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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, September 16, 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 McKenna

“That the agenda for September 16, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- Action Item 11b - Storm Water;
- Action Item 11c - Elizabeth Bishop Society;
- Information Item 12b - Minister Ramona Jennex, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations; and
- Information Item 12c - Biosolids.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of meeting held on August 12, 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 August 12, 2010.

Presentations

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

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ACTION ITEMS**Policy - Purchasing
and Tendering**

Mr. Dan McDougall, CAO, indicated that at the June Council meeting, Council addressed the issue of local preference purchasing and this was referred back to staff.

The CAO noted that local preference has to be mentioned specifically in the tender and this has been added to the Policy.

Discussion was held regarding larger tenders that local companies cannot bid on due to the size of the project. It was stated that in such cases, larger tenders will be broken down, when possible, to enable local companies the opportunity to bid.

Concerns were raised and discussion held on the issue of 2% price preference with a suggestion that this should be increased to 5%.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Policy entitled Purchasing and Tendering for Goods, Services and Construction Projects dated September 24, 2009 be repealed and the amended Policy be approved, as presented.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed.)*

**Emergency Dispatch
Services Agreement**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement, as presented, be entered into with Valley Communications Inc. on behalf of the Municipality and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management
Master Plan -
Component-2 (Phase-
1) Leachate
Conveyance**

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, Director of Public Works, provided Council with a detailed presentation on Waste Master Plan Component 2; Leachate Pre-Treatment and Conveyance.

In his presentation, Mr. Ummat outlined the process components and financial breakdown of leachate treatment. Detailed information on leachate conveyance was also provided, including information on the recent tender closing for the Leachate Conveyance System and options for Council consideration regarding the back runs to lift stations for the Pictou Road Sewer Extension Project.

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Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Option 2, as presented in an Action Item dated September 16, 2010, be approved which is the construction of both the back runs to Lift Stations # 22 and # 24 of the Pictou Road Sewer Extension Project at a cost of \$354,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2010 UNSM Fall
Conference**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh and Councillors Blair, Buott, Edwards, and Taggart attend the UNSM Fall Conference.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Shortt’s Lake Pilot
Project**

Referring to the Action Item on the Shortt’s Lake Pilot Project, the following concerns were raised:

- the possibility of having garbage and recyclable collection serviced by someone other than the current contractor and associated costs;
- whether the issue of collection is just for the winter season;
- costs of the pilot project versus the amount collected from property owners as a result of the project;
- if larger trucks are not able to get up Cottage Lane, then other emergency vehicles may not be able to access the area, and that property owners are still being charged the fire area rate;
- the issue of the number of bags collected during the pilot project, approximately 100 bags each week, and as a result of this number, the need for collection on Cottage Lane during the winter months;
- the suggestion of having a central collection point from mid-October to mid-May when the seasonal collection starts.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That staff be directed to obtain competitive pricing estimates with respect

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to Option # 3 of the Action Item dated September 16, 2010, which would implement year round curbside collection for residents of Cottage Lane only.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Blair opposed.)*

Gas Tax Agreement

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality enter into the federal Gas Tax Municipal Funding Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia, as presented, and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute this Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Storm Water

Councillor Blair raised concerns about the need for a Storm Water Management Plan. Development is causing some of the water backup issues and there is a need for storm water runoff. Some areas of concern are Pictou Road, Johnson Avenue, Wright Avenue, Jennifer Drive, Teakwood Court, Guest Drive, and Dunromin Avenue. The issue is escalating and becoming more complex.

The CAO advised that Council had previously approved Storm Water Management in their priorities and it is up to Council to decide if they want to relook at the priorities.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That staff bring options to the table regarding a Storm Water Management Plan.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper and Edwards opposed.)*

Elizabeth Bishop Society

Councillor Taggart advised that he received a request from the Elizabeth Bishop Society requesting a letter of support from the Municipality for an application to Heritage Canada for a grant.

The CAO advised that the Elizabeth Bishop Society should send their request directly to Council for consideration at the September Council meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Directors' Reports

Directors' Reports from Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of

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Community Development and Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services were circulated to Council in the Committee package.

**Minister Ramona
Jennex, Service Nova
Scotia and Municipal
Relations**

Mayor Taylor reminded Council of the upcoming meeting with Minister Jennex scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Biosolids

Councillor Taggart expressed his concern that HRM biosolids are spread in Colchester County but not allowed in HRM itself.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary