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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 Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Mike Smith	
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 Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the agenda for May 13, 2008 be approved with the following additions:

- add 13b: FCM Annual Conference
- add 13c: RCMP Reception”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the minutes of meetings held on March 6, March 18 and April 10, 2008 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meetings held on March 6, March 18 and April 10, 2008.

Presentations

There were no public presentations received for this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

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**Property Purchased
at Tax Sale**

At the Council meeting on April 24, 2008, May Council Committee was given authority to make a final decision in order to expedite this Action Item.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee authorizes the Municipality to provide a refund to Mr. Ashley Pridham in the amount of \$3,974.35, plus interest, to reimburse him for a property purchased at a tax sale in October 2006, source of funds to be general operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the rate of interest to be paid to Mr. Pridham be prime plus one percent, or, a documented interest rate that Mr. Pridham paid, whichever is greater.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request to Move
Five Islands
Lighthouse to
Broderick Lane
Parkland**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality agree to allow the Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society to move the Five Islands lighthouse onto the municipal lands at Broderick Lane; and,

That the Society be advised to finalize arrangements with municipal staff prior to the move.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Maggie’s Place -
Funding Request**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the funding request from Maggie’s Place for an additional \$6,000 over and above the \$3,000 already approved by Council through the non-profit grants program, be approved.”

Motion **Defeated**.

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

Wind Turbine

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

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**Development -
Direction**

Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee directs the Planning Advisory Committee to prepare a stand-alone by-law to provide regulation of wind turbine development for all of the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

During Council discussion of this item, it was recommended that the stand-alone by-law be for large and small wind turbines only.

Councillor Cavanaugh indicated that he would like to be advised of when this matter goes to the Planning Advisory Committee.

**Replacement and
Extension of Sewer
System - Colchester
Park, Debert****Conflict of Interest**

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

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of the County of Colchester award the Colchester Park (Project #807391) sewer replacement and extension project to Mid-Valley Construction Limited at a bid price of \$438,710 plus HST; and,

That Schedule “A” of the five-year capital budget plan for 2008-09 to 2012-13 be amended to include \$500,000 for this project inclusive of an amount for contingency, to be funded from the Debert House Sales Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Jake Brakes on
Robie Street**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Mayor Smith

“That the Action Item on Jake Brakes on Robie Street be received for information.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Masters, LeFresne and Cooke opposed)

At this point, Councillor Mingo returned to the table.

Resolution -

Moved by Councillor Mingo

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Colchester Bike Week

Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the week of May 31 to June 7, 2008 be proclaimed Colchester Bike Week in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Area Rates and Budgets 2008-09

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the approval of area rates, as presented, for 2008-09.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

FCM Annual Conference

Councillor White indicated that, due to business reasons, he will not be able to attend the FCM Annual Conference in Quebec City.

Councillor Mingo indicated her willingness to take Councillor White’s place depending on her schedule at work. She will confirm with staff.

RCMP Reception

Mr. Dan McDougall, Chief Administrative Officer, reported that the Municipality received an invitation to attend a retirement reception and dinner for Sgt. Dave Darrah of the Colchester County RCMP District office. The event is taking place on May 23, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Truro.

Councillors Edwards, Masters, Cavanaugh, White, Cooper and LeFresne agreed to attend on behalf of Council.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the \$20 per person charge for Councillors wishing to attend the retirement reception for Sgt. Dave Darrah on May 23, 2008 be paid for by the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS**Nova Scotia Water Resources Management Strategy**

Attached to this Information Item was a letter being submitted to the Province by the Director of Community Development in response to the provincial discussion paper entitled ‘Water for Life’. The Province had asked for comments to this discussion paper in order to gain municipal input into the development of a new water strategy. Also attached to this Information Item was a copy of a UNSM resolution concerning royalties for bottling of water as submitted by

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Colchester County at the 2007 Fall UNSM Conference. It is the opinion of Council that businesses extracting large quantities of water from Colchester County should pay a royalty.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Edwards, both Deputy Mayor Matheson and Mr. McDougall provided an update from the UNSM Spring Conference on this matter. Both reports indicated that the Province is working toward regulation but it will probably take years to pull this strategy together and that Council will be able to make representation again.

Councillor Taylor indicated that he had difficulty with how the Province could restrict municipalities from receiving revenue from royalties for bottling of water. He asked Council to consider referring this matter to a future Council Committee meeting to look at addressing this matter again with the Province.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the issue of municipalities not receiving royalties for bottling of water be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary