheson

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That \$29,174 be deleted from the 2007-08 Operating Budget for fire inspection services.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Operating Reserve

Moved
by Councillor White

Seconded by
Councillor Edwards

“That \$79,548 be
deleted from the
2007-08 Operating
Budget for the
Education Budget.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

2007-08 Operating Budget and Tax Rates

Moved
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by Deputy
Mayor Matheson

“That \$67,813 be
deleted from the
2007-08 Operating
Budget as a transfer
to the reserve.”

Motion Carried
Unanimously.

Moved
by Councillor White

meeting, with a residential tax rate of \$0.71 and a commercial tax rate
of \$2.00.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Seconded by
Councillor Mingo

“That Council
Committee
recommends to
Council that the 2007-
08 Operating Budget
be approved with the
Additions/Deletions
as set out at this

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

B.E. Purchase
Director of Corporate Services