

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, February 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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| Mayor Mike Smith, Chair | |
| Councillor Bob Taylor | District #1 |
| Councillor Bill Masters | District #2 |
| Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson | District #3 |
| Councillor Michael Cooper | District #4 |
| Councillor Glen Edwards | District #5 |
| Councillor Ron Cavanaugh | District #6 |
| Councillor Soley Lynds | District #8 |
| Councillor Bob White | District #9 |
| Councillor Doug Cooke | District #10 |
| Councillor Terri Mingo | District #11 |

Regrets:

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| Councillor Jim LeFresne | District #07 |
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Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2008-09 “maintenance” budget.

2008-09 “Maintenance” Budget

The Committee was provided with a suggested agenda for reviewing the budget:

- consider “maintenance” rates of 69.5 cents residential and \$2.10 commercial as basis for discussion for Additions/Deletions.
- If deficit exists after approvals at Additions/Deletions, consider use of operating surplus to balance, in lieu of increasing “maintenance” rates

Bruce Purchase, Acting CAO, provided an overview of the projected surplus on the 2007/08 operating budget.

On the 2008/09 “maintenance” budget, Mr. Purchase reviewed assessment increases from the previous year and related this to the impact on both residential and commercial rates. Items that had changed from previous years in the proposed budget were discussed. The following questions raised during this discussion were referred to staff for a response:

- Under Transportation Services, amount of revenue generated annually from the 11 cent Street Paving Area Rate and the list of streets this is charged on?
- Under the Brookfield Sewage Treatment Plant, more information on the proposed generator for the plant?
- Under Waste Diversion, have Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Coordinator, come to a future meeting to explain the credit system for the Waste Diversion Credit from RRFB?
- Under Invesel Composting, more information on the operational savings from the implementation of the Waste Master Plan?
- Under Miscellaneous, find out what County contribution (%) would be towards the capital cost of a new library built in Truro?
- Under Transfers to Other Governments, obtain a copy of the RCMP presentation given at February 14 Council Committee meeting? As well, get the average number of calls per hour received by RCMP?
- Under Transfers to Own Reserves, list of the operating and similar Reserves and their balances?
- Under Recreation Services, list of the current users of the Non-Profit Insurance Program?

Committee received information on potential area rate budget changes and an overview of items for discussion at Additions/Deletions.

Council approved other recommendations for discussion at Additions/Deletions and will review/amend tax rate at that time.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

B.E. Purchase
Acting Chief Administrative Officer