

August 12, 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, August 12, 2010 at 7:05 p.m., immediately following a Special Session of Council.

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 McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for August 12, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- add 11b: Meadow Drive
- add 11c: Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility
- add 11d: Highway Signage
- add 11e: Beaches in West Colchester
- add 12b: Minister, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - Rescheduled Tour (on table).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the minutes of meetings held on March 24 and June 10, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on March 24 and June 10, 2010.

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Presentations

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

**Extension of Waste
Collection for
Seasonal Residents**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the waste collection schedule for seasonal residents be extended one week beyond Thanksgiving weekend for all areas of Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Balefill Facility Public
Drop-Off**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Balefill Facility Public Drop-Off Project be included in the capital budget process to allow this project to be completed at the same time as the Balefill Facility weigh scale.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Replacement Weigh
Scale Project**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to proceed to tender on Phase Two of the Replacement Weigh Scale Project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**County Personnel
Policies**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that current policies numbered 5.10 and 5.11 be repealed; and,

That Council Committee recommends to Council that policy numbered 5.10, Employee Service Recognition, be amended to indicate that employees who have 25, 30 or 35 years of service with the Municipality receive a gift certificate of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 respectively; or, a gift of equal value.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper

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Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that policy numbered 5.11, Service Recognition Upon Retirement or Resignation, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economy Recreation
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That a letter be sent to the Economy Recreation Centre recommending that they resubmit their funding request later in the year (December/January) through the Municipality’s Grants to Non-Profit Program, unless it can be substantiated that the funding is required prior to that time.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

During discussion on this matter, it was Council’s view that a decision cannot be made without additional financial information being received regardless of whether the funding request is considered now or later through the Grants to Non-Profit Program.

**Sewer Extension -
East Side of River in
Great Village**

Councillor Taggart indicated that there are a significant number of homes on small lots and close together on the east side of the river in Great Village which have been experiencing difficulties in the last six to eight months with aging sewer systems. Councillor Taggart has been asked by the homeowners to bring this issue forward to Council.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That a sewer extension on the east side of the river in Great Village be referred to the capital budget process with costing.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meadow Drive

Councillor Masters expressed his concern about the condition of Meadow Drive. For a road that is the location of six businesses and considered to be a high profile area just off the Trans-Canada Highway, it is in terrible shape with pot holes and no pavement in certain spots. Councillor Masters requested that Council consider addressing the issue with the appropriate people indicating to them that the condition of the road is totally unacceptable and that action should be taken to remedy the situation.

Moved by Councillor Masters

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Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the condition of Meadow Drive be raised at the next quarterly meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) staff; and,

That a written commitment from TIR be requested on what action was agreed to at the quarterly meeting; and,

That a letter and photos be sent to the MLA for the Meadow Drive area indicating Council’s concerns and requesting his support in getting the road brought up to an acceptable standard.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Central Colchester
Wastewater
Treatment Facility**

Councillor Masters reported that, although he has not had a formal complaint, he has been approached by a number of citizens on what the County is doing to cause the odour coming from the Wastewater Treatment Facility in Lower Truro. Both Mayor Taylor and Councillor White indicated that they have received similar complaints.

Staff indicated that the upcoming expansion to the facility should help to alleviate the odour problem.

Highway Signage

At the request of Councillor Masters, Mayor Taylor agreed to follow up with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) on the issue of missing signage in the Lower Truro area. This issue was raised at the last quarterly meeting that the Mayor and CAO had with TIR staff but to date, nothing has been done.

**Beaches in West
Colchester**

Councillor Taggart indicated that he had received a call from a Five Islands’ resident regarding the litter on the Sand Point Beach. Councillor Taggart asked Council to consider putting garbage receptacles in at least two beaches in West Colchester (Five Islands and Bass River) for the 2011 summer season.

A brief discussion on Councillor Taggart’s request resulted in a recommendation that receptacles be supplied to public places in Colchester County such as beaches, parks and trails.

Moved by Councillor Taggart

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That the issue of garbage receptacles being placed in public places in Colchester County be referred to staff for a report and recommendations to Council, with a view to having the receptacles in place for the 2011 summer season.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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.

Councillor Blair noted the section in the report regarding the departure of S/Sgt. McInnis who will be leaving the area in another month or so for a position in Western Canada. Council agreed that a letter of appreciation should be forwarded to S/Sgt. McInnis to thank him for all the work he has done since his arrival in Colchester County.

Rescheduled Tour - Minister, Service NS & Municipal Relations

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, noted an email on table indicating that the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, Ramona Jennex, has rescheduled her tour that was originally set for July 8th. She will meet with the various Councils in the Colchester-East Hants region on September 20th. For Colchester, the meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary