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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, March 11, 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 Cooper

“That the agenda for March 11, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- add Item #16b: Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex
- delete Item #14: Loan Guarantee - Village of Bible Hill - Sewer Pumping Station
- add Item #17b: Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids
- add Item #16c: Land Purchase for Cobequid Trail, Lower Truro.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2010.

**Presentations**

S/Sgt. Jay McInnis, Colchester County District RCMP

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At staff's request, S/Sgt. McInnis was asked to make a presentation to Council concerning any additional human resource requirements the RCMP may have that would have an impact on the Municipality's 2010/11 operating budget.

S/Sgt. McInnis indicated that in response to staff's request, he had prepared a letter dated March 9, 2010, a copy of which was circulated in Council's package for this evening's meeting.

In his presentation, S/Sgt. McInnis requested that he would like to see the addition of another General Investigation Section Officer to ensure that the best possible service is provided to the citizens of Colchester County. If funding for such a position is approved, the duties and responsibilities would be part investigational specifically dealing with sexual assaults and domestic violence as well as a more active role in community policing efforts.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That the presentation from the Colchester County District RCMP be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Length of Council/Council Committee Meetings**

To introduce this Action Item, Ms. Kim Paterson, Administrative Assistant/Researcher, provided a powerpoint presentation in which she outlined three options that may help to reduce the length of Council/Council Committee meetings.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Tuesday immediately following the regular monthly meeting of Council Committee be designated as an additional meeting night, if required; and,

That this designation be defined in the Council Proceedings By-law."

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh and Councillor MacKenzie opposed)*

#### **Changes to Municipal Funding**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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**for Community Trails Policy**

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of the revisions to the Municipal Funding for Community Trails Policy as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for Colchester**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Sustainable Colchester 2029 Plan (ICSP) be adopted as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Infrastructure Development - Phase 1**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to start design work on Phase 1, Extension 1 of the Debert Infrastructure Development Project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the source of funds for the design work on Phase 1, Extension 1 of the Debert Infrastructure Development Project be the Debert House Sales Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Report & Recommendation of Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee**

Staff noted that Council had passed a motion at its February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting that Council Committee be authorized to make a final decision on this item.

Councillor LeFresne presented a report from the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee meeting held on March 5, 2010:

**Water Line Extension - Mr. John Sellers**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee approves the request of Mr. John Sellers to

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hook into municipal water services, subject to the full cost of the hookup being Mr. Sellers' responsibility."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Water Line Extension  
- Mr. Harris LeFresne**

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

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That Council Committee approves the request of Mr. Harris LeFresne to hook into municipal water services, subject to the full cost of the hookup being Mr. LeFresne's responsibility."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point in the meeting, Councillor LeFresne returned to the meeting.*

**Extension of Sewer  
Service Boundary -  
Brookfield**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Sewer Service Boundary in Brookfield be modified to include lands of Stillman Onsite Inc. (PID 2041 1807) located on Fisher Drive, Brookfield, and that the cost of the extension, up to and including the cost of the solids separation tanks, be the responsibility of the developer."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2010 Woodland  
Conferences -  
Economic  
Development Grant  
Request**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the request from the Colchester Regional Development Agency for financial support for the 2010 Woodland Conferences be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2010 Nova Scotia  
Atom 'AA' Provincial  
Hockey  
Championships**

*It was noted that Councillor Blair left the meeting at this point and did not return until after the motion had been voted on.*

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

"That the request from the South Colchester Minor Hockey Association for financial support for the Nova Scotia Atom 'AA' Provincial Hockey

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Championships be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Temporary Borrowing  
Resolution - Regional  
Civic Centre**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the temporary borrowing resolution of \$14.4 million for a new regional civic centre as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Northern Region  
Inter-Municipal  
Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester enter into an inter-municipal solid waste agreement with the municipalities and towns within the Northern Region; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the agreement as presented, subject to review and approval by the CAO and Solicitor.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Don Henderson  
Memorial Sportsplex**

Councillor Buott made reference to a letter he had received from the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex regarding the removal of the maintenance agreement for the Stewiacke River Park. The letter indicates that the Sportsplex having had no prior indication that the removal of this program was being considered had already budgeted and planned for it to continue. The Sportsplex felt that they should have been given more time to continue with this agreement for one more year to enable them to adjust their budget.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the letter from the Don Memorial Sportsplex regarding the removal of the maintenance agreement for the Stewiacke River Park be received for information.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Masters, Cooper and Buott  
opposed)*

**Land Purchase for  
Cobequid Trail,  
Lower Truro**

Moved by Council Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the acceptance of the

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Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Offer to Sell the land located along the Cobequid Trail at Lower Truro; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to complete the terms of the Offer; and,

That the source of funds be the Open Space Recreation Fund Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Supervisor**

The competition for the position of Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Supervisor closed on November 27, 2009. Twenty-seven applications were received which was short listed down to four. Following interviews and reference checks, Mr. Scott Hoyt was offered and accepted the position, the duties of which he began on March 1, 2010.

### **Bowl for Kids**

Councillor White indicated that the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids event is taking place on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Council has entered a team but everyone is welcome to attend or participate.

### **Recess**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting recess to an in-camera session at 11:15 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 12:24 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Due to the late hour of the evening, Council agreed to move one of the in-camera items to the Special Council Committee meeting being held on March 18, 2010 regarding the 2010-11 budget.

### **Residential Waste Collection Tender**

Staff noted that Council had passed a motion at its February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting that Council Committee be authorized to make a final decision on this item.

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Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee authorizes that, subject to Section 4.6 of the Residential Waste Collection Tender documentation, the Municipality of the County of Colchester award the Town of Stewiacke component of the tender to the lowest bidder, Miller Waste, pending approval of the bid by the Town of Stewiacke; and,

That the remainder of the tender be awarded to Truro Sanitation Ltd. as the lowest bidder for that component of the tender.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:25 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary