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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, January 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., immediately following a Special Session of Municipal Council (In-Camera).

**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 Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10

Absent:

Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the agenda for January 17, 2008 be approved with the following additions:

- add 12b: Civic Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the minutes of meeting held on December 13, 2007 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2007.

**Presentations**

North Shore River Restoration Committee - Edward Sampson,

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Allan Bonnyman and John O'Hearn

In their presentation, the North Shore River Restoration Committee indicated that the group had appeared before Council about five years ago. At that time, Council had provided support and leadership to the river restoration project.

Through this project, the Committee strives to restore rivers that have had their fish habitat degraded. By enhancing the quality of the fish habitat, the flow of the rivers is slowed down to allow a better chance for the salmon to reproduce. This project has also provided student employment for eight weeks during the summer months.

Similar to the request five years ago, the Committee is asking Council to consider continued funding support for this project in the amount of \$5,000 each year for the next five years.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the presentation from the North Shore River Restoration Committee be received; and,

That the request for funding support in the amount of \$5,000 each year for the next five years be referred to budget deliberations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

N.S. Federation of Agriculture - Mr. Tom Van Oirschot and  
Mr. Lawrence Nason

Mr. Van Oirschot indicated that the Federation is making this presentation to Council to provide an overview of a pilot project which would see the co-existence of agriculture in the St. Andrew's Watershed. The Federation would like Council's input and involvement in the public information sessions that will be part of the project.

The purpose of the Environmental Farm Plan is to identify and assess how environmental risks affect the quality of water in the watershed. The Program will offer financial assistance in the amount of \$150,000 to qualified applicants. Under the guidelines of the program, applicants must make gross farm receipts of \$10,000 to be eligible for assistance.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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“That the presentation from the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Staff Presentations**

#### **Municipal Elections Update - Kim Paterson**

In her presentation, Ms. Paterson indicated that the purpose of her presentation was to:

- report back on alternative voting methods (as requested by Council), more specifically, on the 2006 Ontario elections where electronic voting was introduced;
- inform Council of recent amendments to the Municipal Elections Act; and,
- update Council on new polling divisions.

With respect to polling divisions, Ms. Paterson reported that all municipal districts changed to some degree in the recent boundary review. Staff are now in the process of creating new polling divisions and possibly eliminating existing polling divisions. A report will be brought back to Council for approval by the end of March.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality of Colchester maintain the traditional method of paper voting for the 2008 Fall Election.”

Motion Carried *(Councillor Cooke opposed.)*

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Loan Guarantee Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade**

#### **Conflict of Interest**

*Councillor Masters and Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed themselves from the table.*

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a “letter of

intent” in support of a loan of \$115,000 for the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade for the purchase of a new rescue van; and,

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In the event that this is not satisfactory to the lending institution, the Municipality provide a loan guarantee for this amount.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

**Lighting for  
Crosswalk at Eagle  
Drive and Salmon  
River Road**

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During Council’s discussion on this item, it was felt that the matter of sidewalks in this area should be resolved before considering lighting for crosswalks. Sidewalks in Valley will be part of Council’s agenda at a special meeting scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> on the capital budget.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Mayor Smith

That the Action Item dated January 17, 2008 regarding lighting for the crosswalk at Eagle Drive and Salmon River Road be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2008 FCM Delegates  
- Conference in  
Quebec City**

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Moved by Council Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Mayor Smith, Councillor Masters, Councillor Edwards, Councillor White, Councillor LeFresne and the Chief Administrative Officer attend the 2008 FCM Conference in Quebec City, Quebec.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**AMA Spring  
Workshop 2008**

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Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that \$1,000 be put in the 2008/09 ‘maintenance’ budget for the AMA Spring Workshop 2008.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**North Shore  
Recreation Centre  
Zamboni**

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*Conflict of Interest*

*Deputy Mayor Matheson declared a conflict of interest on this item*

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*and removed himself from the table. Councillor LeFresne assumed the position of Chair.*

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2007/08 capital budget project list for the North Shore Recreation Centre be amended to allow the purchase of a Zamboni ice machine.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Deputy Mayor Matheson returned to the table and resumed the position of Chair.*

**Potential Joint-Use  
Agreement -  
Harmony Heights  
School**

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*Conflict of Interest*

*Mayor Smith declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table.*

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and CAO (Acting) be authorized to sign the Harmony Heights Elementary School Joint-Use Agreement with the Chignecto Central Regional School Board.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff indicated that the final draft of the Agreement would be reviewed by the County Solicitor prior to this recommendation coming back to Council at the end of the month.

*At this point, Mayor Smith returned to the table.*

**Civic Centre**

Councillor Taylor indicated that although the Town of Truro has formally stated that they are not in a position to be part of this project, he would like to see Council consider having staff look at what the Municipality could do to get a regional civic centre built for the residents of Colchester.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the committee appointed at December Council Committee

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meet with staff to look at possible options for moving the regional civic centre project forward and report back at a future Council meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary