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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, April 15, 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 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:

Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the agenda for April 15, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- add #16b: Directors’ Reports
- add #14b: Green Bins.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of meetings held on February 24 and March 11, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on February 24 and March 11, 2010.

Presentations

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

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ACTION ITEMS

While the Director of Public Works was getting his presentation set up for Action Item No. 6, Council agreed to move Item Nos. 7 and 8 forward on the agenda.

**2010 Midget Girls
Eastern Canadian
Fastball
Championships**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a donation be approved in the amount of \$1,000 to the Inglis Jewellers Diamond Gators in support of the 2010 Midget Girls Eastern Canadian Fastball Championships being held in North River, August 26-29, 2010, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**National Aboriginal
Day Celebrations**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a donation be approved in the amount of \$750 to the Glooscap Heritage Centre in support of the National Aboriginal Day celebrations being held in Millbrook on June 21, 2010, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management
Master Plan**

Mr. Dan McDougall, CAO, indicated that tonight will be Council’s opportunity to get a progress report on the Waste Management Master Plan, including costs and next steps. This will be followed up with an Action Item at the end of the month at which time, staff will ask Council to make a decision on whether or not to move the project forward.

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, Director of Public Works, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Waste Management Master Plan. The Plan addresses the issue of waste management in four components:

1. Upgrading the existing Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility (CCWWTF);
2. Collection, treatment and disposal of leachate;
3. Composting and disposal of biosolids and other green wastes; and,
4. Collection, treatment and disposal of septage.

At this point, the estimated cost of Component #1, upgrades to CCWWTF, is \$12.3 million and the estimated cost of Component #2, leachate treatment, is \$4.3 million.

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Mr. Ummat indicated that the next steps for the project include:

- decisions on costs of CCWWTF and the implications of cost sharing with neighbouring municipalities - Towns of Truro and Stewiacke
- implications of costs to be brought to Council
- depending on decision of Council to move ahead with the project, the sewer portion of Component #2 could be ready to tender by end of June
- leachate pre-treatment portion of project could be ready to tender by end of July
- the CCWWTF upgrade could be ready to tender by end of August

**Central Nova
Tourist Association**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a donation be approved in the amount of \$1,000 to the Central Nova Tourist Association in support of their spring annual general meeting being held in Truro on May 6, 2010, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted expenditure.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Canadian Urban
Forest Conference**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the request for funding in support of the 9th Canadian Urban Forest Conference be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Base Level of
Service - Proposed
Operating Grant**

To introduce this Action Item, Ms. Kim Paterson, Administrative Assistant/Researcher and Dan McDougall, CAO, provided a powerpoint presentation outlining the base level of service program and the proposed operating grant for the volunteer fire brigades in Colchester County. The operating grant is geared toward those fire brigades that do not generate a lot of money in their area of responsibility, e.g. Five Islands.

Staff are asking Council to consider the following:

- a) minimum tax rate;
- b) amount of operating grant; and,

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c) five-year business plan requirement.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that any Colchester County volunteer fire department which generates less than \$50,000 in fire tax after applying a minimum area rate, to be determined by Council, will be eligible for an operating grant from the Municipality of Colchester; and,

That the total operating grant from the Municipality of Colchester not exceed the amount that the area rate generates; and,

That the total funds generated by a fire department and the municipal operating grant not exceed \$50,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a minimum area rate of 14 cents be established for the purpose of an operating grant for fiscal year 2010-11.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a five-year business plan must be developed by each fire department receiving an operating grant.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**RRFB Enforcement
Program Funding**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the approval of the creation of the Solid Waste Resource Enforcement Program Ad-Hoc

Advisory Committee to develop an Enforcement Plan to promote waste diversion that is common to the Municipality of Colchester, Town of Truro and Town of Stewiacke, with the enforcement program funds being provided by the Resource Recovery Fund Board of Nova Scotia.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Amendment to
Outdoor Fire By-law**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Outdoor Fire By-law be amended to state that no outdoor fires are permitted within the Village of Bible Hill except in acceptable fire pits.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Edwards opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That staff be instructed to consult with the Colchester Firefighters Association on options and alternatives for regulating outdoor fires.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Taggart, White, LeFresne, Cooper and Edwards opposed)*

**UNSM Spring
Workshop**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

That Mayor Taylor, Councillors Blair and Taggart, and the CAO, be authorized to attend the UNSM Spring Workshop being held April 29-30, 2010 at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Small Green Bins

Councillor Buott reported that he had some older residents who mentioned to him that the green compost carts are too big for them to move curbside. These residents were asking if they could trade the larger bin in for a smaller size. Councillor LeFresne indicated that he had received several calls on the same issue.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That staff be requested to look into the possibility of smaller green compost carts for curbside use by residents of Colchester County and report back to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

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**Noise Complaint
Against Nova
Sporting Clays Club**

At a Council meeting on March 25, 2010, a noise complaint letter with an attached petition against the Nova Sporting Clays Club in Gays River was referred to Council Committee. Staff contacted the Department of Justice and confirmed that a range inspection had been done and that the Club is meeting all applicable regulations. There are no municipal by-laws or policies that restrict the operation of the Clays Club in their present location. The Municipality had received a similar complaint about the Club in 2002 when it was located in Shortt's Lake at which time, staff investigation resulted in the same conclusion as Gays River, that the Club was not in violation of any federal regulations.

**Solid Waste Disposal
- 300 Kg Per Person**

The owner/operators/hosts of the seven second generation landfills in the province have been meeting to discuss common interests and concerns. As a result, a terms of reference for a study has been developed to assist in determining the impact of the potential financial impact of the province's 300 kg disposal target on solid waste disposal costs. The cost of the study will be shared by the municipalities and potentially the Department of Environment. It is estimated that Colchester's share will be in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range.

Directors' Reports

A Director's Report was circulated on table from S/Sgt. Jay McInnis, RCMP District Commander, Colchester County District. This report is submitted to Council on a quarterly basis.

Recess

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

"That the meeting recess to an in-camera session at 11:35 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:40 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Land Lease -
Kemptown**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute an agreement with Seaside Communications for up to four terms of five years each for the purpose of locating a 40-meter communications tower on municipal land at the Colchester Balefill Site.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary