

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 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor, Chair	
Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Gerald Buott	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2009-10 “maintenance” budget.

2009-10 “Maintenance” Budget

Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, provided an overview of the information package circulated to Council.

The proposed “maintenance” budget shows a deficit of \$422,000 prior to budget deliberations. During deliberations, Council may wish to use one or more of the following options to balance the budget:

1. Add or subtract budget items
2. Adjust tax rate
3. Use other funds available such as the projected 2008-09 surplus, or funds in the operating reserve.

Items that had changed from previous years in the proposed budget were discussed. The following points were noted:

- dwelling units re residential tax burden analysis
- business occupancy re rate increase due to phase out versus lost overall revenue - should remain at least the same for 2009-10 as for 2008-09
- Shubenacadie Canal Commission - funding request reduced to \$15,000
- equipment reserve for Public Works - requires new reserve for replacement of equipment in five sewage treatment plants
- Flood Advisory Committee budget increase - referred to additions/deletions
- forest acreage reforestation - possible future discussion
- Administrative Support Worker for Public Works - addition of \$20,000
- Human Resources Position - referred to additions/deletions - reduction of \$5,000

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:20 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Bruce E. Purchase
Director of Corporate Services