

April 10, 2008

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, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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 Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Mayor Mike Smith

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the agenda for April 10, 2008 be approved with the following additions:

- add 10b: Position Vacancy - Manager of Recreation Services
- add 10c: Public Meeting - Soil Remediation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the minutes of meeting held on March 20, 2008 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2008.

Presentations

Avril Vollenhoven, Kinnon Stubbart and Hugh MacEachern

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Canada Post Corporation

Representatives from the Canada Post Corporation were invited to make a presentation to Council as a follow up to a presentation from members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers on January 31, 2008. The issue they presented was the placement of rural community mailboxes without consultation.

In their presentation, Canada Post briefed Council on what has taken place so far with respect to community mailboxes as it affects rural mail delivery. In May 2008, Canada Post will conduct traffic safety assessments at 3,662 rural mailboxes which includes rural routes 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 served out of the Truro Post Office. Communication to the public regarding this assessment will be done through the local newspaper, written notification to customers, traffic safety assessments, the results of which will be provided to the local Member of Parliament and Colchester County, review of proposed community mailbox locations with County representative, and meetings with affected customers.

At the conclusion of their presentation, Canada Post agreed to:

- report to Council on number of mailboxes assessed in Colchester County and the number that failed
- supply to Councillors copies of Rural Mail Safety Review package and this evening's presentation
- forward information on proposed sites for community mailboxes to Chief Administrative Officer for review by staff and the Councillor for the area

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the presentation from Canada Post be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Road Name Change
- Economy River
Road to Pleasant
Hills Road**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Economy River Road be renamed to Pleasant Hills Road and that staff be instructed to forward appropriate information to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Boundary Change

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

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**Request -
Earlton/Nuttby**

Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the community boundary lines for Nuttby and Earlton be changed back to where they were prior to Council’s adoption of 128 community names in February 2006.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That staff be directed to pursue a request with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to adjust the electoral boundaries to be consistent with the revised community boundary lines for Nuttby and Earlton.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**UNSM Spring
Workshop**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, two Councillors and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to attend the UNSM Spring Workshop scheduled for May 8-9, 2008 in Antigonish.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council agreed that Councillor LeFresne and Councillor Mingo would be the two Councillor delegates at the Workshop.

**Debert Air
Industrial Park
(DAIP)/Colchester
Regional
Development
Agency (CoRDA)
Municipal
Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the wording in the first line of item No. 9.a. of the DAIP/CoRDA Municipal Agreement be changed to read ‘One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Future may’ rather than ‘shall.....’.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the attached agreement between the Municipality and the Colchester Regional Development Agency be approved as amended, with authority given for the Mayor and CAO to execute.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Group Insurance Renewal

Colchester has renewed the group benefits package effective April 1, 2008. The bi-weekly increase in deductions for employees will range from \$1 to \$2.50 per pay. The annual increase in the County's share of premiums is costed at \$1,500 which is covered in the operating budget for 2008-09.

Position Vacancy - Manager of Recreation Services

Council had previously authorized staff to proceed in recruiting the vacant position of Manager of Recreation Services.

Thirty applications were received and three applicants interviewed. An offer was made and accepted by Mr. Craig Burgess who commences duties in this position on May 5, 2008.

Public Meeting - Soil Remediation

A date of Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Materials Recovery Facility in Kempton has been set for this community meeting. Notification of the meeting has been advertised in the Truro Daily News and on the local radio station.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera meeting at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary