

August 14, 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, August 14, 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 Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent

Mayor Mike Smith	
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the agenda for August 14, 2008 be approved with the following additions:

- add 12b: Canada Post Rural Mail Delivery
- add 12c: Traffic Light for Masstown
- add 13b: Computer Pickup”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of meeting held on June 12, 2008 be approved with the following amendment:

- Page 1049: re loan guarantees for Cobequid District Fire Brigade and Great Village Fire Brigade, Councillor Masters requested that it should be noted in the minutes that he declared a conflict of interest on these two items”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on June 12, 2008.

Presentations**Mr. Colin Stevenson - Colchester-East Hants Health Authority**

Through a powerpoint presentation, Mr. Stevenson presented an update on the new hospital for Colchester-East Hants. A copy of the presentation was circulated to members of Council.

The new hospital will be approximately 30% larger than the existing facility with 124 inpatient beds. Surgical, medical, mental health, intensive care, maternal child, and diagnostic/treatment services will include expanded urology services, palliative care unit, helipad, increased ambulatory care space and a larger emergency department.

Mr. Stevenson indicated that the project budget for the new facility is an ongoing review process; right now it is on track for \$155 million. Relocation to the new facility is scheduled for the Fall of 2011.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the presentation from the Colchester-East Hants Health Authority be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS**Civic Centre Project
Steering Committee*****Conflict of Interest***

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

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Councillor Bob Taylor and Councillor Bill Masters be appointed to the Civic Centre Project Steering Committee for the duration of the development phase (two to three years).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

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**Insurance for Not-
for-Profit
Organizations**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Policy for Municipal Funding for Insurance for Not-for-Profits be approved with the following amendment:

- under section Procedure for Funding, No. 4 - change to read ‘submit more than one quote’, rather than ‘...three quotes.....’ ”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that an additional amendment be made to the Policy for Municipal Funding for Insurance for Not-for-Profits as follows:

- under section Criteria for Funding, fifth bullet - that ‘community halls’ be added to groups”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed)*

Although passing the motion on adding ‘community halls’, further debate by members resulted in staff being directed to bring this item back to Council at the end of the month, when the policy is presented for final approval. At that time, staff are to include a recommendation on what wording is the most appropriate or best fit for this clause in the policy.

**Potential Joint-Use
Agreement for
Winding River
Consolidated School**

Conflict of Interest

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

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Winding River Consolidated School Joint-Use Agreement with the Chignecto Central Regional School Board as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Mingo returned to the table.

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**Sponsorship Request
- 2008 Truro Live
Summer Music
Festival**

Conflict of Interest

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

It was noted that at its meeting held on July 10, 2008, Council authorized August Council Committee to make a decision on this item as the festival event is scheduled before the next session of Council the end of August.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee approves that a donation of \$500 be contributed to the 2008 Truro Live Summer Music Festival, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

**County Personnel
Policy 4.02**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the current policy numbered 4.02 be repealed; and,

That Council Committee recommends to Council that the new policy numbered 4.02 be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Boundary Change
Request - Little Bass
River/Lower
Economy**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the community boundary lines for Upper Economy and Little Bass River be changed back to where it was prior to Council’s adoption of 128 community names in February 2006.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In preparation for when this motion is presented to Council for consideration at the end of the month, staff were directed to have a map on hand to show what the effects would be on other communities if the boundary was moved further north of Mrs. Baldwin’s property.

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**2008 UNSM Fall
Conference
Delegates**

Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Cavanaugh, LeFresne, Edwards and Taylor expressed an interest in attending the 2008 UNSM Fall Conference.

**Canada Post Rural
Mail Delivery**

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that he had been in touch with Avril Vollenhoven from Canada Post this week regarding his concern that the safety assessment of residents' mailboxes was going too slow. He had asked Ms. Vollenhoven to attend a ratepayers' meeting on this matter and she refused. He recommended that a letter be sent to senior officials at Canada Post advising them that local Canada Post representatives are refusing to attend community meetings relating to rural mail delivery.

Councillor White recommended that it should also be included in the letter that Canada Post has not honoured its commitment to Councillors that they be involved in where the community mailboxes will be located in their districts.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That a letter be written to senior officials of Canada Post indicating that their local representatives are refusing to attend ratepayers' meetings in Colchester County when requested to do so; and,

That Canada Post is not honouring its commitment to include County Councillors in the decision-making process of where the community mailboxes will be located in their districts.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Traffic Light for
Masstown**

Councillor Cooke indicate that he had received a request from a resident in his district about having a red flashing traffic light installed at the Masstown Market intersection and that he would like Council to consider referring this matter to a future Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the possible installation of a red flashing traffic light at the Masstown Market intersection be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**Impact of Provincial
Cap on County Tax
Revenue**

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That a letter be written to the three local MLA’s to make them aware of the impact that the provincial legislation on capping of assessments has had on County tax revenue.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Computer Pickup

In response to an inquiry from Councillor LeFresne, staff indicated that an update on e-waste collection during fall cleanup would be presented to Council at the end of the month.

Village of Bible Hill

Although not added to the meeting agenda earlier this evening, Council agreed to allow Councillor Taylor to bring this item forward.

Councillor Taylor expressed his disappointment at the County not being a part of a recent announcement regarding the Village of Bible Hill receiving infrastructure funding for its water expansion project. He asked Council to consider writing a letter to the Village expressing this disappointment.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter be written to the Village of Bible Hill expressing Council’s disappointment that the Municipality, as a full funding partner in the water expansion project, was not acknowledged or invited to participate in the announcement relating to the project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That any organization receiving project funding under the Municipal Infrastructure Program agree to acknowledge the Municipality as a funding partner in any media event and invite the Municipality to any announcements or official openings related to this project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary