

## **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 March 6, 2007 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 Glen Edwards	District #5
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 Soley Lynds	District #8
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### **Process Overview**

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2008-09 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions will be considered, including economic development grants and grants to non-profit organizations.

At the conclusion of this meeting, an operating budget and general tax rates will be set. The decisions made at this evening's meeting will require Council approval at month end. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at month end, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

### **Economic Development Grant Applications**

**Wild Blueberry  
Harvest Cooperative  
Ltd.**

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

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Wild Blueberry Harvest Cooperative Ltd.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Wild Blueberry Harvest Cooperative Ltd. receive a grant in th amount of \$2,000.”

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

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

**Brookfield  
Community  
Assembly  
(Homecoming)**

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

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Applications

**Big Brothers - Big  
Sisters of Colchester**

Moved by Councillor Mingo  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Mingo  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Big Brothers - Big Sisters of Colchester receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**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 Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor, Cooke, and Mingo opposed)*

**Middle Stewiacke  
Recreation  
Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Great Village Community Association**

Moved  
by Deputy Mayor  
Matheson

Seconded by  
Councillor Taylor

“That the Middle  
Stewiacke Recreation  
Association receive a  
grant in the amount of  
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by  
Councillor Mingo

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Cooke

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the Great  
Village Community  
Association receive a  
grant in the amount of  
\$1,084.44.”

Motion Carried

**Brule Community  
Centre Association**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lansdowne Outdoor  
Recreation  
Development  
Association**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Lansdowne Outdoor Recreation Development Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Interpretive Centre**

Moved  
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Deputy  
Mayor Matheson

“That the Lansdowne  
Outdoor Recreation  
Development  
Association receive a  
grant in the amount of  
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

Moved  
by Councillor  
Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Interpretive Centre.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Earlton Community Centre**

Moved  
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the Cobequid  
Interpretive Centre  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried.

*(Deputy  
Mayor  
Matheson  
opposed)*

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

Seconded by Councillor Mingo

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Seconded by  
Councillor  
Cavanaugh

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

**Northumberland  
Arts Council**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Sensory Training and Recreation (STAR)**

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

Seconded by  
Councillor White

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Taylor

*Councillors Masters, Cooper, Edwards, LeFresne, and  
Cooke opposed)*

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to Truro  
Sensory Training and  
Recreation (STAR).”

Motion **Defeated.**

*(Mayor  
Smith,  
Deputy  
Mayor  
Mathes  
on,*

**Cobequid Arts  
Council/Marigold  
Cultural Centre**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Cobequid Arts Council/Marigold Cultural Centre request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Francophone  
Community Centre**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Francophone Community Centre.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor,  
Masters, Cooper, Edwards, Cavanaugh,  
LeFresne, and Cooke opposed)*

**Colchester  
Transportation  
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Third Place Transition House**

Moved  
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by  
Councillor Edwards

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Stewiacke Valley Historical Society**

Moved  
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by  
Councillor Mingo

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to the Third  
Place Transition  
House.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by  
Councillor Mingo

“That the Third Place  
Transition House  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$1,100.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Cooper

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

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

Seconded by  
Councillor  
Cavanaugh

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Bayhead  
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Adult Learning Association**

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

Seconded by  
Councillor Edwards

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Off Highway Vehicle Closed Course Cooperative Limited**

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

Seconded by  
Councillor Cooper

“That the Colchester  
Adult Learning  
Association request  
for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Coun-  
cillor  
Cavan-  
ough  
opposed)*

**Maggie's Place: A Resource Centre for Families**

Moved  
by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by  
Councillor Cooke

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by Deputy  
Mayor Matheson

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to Maggie's  
Place: A Resource  
Centre for Families.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor Taylor

“That Maggie's  
Place: A Resource  
Centre for Families  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried

**Barrachois Harbour  
Fisherman's  
Association**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Barrachois Harbour Fisherman's Association.”

Motion **Defeated.**

*(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Taylor, Masters, Cooper, Edwards, Cooke and Mingo opposed)*

**Cobequid Spartans  
Gymnastic Centre**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Cobequid Spartans Gymnastic Centre request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**North Shore  
Community  
Development  
Association**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the North Shore Community Development Association.”

Motion **Defeated.**

*(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Taylor, Masters, Cooper, Cavanaugh, White, Cooke and Mingo opposed)*

**Middleton  
Community Hall  
Association**

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

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

**Denmark  
Community Hall  
Association**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**People Power Pathways Society**

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

Seconded by  
Councillor Mingo

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

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor  
Cavanaugh

Seconded by  
Councillor Cooke

“That the issue of  
community halls’  
criteria under the  
Grants to Non-Profit  
Organizations Policy  
be referred to Council  
Committee.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by  
Deputy  
Mayor  
Mathes  
on

**Colchester Regional Development Agency**

Seconded by  
Councillor LeFresne

“That the People  
Power Pathways  
Society request for a  
grant be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Coun-  
cillor  
Mingo  
oppose  
d)*

by Councillor Masters

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the request from the Colchester Regional Development Agency  
for \$6,976 in support of regional promotions in 2008-09 be approved.”

Seconded by  
Councillor White

Motion Carried Unanimously.

“That the request  
from the Colchester  
Regional  
Development Agency  
to waive the 2008-09  
taxes for properties  
not sold in Colchester  
Park in the amount of  
\$44,354 be  
approved.”

In a discussion on a third request from the Colchester Regional  
Development Agency for an additional \$42,020 in core funding for  
2008-09, it was recommended that any further discussion on this  
matter be deferred until the regular session of Council Committee on  
March 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff were directed to invite the Executive Director to be  
in attendance at that time to provide a more detailed explanation on  
why the additional core funding is being requested.

Motion Carried.

*(Coun-  
cillor  
Cooper  
oppose  
d)*

Moved

**Human Resources Manager Position**

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor Mingo

“That the Executive  
Director of the  
Colchester Regional  
Development Agency  
be invited to the  
regular session of  
March Council  
Committee in order to  
provide a more  
detailed explanation  
on the additional core  
funding request.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Administrative Support Clerk**

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor Cooper

“That the  
recommendation from  
staff to create a new  
Manager of Human  
Resources position be  
deferred until the next  
budget year, 2008-09,  
and the new Chief  
Administrative  
Officer is prepared to  
bring it back to  
Council for  
consideration.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters

### **Property Information Term Position**

Seconded by  
Councillor Cooper

“That the creation of a new permanent full-time Administrative Support Clerk position be approved, at no additional cost, as the amounts are annually included in the maintenance budgets for the various departments within the Municipality.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

### **Project Engineer (Second Position)**

Moved  
by Deputy Mayor  
Matheson

Seconded by  
Councillor Masters

“That the extension of the Property Information term position for the 2008-09 budget year be approved, the cost of which is already included in the maintenance budget.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

“That the creation of a full-time permanent Project Engineer (second position) be approved for the Municipality of Colchester, the cost of which will be charged to various Public Works’ projects.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Scotia Pool Funding**

Moved by Councillor Mingo  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That a contribution to Scotia Pool in the amount of \$100,000 for budget year 2008-09 be approved; and, that this amount be reviewed by Council again in budget year 2009-10.”

motion amended.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson (In  
Amendment)  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That a contribution to Scotia Pool in the amount of \$130,000 for budget year 2008-09 only be approved.”

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

The motion to amend having been defeated, the main motion was voted on and carried, with *Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson and Councillor Taylor opposed*.

**RCMP - Policing Requests**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That funding for one additional full-time public servant for criminal reference checks for the RCMP Colchester District be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That funding in the amount of \$110,000 for one additional full-time Constable for court liaison services for the RCMP Colchester District be approved.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith opposed)*

**Bible Hill Master Plan Reserve Fund**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the amount of \$500,000 be transferred from the Operating Reserve Fund for Arenas to the Bible Hill Master Plan.”

motion amended.

Moved by Councillor Cooke (In  
Amendment)  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the amount to be transferred from the Operating Reserve Fund for Arenas to the Bible Hill Master Plan be reduced to \$300,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Taylor, Masters,  
Cavanaugh, White and Mingo opposed)*

The motion to amend having carried, the main motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

**SPCA Annual Grant**

Council agreed that the amount of \$5,000 in the 2008-09 maintenance budget for the annual grant to the SPCA remain as is.

**Leachate Trucking  
Interim Measures**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the issue of interim measures for leachate trucking be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In preparation for when this comes back to Committee, staff were directed to obtain pricing through either a tendering or a Request for Proposals process.

**Municipal Funding  
for Insurance for  
Not-for-Profit  
Organizations**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the amount in the 2008-09 maintenance budget for the Municipal Funding for Insurance for Not-for-Profit Organizations Program be reduced from \$25,000 to \$10,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Both Deputy Mayor Matheson and Councillor Cooke expressed concern with the “three quotes” requirement in the Not-for-Profit Organizations Insurance Policy. Staff were requested to bring this matter back to a future Council meeting for a policy discussion.

**Parks/Playground  
Recreation Reserve**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That no allocation be made from the 2008-09 Operating Budget year only to the Parks/Playground Recreation Reserve, as indicated in the maintenance budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Interim Recyclables  
Agreement - RRFB**

In response to a request from the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB), the Municipality agreed to provide interim material processing services for the RRFB at the Materials Recovery Facility in Kemptown. The agreement is effective March 13, 2008 for approximately 90 days or until the RRFB has a new contract in place for this service. The interim agreement was required due to the termination of the current agreement that the RRFB had with the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Council requested that the expected revenue of \$100,000 from this interim agreement with the RRFB be reflected in the 2008-09 maintenance budget.

**Recess**

Because a decision on the additional core funding request from CoRDA has been deferred until March Council Committee, the operating budget and general tax rates could not be set at this evening's meeting. Therefore, Council agreed to recess at 11:20 p.m. and will reconvene on March 20<sup>th</sup> to complete the Additions/Deletions process.

In preparation for the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff were requested to put together various scenarios that could impact the residential and commercial tax rates.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary