

January 14, 2010

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, January 14, 2010 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 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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for January 14, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- delete Item #8: Request for Financial Sponsorship - Truro Heritage Society
- delete Item #12: In-Camera - Negotiations”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

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

Presentations

Planters 250 Committee

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Representing the Planters 250 Committee were Ken Henderson (Chair), Cathy von Kintzel, Elinor Maher and Aidan Norton.

Mr. Henderson indicated that the Planters 250 Committee has been organized to plan two years of activities marking the 250th anniversary of the arrival of New England and Irish planters into the Cobequid region. The two years of activities will begin January 2010 and continue to December 2011. The Committee represents historical societies, museums, cultural groups, churches and municipalities throughout Colchester County.

Mr. Henderson indicated that the Planters 250 Committee would like Council to reconsider their decision to not have a representative on the Committee. The Committee is going forward to CoRDA with a request for funding and not having a County representative on the Committee may be seen as a lack of support.

Councillor Taggart indicated that he would like to see a representative on the Committee and that he would volunteer if there was no one else available who may be better qualified. Staff will contact Council via email to determine expressions of interest.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the presentation from the Planters 250 Committee be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Groundwater Resources in Valley Area Nova Scotia Environment

Representing Nova Scotia Environment were John Drage and Jennifer McDonald. Also in attendance was Dave Smith from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Nova Scotia Environment was invited by Council to make a presentation regarding the status of the aquifer in Valley.

Mr. Drage indicated that this evening’s presentation would explain Environment’s role in groundwater management, including groundwater monitoring activities; how to find groundwater information in Nova Scotia; and background information and status of the groundwater wells in the community of Valley and surrounding area.

Mr. Drage indicated that Environment could consider having a monitoring well in Valley for keeping a record of the water levels in that area.

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Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the presentation from Nova Scotia Environment be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That staff be instructed to look into the availability of County-owned land and well in the Valley area that could be used for a monitoring well; and,

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment requesting that a monitoring well be set up in the Valley area on County-owned land, if available.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Lawrence Lavoie

Mr. Lavoie indicated that the reason he was before Council this evening was because of an article he read in the paper regarding a false alarm by-law. Mr. Lavoie has been in the alarm business for some 29 years and he feels Council is on the right track with this by-law and he is in favour of it going forward.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the presentation from Mr. Lawrence Lavoie be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

False Alarm By-law

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the adoption of a False Alarm By-law consistent with Option 2A in an Action Item dated January 14, 2010; and, that staff be directed to develop an educational

campaign to inform property owners with alarms of their responsibilities and the consequences of false alarms.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Loan Guarantee -
Cobequid District
Fire Brigade**

Councillor Masters declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a ‘letter of intent’ in support of a loan of \$420,000 for the Cobequid District Fire Brigade for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker; and,

In the event that this is not satisfactory to the lending institution, that the Municipality provide a loan guarantee for this amount.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Masters returned to the table.

**Long-Term
Planning/Priority
Setting**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. be approved as the date for Council’s long-term planning/priority setting session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Broderick Lane

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That staff be directed to prepare an estimate of what it will cost to bring Broderick Lane, Lower Five Islands, up to a reasonable standard for a private road, followed by a meeting with the residents of the community.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

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“That staff be directed to look into an appropriate memorial for the late Gertrude Jenkins in recognition of her donating a piece of land on Broderick Lane to the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Directors' Reports

Reports were presented by the Director of Corporate Services and the Director of Community Development.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary