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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, October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Councillor Gerry 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

Absent:

Mayor Bob Taylor	
Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for October 15, 2009 be approved with the following amendments:

- add Item 14b: Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Committee Terms of Reference and Procedures
- add Item 14c: Sidewalk on Highway 289 from Corner to Schools”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of meeting held on September 10, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on September 10, 2009.

Presentations

There were no public presentations received for this evening’s meeting.

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ACTION ITEMS**Art Selection
Committee**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Councillor Glen Edwards be appointed to serve on the Art Selection Committee for the Municipality of the County of Colchester’s Art Selection Program for 2009.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Councillor Jimmie LeFresne be appointed to serve on the Art Selection Committee for the Municipality of the County of Colchester’s Art Selection Program for 2009.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Electronic
Communications
Policy**

To introduce this Action Item, the Manager, Computer and Information Systems, Traci Pye-Roberts, provided a powerpoint presentation on the highlights of the new Electronic Communications Policy.

During the presentation, Council Committee indicated their support of the policy as presented but requested that staff look into security issues when taking laptops into the United States and report back to Council at the end of the month when final approval of the policy is considered.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Electronic Communications Policy be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cottage Lane Year
Round Garbage
Collection**

At staff’s recommendation, Council Committee agreed to postpone the item dealing with Cottage Lane Year Round Garbage Collection until the October Council meeting at the end of the month.

**Spring and Fall
Cleanup
Enforcement
Options**

To introduce this Action Item, the Waste Reduction Manager, Darlyne Proctor, provided a powerpoint presentation to highlight proposed amendments to the Municipality’s Garbage Collection and Disposal By-law pertaining to spring and fall cleanups.

During the presentation, the following comments were received from members of Council Committee:

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- By-law contain both metric and imperial numbers
- further clarification to the public on when cleanup material goes curbside, i.e. first day of cleanup, not regular collection day
- notification to Area Councillor when staff receive complaints
- term 'pick up week' to be used for actual time trucks come around and 'cleanup week' as time for material to go curbside
- advertise year-round drop off at Balefill of spring and fall cleanup material available to residents at no charge up to certain amount

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council Committee directs staff to prepare draft amendments to the Garbage Collection and Disposal By-law, as incorporated in Sections ‘A’, ‘B’ and ‘C’ of the Action Item dated October 15, 2009, to be presented at the November Council Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Revision of Sewer
Service Boundary -
Brookfield**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the revision to the ‘Sewer Serviced Area’ boundary in Brookfield be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**County Land -
Tattrie Settlement
Road**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to place the land for sale at 652 Tattrie Settlement Road with a licensed realtor; and,

That the realtor be selected by a draw and if realtor selected declines, that the next realtor drawn be requested to place the property for sale; and,

That the CAO be given discretion to accept or reject offers submitted by realtor.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Water Utility -
2009-10 and 2010-11
Budgets**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

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reference for the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Committee and the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Procedures be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sidewalk on Highway
289 from Corner to
Schools**

Councillor Buott reported on the condition of the sidewalk on Highway 289 from the corner to the schools. The sidewalk is only about 18 inches wide and at this point, a danger to those who use it frequently, namely children and seniors.

Staff reported that this year, there was a small section of the sidewalk right next to the bridge where there was a sink hole about four feet deep. The Director of Public Works contacted Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal about the hole and it was subsequently repaired. It is an old asphalt sidewalk that has deteriorated over the years. Staff agreed to investigate and report back to Council as necessary.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**Sewage Treatment
Plant (STP-2)
Replacement Update**

The Director of Public Works provided an overhead presentation on the replacement of STP-2 which is located on Masstown Road. A study by ABL Consultants was carried out to determine the best options on how to make this system compliant. At the time when this infrastructure was transferred over to the Municipality from the Province, funding was provided to carry out the upgrade or replacement. The consultant’s study indicated that an upgrade to STP-2 be carried out in two phases by way of new sewer lines, a new lift station and a new force main. Phase I of this project is tentatively scheduled to begin in the new year.

**Proposed New Energy
Regulations**

The Province of Nova Scotia prepared amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Act and Regulations to adopt new energy efficient prescriptive measures. This Information Item was prepared to identify the major items in these regulations that will effect new construction across Nova Scotia. Prior to implementation of the new energy regulations, the Building Inspection staff will host information workshops for the local construction industry.

Directors’ Reports

Reports were presented by the Director of Solid Waste and the Director of Public Works.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:26 p.m.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary