

## **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 Wednesday, March 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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| 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  |
| Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh | District #8  |
| Councillor Bob White       | District #9  |
| Councillor Tom Taggart     | District #10 |
| Councillor Earl McKenna    | District #11 |

Absent:

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| Councillor Jimmie LeFresne | District #7 |
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### **Process Overview**

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2010-11 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.

### **Non-Profit Grant Applications**

#### **Brule Community Centre Association**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Clifton Community  
Seniors’ Association**

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

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Clifton Community Seniors’ Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Clifton Community Seniors’ Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

**Earlton  
Community Centre  
Society**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Big Brothers Big  
Sisters of Colchester**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Christian  
Counselling  
Ministries**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

That the Christian Counselling Ministries request for a grant be denied.”

Motion **Defeated.**

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

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Edwards and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

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

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Edwards and Taggart opposed)*

**Middle Stewiacke**

Moved by Councillor White

**Recreation  
Association**

Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Stewiacke Valley  
Historical Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Maggie’s Place**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Maggie’s Place.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Maggie’s Place receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Arts  
Council**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Cobequid Arts Council request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Salmon  
Association**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Veterans  
Memorial Park**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Central Nova Horse  
& Pony Association**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Central Nova Horse and Pony Association request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Colchester County 4-H Leaders’ Council receive a grant in

the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Masters, Buott, Cooper, MacKenzie, White and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Colchester County 4-H Leaders’ Council receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for repairs and upgrades to the 4-H barns at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition grounds.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Blair, Edwards and McKenna opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Colchester County 4-H Leaders’ Council request for a grant for tours for 4-H members, workshops and clinics for 4-H members and leaders, and the 2010 provincial show, be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Third Place  
Transition House**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**South Branch  
Community Center**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the South Branch Community Center.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the South Branch Community Center receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Blair, Edwards, White and Taggart opposed)*

**Colchester East  
Hants Hospice  
Society**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Londonderry  
Station Community  
Church Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality provide capital project funding to the Londonderry Station Community Church Association for basement renovations to the church, source of funds to be the Bass River House Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Londonderry Station Community Church Association receive capital project funding in the amount of \$5,000 for basement renovations to the church.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brookfield Railway  
Station & Heritage  
Society**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“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.

**Central Nova  
Women’s Resource  
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**“We Care” Kitty  
Help Line Society**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the “We Care” Kitty Help Line Society request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Wildlife  
Rehabilitation  
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Blair, Buott and McKenna  
opposed)*

**Camp  
Evangeline**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Camp Evangeline request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Skating Club**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Debert Skating Club request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors White and Taggart  
opposed)*

**Bayhead Community**

Moved by Councillor Edwards

**Hall**

Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester  
Community  
Workshop**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Community Workshop.”

Motion **Defeated.**

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor  
Cavanaugh, Councillors Masters,  
Cooper, Edwards, MacKenzie, White,  
Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

**Middleton  
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester  
Transportation  
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor  
Cavanaugh and Councillor White  
opposed)*

**Northumberland  
Arts Council**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Northumberland Arts Council request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lower Onslow  
Community Centre  
Society**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Lower Onslow  
Community Centre Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Alton Recreation  
Center**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Balfron Community  
Hall Association**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Pony Club**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Colchester Pony Club request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Portapique Riverside  
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Parents Supporting  
Parents**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Parents Supporting Parents request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic  
Development Grant  
Applications**

**Creamery Square  
(Tatamagouche  
Tattoo)**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Creamery Square (Tatamagouche Tattoo).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Creamery Square (Tatamagouche Tattoo) receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tatamagouche in  
Bloom Society**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Tatamagouche in Bloom Society request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Non-Grant Requests  
for Funding**

**Truro Curling Club**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the request from the Truro Curling Club for \$20,000 be approved as a one-time contribution for the purpose of capital improvements to the Club facility, source of funds to be by way of an addition to the operating fund budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Historical  
Society**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the request from the Colchester Historical Society for a \$10,000 contribution for 2010-11 be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**RCMP Policing  
Requests**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That funding for the additional position of General Investigative Section Officer for the RCMP Colchester District at a cost of \$115,000 be approved, effective October 1, 2010, with approval of \$57,500 being included in the operating budget for 2010-11.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Garbage Collection -  
Recycling**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That an additional \$27,750 be included in the 2010-11 operating budget for recycling collection.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Enforcement  
Program Proposal**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“”That the 2010-11 enforcement budget include \$21,886 from the Resource Recovery Fund Board in support of the regional enforcement program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tax Appeal  
Allowance**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That an additional amount of \$25,000 be included to increase the tax appeal allowance to \$90,000 in the 2010-11 operating budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That an amount of \$10,556 be set aside in the 2010-11 operating budget as a recovery against the allowance for uncollectible taxes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2010-11 Operating  
Budget and Tax Rates**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2010-11 Operating Budget be approved with the Additions/Deletions as set out at this meeting, with a residential tax rate of \$0.82 and a commercial tax rate of \$2.25.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary