

## **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 Tuesday, March 18, 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 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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### **Purpose**

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

### **Public Presentations**

There were no public presentations received for this evening's meeting.

### **Schedule "B" - Reserve Projects**

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, reviewed Schedule "B" of reserve projects in the five-year Capital Budget Plan from 2008-09 to 2012-13.

A brief discussion took place at which time a suggestion was made to reflect the end of the \$50,000 allocation to the area rate fund for urban street paving in 2008-09 and commence allocating the \$50,000 to the street paving reserve in 2009-10.

### **Capital Projects - Financing Model**

Mr. Purchase made reference to the financing model which shows various methods of funding projects in the Capital Budget Plan.

### **Schedule "A" - Capital Projects - New Information/Direction**

Mr. Purchase explained that this item is a followup from a capital budget meeting Council Committee had on January 24, 2008. At that time, staff were requested to come back with further information on a number of projects, including costing. Discussion by Council Committee followed the same order as listed in the Action Item.

**Waste Management  
Master Plan Projects**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Waste Management Master Plan projects for a Leachate Treatment Facility, a Compost Upgrade, Upgrades for the Central Sewage Treatment Plant and the Septage System-Balefill be applied as one request under the Canada Building Fund Infrastructure Program; and,

That staff report back to Council with recommended priority ranking of these projects prior to the July 31, 2008 deadline for submission of capital projects to the Province.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tatamagouche Branch  
Library**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the cost indicated in Schedule “A” of \$425,000 for the new Tatamagouche Branch Library be sourced from the 2008-09 Operating Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor, Masters and Cooper opposed)*

**Debert Sidewalk**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Debert Sidewalk scheduled for 2008-09 is to extend from the driveway into the Debert Elementary School on Masstown Road to the driveway of the Post Office on Plains Road, at an estimated cost of \$216,000, which includes concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, source of funds to be 50% Municipal Infrastructure Fund and 50% funds from the sale of houses in Debert.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper and Mingo opposed)*

**Force Main - Hilden  
Sewer System**

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the cost indicated in Schedule “A” of \$250,000 for the Force Main - Hilden Sewer System project be sourced from 50% Gas Tax and 50% Sewer Capital Area Rate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**MRF Sprinkler System**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the MRF Sprinkler System be dropped from consideration in the Capital Budget process.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Balefill Scales**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Bale Scales project, at an estimated cost for \$300,000, be scheduled to proceed in 2009-10, source of funding to be the Balefill Capital Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lornevale Road Sewer Extension**

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That staff be directed to do a costing of the Lornevale Road Sewer Extension project, using a small bore system, and report back at a future Council meeting.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith opposed)*

**Debert Infrastructure - Replacement of STP #2**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the services of an outside consultant on the Debert Infrastructure Project related to the Replacement of Sewage Treatment Plant #2 be approved, subject to the Municipality receiving ownership of this asset as of April 1, 2008.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

During Council discussion on this item, it was suggested that the Municipality look at including this project in the Waste Management Master Plan and approach the local Member of Parliament for assistance in moving this submission forward for approval.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That, at the time the Municipality is seeking approval and funding for the Waste Management Master Plan, the local Member of Parliament be approached for assistance in moving this submission forward for approval; and, to ask him to identify any other sources of federal funding.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Infrastructure -  
Phase I Development**

Council agreed that the Debert Infrastructure - Phase I Development project remain on the Capital Budget Project List for 2009-10, at a cost to be determined and, subject to the Municipality receiving ownership of this asset as of April 1, 2008.

**Debert Water**

Mayor Smith indicated that this item was for information only as there is no cost involved. Council has made Debert water a No. 1 priority, if required, for an application under the Canada Building Fund. With two-thirds of the funding provided by the Program, the Province has agreed to pick up the remaining one-third share.

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

Moved by Councillor Mingo  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the sidewalk project on Salmon River Road in Valley (between entrance to Eagle Drive and driveway to Valley Variety) , at an estimated cost for \$150,000, be approved to proceed.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Mingo  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the sidewalk project on Salmon River Road in Valley (between entrance to Eagle Drive and driveway to Valley Variety) be scheduled to proceed in 2009-10.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was recommended that in the absence of the Director of Public Works at tonight’s meeting, that Council would revisit the scheduling of this project if the timing presents a problem for him.

**Sidewalk - Valley -  
Eagle Drive (between**

Moved by Councillor Mingo  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

**entrance at Salmon  
River Road to End of  
Phoebe Lane)**

“That the sidewalk project on Eagle Drive in Valley (between entrance at Salmon River Road to end of Phoebe Lane) , at an estimated cost for \$600,000, be approved to proceed.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith, Councillors Cooper, Edwards, LeFresne and White opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Mingo  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the sidewalk project on Eagle Drive in Valley (between entrance at Salmon River Road to end of Phoebe Lane) be scheduled to proceed in 2011-12.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Masters, LeFresne and White opposed)*

**Granville Drive Sewer**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Granville Drive Sewer project remain on the Capital Budget Project List for 2010-11, at a cost to be determined.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

**Village Centre - Bible  
Hill**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Village Centre - Bible Hill project remain on the Capital Budget Project List for 2011-12, at a cost to be determined.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bible Hill Water Tower**

It was noted that Council received correspondence at their February 2008 Council meeting which indicated that the Village of Bible Hill would not be able to provide funding for this project until at least 2013/14 or later.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Bible Hill Water Tower project be removed from the

Capital Budget Plan until the Village of Bible Hill is prepared to move forward on it.”

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

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Bible Hill Water Tower project remain on the Capital Budget Project List for 2012/13, at a cost to be determined.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Cooper, Cavanaugh and LeFresne opposed)*

In a brief discussion on this item, Council expressed disappointment in the Village of Bible Hill’s lack of commitment to this project. It was recommended that the Village should be advised in writing of Council’s concerns.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That a letter be written to the Village of Bible Hill strongly expressing Council’s disappointment in the Village’s lack of commitment to the Bible Hill Water Tower project until at least 2013/14.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary