

## **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 Thursday January 24, 2008 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 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 Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting was to review the five-year capital budget.

### **Public Presentations**

There were no public presentations.

### **Waste Management Projects**

Mr. Tom Austin of ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd. was asked to provide an overview of the recommendations contained within the Waste Management Master Plan that his firm had completed. A copy of his presentation is available at the CAO's office.

The objectives of the study were to:

1. Identify special solid waste managements needs;
2. Review capacity of existing facilities to meet needs;
3. Determine requirements for new facilities.

Regarding No. 1, Mr. Austin indicated that the following waste management needs were identified:

- Leachate treatment - \$4.54 million

- Composting facility - \$3.84 million
- Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility - \$6.0 million
- Septage treatment - \$1.087 million
- Total investment \$15.47 million

Mr. Austin also reviewed the various waste streams that were included in the study. They were: biosolids, grit scum and screenings, septage, landfill leachate, industrial biosolids, and green organics.

*At this point, Councillor Edwards joined the meeting (9:05 p.m.).*

During Council discussion on the presentation, Deputy Mayor Matheson suggested that Council should submit the entire package to the Canadian Building Fund. Mayor Smith agreed but Council will have to review the package along with their other priorities.

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Acting CAO, advised that the entire package was expensive and may not receive funding as an entire package. He suggested Council should be prepared to prioritize the projects within the package.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council receive the presentation from ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Existing Planned Projects**

Mr. Purchase indicated that this Action Item listed projects that are currently part of Council’s Five-Year Plan. The intent is to review each project, provide an update, answer questions, and receive direction at this point in capital budget deliberations.

#### Tatamagouche Library

Council asked staff to look into possible sources of provincial funding.

#### Debert Sidewalk

Staff advised that the project had been discussed by Council in 2002 but was not acted upon due to area rate costs to the local community. A meeting is planned in February with the Area Councillor and the

Debert School Advisory Committee to clarify the exact location and length of the proposed sidewalk.

Force Main - Hilden Sewer System

It was suggested that the project proceed as planned.

MRF Sprinkler System

With the change in volumes at the MRF, there was some question about whether this upgrade was still required. Staff are to reassess the fire hazard risk and report back to Council.

Balefill Scales

The current scales were designed for smaller trucks and do not properly weigh larger tractor trailers. The project is scheduled for 2009/10. Staff identified logistical problems with the location of the existing scale and recommend relocating the facility onsite. Staff are to update the projected cost of the project to include the new site work and report back to Council.

Lornevale Road Sewer Extension

This project is scheduled for 2011/12. Staff were asked to prepare a Class 'C' estimate for the project.

Debert Infrastructure - Replacement of STP #2

Mr Purchase reminded Council that the replacement of STP #2 at the Debert Industrial Park will be an issue once ownership of the Park is transferred to the Municipality. One million dollars of provincial funding is already in place for the project.

Debert Infrastructure - Phase 1 - Development

Once the transfer of land at Debert is complete, the Municipality will be interested in opening up land for development which will have a cost to the County.

**New projects  
Referred for  
Discussion**

Mayor Smith introduced this item. Most of the projects are new and this is the first opportunity for Council to consider them. Mayor Smith explained that he did not see the need for an exhaustive discussion and motion on each. Rather Council should give an indication of their interest in pursuing the project at sometime and give direction to staff to continue with preparation of a class 'C' level costing. Should Council not have an interest in the project at this time, direction should be given to drop it from the list.

Sidewalk - Valley - Salmon River Road (between entrance to Eagle Drive and Driveway to Valley Variety)

Council discussed whether the project had merit considering a

sidewalk exists on the school side of Salmon River Road. Some Councillors felt that other roads in Colchester were of greater safety concern. The Area Councillor explained that the School Advisory Board had identified this section of road as a safety issue and had raised the matter with the Councillor and TIRD staff. Suggested cost was in the range of \$150,000. It was decided to leave this project on the list.

Sidewalk - Valley-Eagle Drive (between entrance at Salmon River Road to the end 'at' Phoebe Lane

Similar to the previous item, some Councillors questioned the need for this project in context with other County priorities. Estimated cost was \$650,000.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“ That the Eagle Drive sidewalk project remain on the Capital Budget project list with a three-year time horizon.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Smith, Councillors Masters, Cooper, Edwards, Cavanaugh, LeFresne and Cooke opposed)*

Trail Bridge - Lower Truro to Onslow

Mayor Smith explained that he had contributed the project to the list. While he felt it would be an interesting project for Colchester from both a trail and tourism perspective, it was premature until progress is made on the trail north of Cobequid Bay.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Trail Bridge project, Lower Truro to Onslow, be removed from the Capital Budget project list.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor White opposed)*

Replacement of Aging Infrastructure

It was suggested by staff that a reserve be created to generate funds to deal with small scale, infrastructure improvements. It was suggested that the current, annual street paving reserve of \$50,000 be incorporated into the reserve.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Replacement of Aging Infrastructure Reserve be removed

from the Capital Budget project list.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Granville Drive Sewer

This old subdivision in Upper Onslow has an aged, communal sewer system. Problems with the system have been reported to the Municipality in the past. Council agreed to keep this project on the list and asked staff to look into options to remedy the situation along with associated costs.

Village Centre - Bible Hill

Councillor Masters recommended the Village Centre project be added to the list explaining that there is a considerable public component to its development. Specific projects were not identified at this time and it was suggested that a reserve be created to help pay for future projects. Council agreed to refer this item to the Addition/Deletions budget for 2008/09.

Broderick Lane - Upgrades

Council discussed having a source of funds for upgrades to County land outside the traditional urban parkland space and school playgrounds. Council agreed to refer this item to the Additions/Deletions budget for 2008/09.

Bible Hill Water Tower

Councillor Taylor explained that the water system in Bible Hill will require a water tower at some point to accommodate fire flows and growing demand. Council discussed whether it was appropriate for the County to identify the project without a request from the Village as the development of the Bible Hill water system is their project at this time.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Bible Hill Water Tower project remain on the Capital Budget project list.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Crawford Macpherson  
Director of Community Development