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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, April 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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 Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

**Public Hearing -
Dangerous or
Unightly Premises**

Ross Kennedy, 49 Edgehill Drive, Valley

Mr. David McElhinney, Deputy Building Inspector, reported that he had received a written complaint on February 13, 2007 concerning property owned by Mr. Ross Kennedy at 49 Edgehill Drive, Valley. An inspection carried out on February 21st found the property to be unsightly. A letter was written to the owner advising him of the unsightly condition of the property and giving him 30 days to clean it up. A re-inspection on March 13th showed that a tarp had been placed over the garbage on the rear deck but was still deemed to be unsightly.

On March 23rd, the property was posted with a notice advising the owner to appear before Council Committee this evening. The property was re-inspected for compliance earlier today. A pile of garbage bags had been removed from the rear deck but the lumber was still there and a stove was on the rear deck that had not been there previously.

Mr. McElhinney recommended that Council Committee issue an order giving the owners 30 days to remedy the unsightly condition of the property.

There was no one in the audience to speak on behalf of the owner, Mr. Kennedy, who currently resides in Alberta.

Moved by Councillor Taylor

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Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That an order be issued to the property owner and 30 days be given to remedy the condition of the property by:

- Removing miscellaneous paint buckets, garbage, old tires, etc. from under the deck and disposing of them in a lawful manner;
- Removing the pile of used lumber from the rear yard of the property and disposing of it in a lawful manner.”

Motion Carried.

(Mayor Smith, Councillors Cooper, Lynds, and LeFresne opposed)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the agenda for April 12, 2007 be approved with the following additions:

- add 12b: Racino Presentation
- add 9b: Request for Street Light - Densmore Lane”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the minutes of meetings held on February 15 and 27, March 6 and 8, 2007 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on February 15 and 27, March 6 and 8, 2007.

Presentations

Mr. John K. MacDonald, North Shore Recreation Centre

Mr. MacDonald indicated that the purpose for his presentation to Council this evening was to provide information in support of locating the new library in Tatamagouche on lands owned by the North Shore Recreation Centre. If chosen as the location, Mr. MacDonald stated that the Recreation Centre would denote the land for the 3,500 square foot facility. The Centre has ample

parking, is only 7/10 km. from the downtown area, and is close to other major facilities such as the elementary school, church,

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Emergency Health Services, hospital, and seniors' complex.

Tatamagouche Library Support Committee

Mr. David Stevenson began his presentation by introducing the other members of the Tatamagouche Library Support Committee. Mr. Stevenson indicated that the Committee has prepared a formal response to Council, a copy of which will be left for circulation. The Committee supports the construction of a new library facility in the downtown core of Tatamagouche.

Mr. Brad Smith

Mr. Smith is a resident of Tatamagouche as well as a school teacher in the community. Mr. Smith indicated that he is happy with Tatamagouche getting a new library. His preference would be that the new facility not be in the downtown area because of safety concerns and snow removal. He would like to see Main Street retained for commercial use only.

Scott Armstrong, Principal, Tatamagouche Elementary School

Mr. Armstrong indicated that the new library should be located on the lands of the Recreation Centre as the library is a place for children and this location would offer a safe place for them to be.

Lonie MacLean

Ms. MacLean indicated that the new library should be located at the Recreation Centre because of the parking. She felt that snow removal is an issue on Main Street. She did not feel that the distance from the Recreation Centre to Main Street is an issue.

Kim Wall

Ms. Wall indicated that she taught school in Tatamagouche for 12 years and is currently employed in Truro. She is pleased that the new library will be much larger than the current one. She stated that the Recreation Centre location would be safer for students when going to the library as a group than it would be on Main Street.

Maralyn Driver

Ms. Driver indicated that she is a retired teacher from Ontario. The important thing is getting a new library whether it be downtown or at the Recreation Centre and to bring the children there and get them reading.

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Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the presentations from residents of Tatamagouche regarding the location of the new library facility be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Tatamagouche Branch Library

Moved by Mayor Smith
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the size of the new Tatamagouche Branch Library be approximately 3,000 square feet; and,

That staff be instructed to research and report back on options to site the library in the traditional downtown core of the Village, including the property located at the site of the North Shore Recreation Centre and any other suitable options.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester County Truckers Association

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Masters and Councillor LeFresne declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed themselves from the table.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the correspondence from the Colchester County Truckers Association be received for information only.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cavanaugh and Lynds opposed)*

At this point, Councillor Masters and Councillor LeFresne returned to the table.

Request for Street Light - Intersection at Saxby Lane

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

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“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a street light be approved for the intersection of Saxby Lane, Farnham Mill Road and Vimy Road, source of funds to be general operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for Street
Light - Densmore Lane**

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the request for a street light on Densmore Lane be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Custodial Position -
Balefill Facility**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the custodial position at the Balefill be changed from a .5 part-time position (20 hours per week) to .8 part-time position (32.5 hours per week).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Dates for May Council
Committee and
Council Meetings**

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council Committee approves the dates of Thursday, May 17, 2007 for May Council Committee and Tuesday, May 29, 2007 for May Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**UNSM Spring
Workshop**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Councillor Mingo, Councillor White and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to attend the UNSM Spring Workshop being held at White Point Beach Resort, May 10-11, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Racino Presentation

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

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“That the Nova Scotia Harness Racing Industry Association be invited to make a presentation at the regular Council session on April 26, 2007, starting at 6:00 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary