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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 Thursday, September 11, 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 (arrived at 7:37 p.m.)
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 Mingo

“That the agenda for September 11, 2008 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- delete No. 7: The Week The Women Went
- delete No. 10: Requests for Property Tax Exemptions
- add No. 5a: under ‘Presentations’, Gloria Lewis, President, Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society”
- add No. 10b: Salmon River Hockey Society - Funding Request (on table)
- add No. 10c: Arthritis Awareness Month (on table)
- add No. 12b: Sidewalk on Harmony Road - Intersection of East Prince Street and Harmony Road to Deuville’s Rink (on table)
- add 12c: County Website”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Mingo
 Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the minutes of meeting held on August 14, 2008 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on August 14, 2008.

Presentations

Gloria Lewis, President, Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society

In her presentation, Ms. Lewis indicated that the Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society was looking for funding assistance from Council to move the lighthouse from the Sand Point Beach Campground to property located and owned by the County at Broderick Lane in Lower Five Islands. The Society had received three quotes for the project, all of which were in the \$11,000 to \$15,000 range. The Society has raised \$5,000 but still needs \$10,000 to get the job done.

The lighthouse is owned by the County and, at a meeting in April 2008, Council approved the building being moved to Broderick Lane at the expense of the Lighthouse Society.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
 Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the funding request from the Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In preparation for when this item is brought forward at a future Committee meeting, staff were directed to look into what type of funding is available to the Society if they owned the building but not the land on which it was located.

Staff Presentation

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

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development, provided background on the purpose for his presentation this evening. At a meeting the end of August, a motion was put forward from Council Committee for approval of this policy. At that time, Council

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chose not to approve this motion until additional information and clarification was provided, and requested that staff report back at a future meeting with recommendations. The main point of contention with the policy was under the section “Criteria for Funding” and whether community halls were eligible under the program.

A copy of an amended policy was placed on table for this evening’s staff presentation. Staff recommended that community halls be included by revising bullet No. 5 under ‘Criteria for Funding’ as follows:

‘Groups such as recreation, leisure, arts and culture, and community associations are eligible. Priority will be given to recreation associations who have limited revenue and/or limited ability to raise funds.’

At this point, Councillor White arrived at the meeting and took his place at the table.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Policy for Municipal Funding for Insurance for Not-for-Profits be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Pumping Station at Marshland Drive

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor White

“That staff be directed to pursue the development of a further odour reduction strategy, including time frame, costing and budget implications; and report back to Council for approval of the strategy before proceeding with the project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Policy on Financial Assistance Requests from Individuals or Groups

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the policy on financial assistance requests from individuals or groups attending events outside the Municipality to attend conferences or events (Promotional Material Policy) be approved with the following amendments:

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- that the Policy include language that indicates that grants are not provided to these groups; and,
- that the section on limits to promotional requests be eliminated from the Policy”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Edwards requested that the Area Councillor receive a copy of these requests as they come in.

**Salmon River
Hockey Society -
Funding Request**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality donate \$2,000 to the Salmon River Hockey Society in support of a Community Day of Appreciation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Deuville’s Rink in Salmon River, source of funds to be economic development grants.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Mingo opposed)*

**Arthritis Awareness
Month**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the request from the Arthritis Society to fly their flag for the remainder of the month of September in recognition of Arthritis Awareness Month be approved.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor LeFresne opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the development of a flag flying policy be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith and Councillor White opposed)*

INFORMATION ITEMS

**Rural Caucus Meeting -
2008 UNSM Fall
Conference**

The next Rural Caucus meeting is being held at the 2008 Fall UNSM Conference on September 17th. At staff’s request, Council agreed that in future, notices of upcoming Rural Caucus meetings will be placed in Councillor mailboxes and members will advise the CAO of any items they wish placed on the agenda.

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Small Systems Treatment Manager

Mr. Phillip Winter has been offered and accepted the Small Systems Treatment Manager position and will commence his duties on October 6, 2008.

Sidewalk on Harmony Road from Intersection of East Prince Street to Deuville's Rink

Council had previously approved construction of a sidewalk on Harmony Road connecting the existing sidewalk on East Prince Street at the intersection of East Prince Street and Harmony Road to the entrance to Deuville's Rink on Harmony Road.

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) have provided a cost estimate for this project. The project requires that the sidewalk be divided into two sections, the first estimated to cost \$150,000 and the second at \$770,000. One of the main reasons for the high cost is the need to have a high retaining wall all along the second section of the sidewalk in order to retain high grounds on private property along the sidewalk alignment.

Staff have requested NSTIR to explore the possibility of an alternate alignment to the sidewalk where the retaining wall can be avoided in order to minimize overall costs. Once a response to this request has been received, staff will come back to Council with recommendations on alignment, costs and time frame of construction.

County Website

Councillor Masters congratulated those staff responsible for the new look of the County website.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:50 p.m.

Project Manager for Civic Centre Project

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the staff secondment be authorized of Mr. Paul Smith to the Civic Centre Project; and,

That staff be authorized to backfill the Senior Planner position for up to two years at a pay range not exceeding pay range eight (8).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary