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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, May 13, 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 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 Karen MacKenzie	District #6
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the agenda for May 13, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- add Item #14b: Civic Numbers
- add Item #14c: Highway Signage
- Move Item #10, Green Carts Size Variation and Item #12, County Personnel Policies, forward on agenda to become Item Nos. 6 and 7 respectively.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of meetings held on March 18 and April 15, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on

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from Minutes

March 18 and April 15, 2010.

Presentations

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

ACTION ITEMS**Green Carts Size Variation**

Ms. Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager, provided a brief overview of this Action Item, including having an array of green carts on display for Council to view.

During Council's debate on this item, the main area of concern centered around whether or not to charge new and existing customers if they choose to exchange the 240-litre cart for a smaller sized bin.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that new customers be given the option, on a first-come/first-serve basis, to exchange the 240-litre organic green cart for the 80-litre cart at no cost; and, that existing customers be given the option to replace the 240-litre organic green cart with the 80-litre cart at cost."

Motion **Defeated**.

(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Blair, Masters, Buott, Edwards, White and McKenna opposed)

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 240-litre organic green carts be rolled out to every household in the areas of Colchester County currently not receiving this service; and, that new and existing customers be given the option to purchase the 80-litre cart at an appropriate credit for the 240-litre cart if they trade it in; and that no exchange be permitted unless the resident purchases the 80-litre cart."

Motion **Defeated**.

(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Taggart, Blair, Cooper, LeFresne and White opposed)

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of the rollout of the 240-litre organic green cart to all year-round and seasonal residential properties in Colchester County which currently do not receive municipal collection service for food and yard waste; and,

That up to 500-80 litre organic green carts be provided, on a first-come/first serve basis, to new and existing residential properties as a straight exchange of the 240-litre organic green cart; or,

With no exchange, that residents have the option to purchase the 80-litre organic green cart at cost.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

County Personnel Policies

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, and Ms. Kelly Gratto, Human Resources Specialist, provided a staff presentation on the proposed amendments to a number of County personnel policies. During the presentation, changes were noted that were recommended by the County Solicitor after the package for tonight’s meeting had already been circulated to Council.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the current Personnel Policies numbered 3.01, 3.02, 4.09, 5.05, 6.03 and 6.05 be repealed; and, that revised Personnel Policies numbered 3.01, 3.02, 4.09, 5.05, 6.03 and 6.05 be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Waste Management Master Plan

Staff noted that Council had passed a motion at its April 27th meeting that Council Committee be authorized to make a final decision on this item.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves proceeding to tender of Component 1 of the Waste Management Master Plan, Upgrades to the Colchester Central Wastewater Treatment Facility, at an estimated cost of \$12.8 million plus financing charges; and,

That Council approves that the County share of the cost estimated at \$2.87 million be funded from gas tax revenue to the maximum level permitted, with the balance being funded from external borrowing, subject to the

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funding decision of Truro Town Council with regard to the Town's share of \$2.87 million; and,

That Council approves proceeding to tender of Component 2 of the Waste Management Master Plan, Leachate Treatment and Conveyance at an estimated cost of \$4.4 million plus financing charges; and,

That Council approves that the County share estimated at \$1.64 million be funded from gas tax revenue with the remaining portion of \$2.8 million being funded through internal borrowing for an initial term of 20 years, with the internal borrowing to be recovered from the Balefill tipping fee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Area Rates and Budgets 2010-11

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2010-11 Area Rate Budgets be approved as presented."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council Proceedings By-law Amendments

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That Council Committee recommends to Council the repeal of the Council Proceedings By-law and the creation of a Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Update and Direction for the Tatamagouche Library Project

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

"That staff be directed to prepare an Action Item for Council Committee on the Tatamagouche Library Project that outlines costs and options on how to pay for the project, including cost reductions."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Debert Land Transfer

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That Council Committee recommends to Council the transfer of lot PID

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#20221297, located on Dakota Road, Debert, from the Municipality of Colchester to the Colchester Regional Development Agency.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Ltd.
Funding Request**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a donation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd., with a condition that \$1,000 of that funding be used for promotional purposes, source of funds to be monies received from the provincial Transit-Rural Incentive Program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Northumberland
Arts Council
Funding Request**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Northumberland Arts Council, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted expenditure.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Civic Numbers

Councillor Blair asked Council to consider directing staff to look at developing a policy or by-law for County-wide consistency in the signage used for civic numbering. At present, the civic numbering throughout the County is somewhat sporadic. Councillor Blair indicated that this had been brought to her attention by one of the fire brigades.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That staff be directed to look at developing a policy or by-law on County-wide consistency in civic number signage and report back with recommendations for Council to consider.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Highway Signage

Councillor Masters reported that during the last couple of years he has asked Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) to replace or correct signs in his district. To date, he has been unable to get TIR to respond to his request.

Mayor Taylor agreed to raise this issue at the next quarterly meeting with TIR.

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ITEMS

Directors' Reports

A report was presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary