

## **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 Thursday March 19, 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

### **Process Overview**

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services provided an overview on the process for this evening's meeting. Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2009-10 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions will be considered, including economic development grants and grants to non-profit organizations.

At the conclusion of this meeting, an operating budget and general tax rates will be set. The decisions made at this evening's meeting will require Council approval at month end. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at month end, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

### **Transfer of Funds**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the transfer of \$350,000 from the 2008-09 Operating Fund to the Special Operating Reserve be approved, with this amount being transferred back into the Operating Fund in 2009-10.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Non-Profit Grant  
Applications**

**Colchester County  
4-H Leaders'  
Council**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Leaders’ Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Colchester County 4-H Leaders’ Council receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Big Brothers - Big  
Sisters of Colchester**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Big Brothers - Big Sisters of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Big Brothers - Big Sisters of Colchester receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economy Recreation  
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Economy Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Economy Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000, source of funds to be the Bass River House Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tatamagouche in  
Blooms Society**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Tatamagouche in Blooms Society.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Masters, Buott and Cooper opposed)*

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Tatamagouche in Blooms Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Masters, Buott and Cooper opposed)*

**Fraser Cultural  
Centre/  
Northumberland  
Arts Council**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Fraser Cultural Centre/  
Northumberland Arts Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Fraser Cultural Centre/Northumberland Arts Council receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500.”

**Motion Defeated.** *(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Blair, Masters, Buott, Cooper, Edwards, MacKenzie, White, Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

**Brule Community Centre Association**

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

Seconded by  
Councillor Masters

“That the Fraser  
Cultural  
Centre/Northumberla  
nd Arts Council  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Deput  
y  
Mayor  
Cavan  
augh  
oppose  
d)*

Moved  
by  
Counci  
llor  
LeFres  
ne  
Second  
ed by  
Counci  
llor  
Blair

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Brule Community Centre Association receive a grant in the  
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to the Brule  
Community Centre  
Association.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

**Warwick Mountain  
Recreation Club**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Masters and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Masters and Taggart opposed)*

**Earlton  
Community Centre**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Earlton Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Earlton Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Great Village  
Historical Society**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Great Village Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Great Village Historical Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

**Stewiacke Valley  
Historical Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Middle Stewiacke  
Recreation Centre**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,250.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brookfield Railway  
Station & Heritage  
Society**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brookfield Railway Station and Heritage Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Brookfield Railway Station and Heritage Society receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Christian  
Counselling  
Ministries**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Christian Counselling Ministries.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Christian Counselling Ministries receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Third Place  
Transition House**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Third Place Transition House.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Salmon Association**

Moved  
by Councillor Blair

Seconded by  
Councillor  
MacKenzie

“That the Third Place  
Transition House  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Salmon Association.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Lower Truro Community Hall**

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor Cooper

“That the Cobequid  
Salmon Association  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to the Lower  
Truro Community  
Hall.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the Lower  
Truro Community  
Hall receive a grant in  
the amount of  
\$2,000.”

**Cobequid Arts  
Council/Marigold  
Cultural Centre**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Cobequid Arts Council/Marigold Cultural Centre request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

**East Court Road  
Elementary School**

“That the East Court Road Elementary School request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That a letter be written to the Chignecto Central Regional School Board indicating Council’s support for the direction the teachers want to take and what they are trying to accomplish.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Maggie’s Place: A  
Resource Centre for  
Families**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Maggie’s Place: A Resource Centre for Families.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Maggie’s Place: A Resource Centre for Families receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**The Falls  
Community Hall  
Society**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to The Falls Community Hall Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White

**West St. Andrews Community Club**

Seconded by  
Councillor LeFresne

“That The Falls  
Community Hall  
Society receive a  
grant in the amount of  
\$1,000.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by  
Counci  
llor  
Cooper

**St. Mary’s Archers of Truro**

Seconded by  
Councillor Buott

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to the West St.  
Andrews Community  
Club.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by  
Councillor Buott

“That the West St  
Andrews Community  
Club receive a grant  
in the amount of  
\$2,500.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by  
Councillor  
Buott

**Alton Recreation Centre**

Seconded by  
Councillor Masters

“That the St. Mary’s  
Archers of Truro  
request for a grant be  
denied.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Denmark Community Hall Association**

Moved  
by Councillor Buott

Seconded by  
Councillor Cooper

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to the Alton  
Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor Buott

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the Alton  
Recreation Centre  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor  
LeFresne

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Denmark Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Seconded by Deputy  
Mayor Cavanaugh

Motion Carried Unanimously.

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to the  
Denmark Community  
Hall Association.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Bass River Heritage  
Society**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bass River Heritage Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Bass River Heritage Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

**Motion Defeated.**

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor  
Cavanaugh, Councillors Blair, Masters,  
Buott, Cooper, LeFresne, and White  
opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Bass River Heritage Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Masters, Buott, Cooper,  
LeFresne and White opposed)*

**Bayhead  
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bayhead Community Hall.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved  
by Deputy Mayor  
Cavanaugh

Seconded by  
Councillor LeFresne

“That the Bayhead  
Community Hall  
receive a grant in the  
amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved  
by Councillor White

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

Seconded by  
Councillor Edwards

“That the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

“That the  
Municipality provide  
a grant to the  
Colchester  
Transportation  
Cooperative Ltd.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Balfron Hall  
Community  
Association**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Balfron Hall Community Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Balfron Hall Community Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic Development  
Grant Applications**

**Brookfield Lotta Truck  
Festival**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Brookfield Lotta Truck Festival request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**The Creamery Square  
Association -  
Tatamagouche Tattoo  
(A Local Production)**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Creamery Square Association - Tatamagouche Tattoo request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Downeast Bluegrass  
and Oldtime Music  
Society**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Downeast Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Downeast Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Stewiacke Valley  
Farmers' Market**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Stewiacke Valley Farmers’ Market.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Edwards and LeFresne opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Stewiacke Valley Farmers’ Market receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Edwards and LeFresne opposed)*

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

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Wild Blueberry Harvest Cooperative Limited request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.*

**Wild Blueberry  
Harvest Cooperative  
Limited**

**Colchester County 4-H  
Leaders' Council**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Leaders’ Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Colchester County 4-H Leaders’ Council receive a grant in the amount of \$7,000.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Increase in Economic  
Development Grant  
Fund Budget**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Economic Development Grant Fund budget for 2009-10 be increased from \$10,000 to \$27,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Historical  
Society**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the 2009-10 financial commitment to the Colchester Historical Society be increased by \$5,500 for a total of \$10,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the request from the Shubenacadie Canal Commission for a \$15,000 grant be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Shubenacadie Canal  
Commission**

**North Colchester  
River Restoration**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the request from the North Colchester River Restoration Association for a \$5,000 grant in each of the next five years be approved, beginning in 2009-10.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Scotia Pool**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That an offer be made to have municipal staff meet with staff of Scotia Pool to prepare options and recommendations for a report to the Scotia Pool Board of Directors and to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**RCMP - Policing**

**Requests**

**Equipment Reserve Referrals - Public Works**\_\_\_\_\_

Moved by  
Councillor McKenna

Seconded by  
Councillor Buott

“That funding for two additional positions for the RCMP Colchester District at a cost of \$110,000 be approved, effective October 1, 2009; and,

That staff be directed to explore the development of a community RCMP office in the village of Debert.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved by  
Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor Buott

“That any funding required for minor equipment replacement at the Municipality’s five sewage treatment plans be brought before Council for approval and identification of source of funding.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Flood Advisory Committee**\_\_\_\_\_

Cavanaugh

Moved by  
Deputy Mayor

Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That an increase in the 2009-10 Flood Advisory Committee budget from \$40,000 to \$50,000 be approved.”

**Administrative Support Person - Public Works**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Human Resources Specialist**

Moved by  
Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the creation of a new permanent full-time Administrative Support - Public Works position be approved, effective October 1, 2009, at a cost of \$20,000 in 2009-10.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**REMO Emergencies**

Moved by  
Councillor Cooper

Seconded by  
Councillor McKenna

“That the creation of a new permanent full-time Human Resources Specialist position be approved, at a cost of \$45,000 in 2009-10.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Cavanaugh

Moved by  
Deputy Mayor

Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the 2009-10 maintenance budget include \$10,000 for emergency expenses during disaster events such as flooding, hurricanes, etc.”

**Deed Transfer Tax**

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved by  
Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Deed Transfer Tax be increased from 0.5% to 1.0% in 2009-10.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

**Transfer of Funds**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the amount of \$500,000 be transferred from the Operating Budget to the Operating Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors McKenna, White and Blair opposed)*

**2009-10 Operating Budget and Tax Rates**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2009-10 Operating Budget be approved with the Additions/Deletions as set out at this meeting, with a residential tax rate of \$0.79 and a commercial tax rate of \$2.10.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors McKenna, White and Blair opposed)*

**Adjournment**

Moved by  
Councillor Masters

Seconded by  
Councillor Blair

“That Council  
Committee  
recommends to Council  
that the organizational  
structure for the  
Municipality of the  
County of Colchester,  
as presented at the  
March 17<sup>th</sup> Special  
Council Committee  
meeting, be approved  
effective April 1,  
2009.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Moved by  
Deputy Mayor  
Cavanaugh

Seconded by  
Councillor White

“That the meeting be  
adjourned at 11:00  
p.m.”

Motion Carried  
Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary