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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 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor	
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, Chair	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the agenda for May 19, 2009 be approved with the following amendments:

- defer Item #11, Request for Funding - Colchester Ground Search and Rescue
- defer Item #14, Request for Sewer Connection - Brookfield
- add Item #19b: Extension of Municipal Water Services on Dresden Way, Colchester Parks, Debert (on table)”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the minutes of March 17, 2009 be approved with one amendment:

- first paragraph, Page 1, should read ‘March 17, 2009’, not 2008; and,

That the minutes of April 16, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Business Arising
from Minutes**

Staff advised Councillor McKenna that the Diversion Credit Policy was being worked on and will be brought forward at a future Council Committee meeting.

Referring to Page 1109, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh responded to Councillor Blair's inquiry regarding the unsightly property at 11 Highway 311, North River, as to whether or not the Red Cross were notified to remove their bins from the area. Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that the building had been removed, the property cleaned up and the property owners had talked to the Red Cross who have agreed to maintain the bins while at this location.

Staff advised Councillor McKenna that the Open Burning By-law issue will be coming forward at June Council Committee.

Staff advised that Councillors will be informed by email on the outcome of a meeting this past Monday that the Building Inspector had with the property owner of 882 Pictou Road in Bible Hill.

Presentations

Mr. Floyd Tucker, President, Creamery Square Association
Ms. Pamela Swainson, President, Farmers' Market

In his presentation, Mr. Tucker provided an update on the Creamery Square project in Tatamagouche. The project is almost two-thirds complete. The Farmers' Market building has been operating for three years, the opening of the Heritage Centre is anticipated by the end of June, and excitement is building for the start of work on the Performing Arts Centre.

Mr. Tucker indicated that the Association is asking Council to participate in funding for Phase 3(a) of the Creamery Square Development Project. The cost of this phase is expected to be \$721, 644, of which Council is being asked to consider providing 5% or \$36,000.

Mr. Tucker committed to sending a formal letter of request to Council.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from the Creamery Square Association be received and the request for funding be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS**Area Rates and
Budgets 2009-10**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the area rates for 2009-10 be approved as presented, with the exception that staff prepare additional options for:

- sewer capital (Schedule ‘C’)
- water extensions (Schedule ‘F’)
- Brookfield sidewalk (Schedule ‘K’)

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Selection of Design
Consultant for
Tatamagouche
Library**

To accommodate those in the audience, Council agreed to move forward this item (#15) on the agenda, followed by #8 and #7.

Staff noted that at its April 30th meeting, Council authorized May Council Committee to approve the hiring of a design consultant for this project.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee authorizes that the Request for Proposals for the design services of the Tatamagouche Branch Library be awarded to Lydon Lynch for \$52,000, plus HST.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Army
Paintball Ballfield**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Debert Army Paintball Club for use of the second ballfield located next to the Debert Hospitality Centre, for a trial period from June 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009, before consideration is given to a long-term lease with the Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management
Master Plan -
Engineering Services**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to carry out the detailed design and development of tender specifications and drawings for the leachate treatment and disposal component (Component #2) of the Waste Management Master Plan along with the

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detailed design and development of tender specifications and drawings of the upgrades to the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility (Component #1) of the Waste Management Master Plan, subject to receiving written confirmation of the \$10.6 million Build Canada funding approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Military
History Society**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Debert Military History Society Action Item regarding a funding request for renovations to the Debert Military Museum be deferred to June Council Committee and the Society be invited to make a presentation at this meeting on June 11, 2009.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In preparation for when this matter comes forward at June Council Committee, staff were asked to check out the Debert assets transfer agreement to confirm whether or not the funds received were to be used for infrastructure projects only. A budget for the organization was also requested.

**Sponsorship Request
- Dutch Mason Blues
Festival**

_____ Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000 toward the 2009 Dutch Mason Blues Festival, source of funds to be the Economic Development Grant Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Termination and
Discharge of a
Development
Agreement for East
Mountain Golf Club**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that, as a result of the failure of the Developer to commence construction within the time provided for in the Development Agreement, the Development Agreement dated October 25, 2006 between the Mountain Golf and Country Club Limited and the Municipality of the County of Colchester be terminated and discharged.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Flood Advisory
Committee Terms of
Reference**

_____ Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Terms of Reference for the Flood Advisory Committee be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2008 Municipal
Elections - School
Board’s Share of
Expenses**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality of Colchester write a letter to the Chignecto Central Regional School Board and the provincial Minister of Education requesting settlement of payment as soon as possible for the School Board’s share of expenses associated with the 2008 Municipal Election; and if a settlement is not reached, that the amount owed will be deducted from an upcoming monthly mandatory contribution from the Municipality to the School Board.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bible Hill Water
Extension Project -
Phase IV**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that up to a maximum of \$461,601 in funding be approved for the Bible Hill Water Extension Project - Phase IV, based on a sharing of one half of the local costs.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the source of funds for the Bible Hill Water Extension Project - Phase IV be the Gas Tax.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Position Vacancy -
Public Works
Wastewater
Collection Worker**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh removed himself from the table temporarily and Councillor Cooper assumed the position of Chair.

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Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee authorizes Administration to open competition for the position of Wastewater Collection Worker in accordance with the County’s Personnel Policies and the collective agreement with the Union.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Modification to
Standard
Specifications for
Design &
Construction of
Municipal Services**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the addendum to the Standard Specifications for the Design and Construction of Municipal Services (August 1995) be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Extension of
Municipal Water
Services on Dresden
Way, Colchester
Parks, Debert**

At this point, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh returned to the meeting and resumed the position of Chair.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the project for replacement of the waterline on Dresden Way, Debert, be approved at an estimated cost of \$75,000, source of funds to be revenue from the Debert House Sales Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**Position Vacancy -
Small Systems
Treatment
Supervisor**

Nineteen applications were received in response to an advertisement for the position of Small Systems Treatment Supervisor. Mr. Sean Sutherland was offered and accepted the position starting June 1, 2009. Mr. Sutherland is a County employee whose former position was Wastewater Collection Worker.

Directors’ Reports

Directors’ reports were presented from Solid Waste, Corporate Services and Public Works.

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Recess

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recess to an in-camera session at 12:00 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee reconvene in open session at 12:10 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bastionhost Water
Use Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Bastionhost be permitted the use of Bunker well #1 only in the Debert Air Industrial Park and that the other two Bunker wells, well #2 and well #3, be decommissioned; and,

That the Municipality of the County of Colchester enter into an agreement with Bastionhost for the use of well #1, as presented, subject to review and approval by the CAO and Solicitor.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:11 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary