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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, October 14, 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

Regrets:

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
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**Moment of Silence**

Council observed a moment of silence for Mr. Errol Tattrie. Mr. Tattrie had been a County Councillor for North Colchester for 18 years.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for October 14, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- add #15b: Election of Deputy Mayor/Alternate Council Committee Chair
- add to #17, In-Camera: Property Matter
- Move #6, Staffing-Wastewater Treatment Enforcement to follow after #15, Central Wastewater Treatment Facility Odour (staff presentation)
- add #14b: Shouldering #2 Highway, Brookfield
- add #14c: Bottled Water
- add #14d: Dangerous and/or Unsightly Premises Chronic Problems.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

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Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 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 September 16, 2010.

**Presentations**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Public Works’  
Winter Term  
Positions**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the approval to convert two Wastewater Collection Worker term positions to two permanent positions in Public Works Wastewater Collection, effective November 1, 2010.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request to Purchase  
Recreation Land -  
Crowland Drive,  
Valley/East  
Mountain**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester not sell the recreation land on Crowland Drive at this time and that staff be instructed to improve the maintenance of the site.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Art Purchase Policy  
Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the changes to the Art Purchase Policy as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Art Selection**

Moved by Councillor White

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**Committee**

Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Councillor Edwards and Councillor LeFresne be appointed to serve on the Art Selection Committee for the Municipality of Colchester’s Art Selection Program for 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for Tax  
Exemption -  
Masstown  
Community  
Association**  
Association

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the property owned by the Masstown Community Association on Highway #2, Masstown, be added to the Property List of the Tax Exemption By-law for fiscal year 2010-11 and beyond.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for Tax  
Exemption - Lower  
Onslow Community  
Centre**  
Centre

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the property owned by the Lower Onslow Community Centre at 12391 Highway #2, Lower Onslow, be added to the Property List of the Tax Exemption By-law for fiscal year 2010-11 and beyond.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for Tax  
Exemption - Debert  
Military History  
Museum**  
Museum

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that property owned by the Debert Military History Society at 35 Acadia Avenue, Debert, be added to the Property List of the Tax Exemption By-law for fiscal year 2010-11 and beyond.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Taking Action on  
Poverty Conference**  
Poverty Conference

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a donation in the amount of \$500 be approved in support of the Taking Action on Poverty Conference being held October 26-28, 2010 in Truro, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Shouldering,  
Highway #2,  
Brookfield**

Councillor Buott recommended that the Municipality send a letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal about the shouldering on Highway #2 in Brookfield being too narrow for cars to pull over now that the one-meter bike lanes are in place. The general consensus was that the shoulder was better than it was and no further direction from Council was given.

**Bottled Water**

Councillor Edwards recommended that staff look into a municipal policy on drinking water, specifically bottled water. Other than a couple of comments, no further direction from Council was given.

**Dangerous and/or  
Unightly Premises  
Chronic Problems**

As a member of the Dangerous and/or Unightly Premises Committee, Councillor Blair voiced her concern about repeat offenders and the time it takes for staff, particularly the Building Inspectors, to deal with these cases. She indicated that chronic offenders are difficult to deal with and perhaps it is time to look at a process that would take care of such matters in a more timely fashion. Councillor Blair requested that Council consider instructing staff to review the current procedures for dealing with repeat offenders.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That staff be directed to look at the procedures for dealing with dangerous and/or unightly premises repeat offenders in a more clearly defined manner.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Both the Solicitor and CAO briefed Council on a recent repeat offender case and what had been done and could be done to improve procedures. Council felt that any further action on Councillor Blair’s request should be left to the Dangerous or Unightly Premises Committee.

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

Due to a number of complaints received from residents directly or from residents by way of their Area Councillor regarding the odour in Lower Truro, the Director of Public Works, Ramesh Ummat, provided a detailed powerpoint presentation on the wastewater treatment process at the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Plant and the odours coming from Lower Truro.

Mr. Ummat indicated that along with control strategies being implemented, staff will also be setting up a phone line to receive complaints and collect data which will assist staff in developing alternative mechanisms to address the odour issue. A weather station will also be set up at the Plant site that will record wind direction, wind speed

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and humidity levels on a continuous basis. In addition, a public information session in the Lower Truro community is being planned for the latter part of November.

Following Mr. Ummat's presentation, it was recommended that a similar presentation be provided to the Town of Truro, the Colchester Regional Development Agency and possibly the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce.

**Process Technician  
Position at  
CCWWTF**

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Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that one additional position of Process Technician in Public Works be approved, raising the current strength of Process Technicians from two to three; and,

That one part-time Environmental Compliance Officer position be shared with the current position of Waste Management Officer; and,

That the Director of Public Works be authorized to purchase an additional vehicle for the Wastewater Treatment Division.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Election of Deputy  
Mayor and  
Alternate Council  
Committee Chair**

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This Information Item indicated that the Municipal Government Act does not allow for the extension of these two positions; therefore, the election of the Deputy Mayor and Alternate Council Committee Chair will take place at the October 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. With several Councillors attending the upcoming UNSM Fall Conference, staff conducted a review of the policy in case Council requested that these two elections be postponed until after the Conference.

**Directors' Reports**

Directors' Reports from Mr. Ramesh Ummat, Director of Public Works and Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, were circulated to Council in the Committee package or on table for this evening's meeting.

**Colchester Solid  
Waste Resource  
Management -  
Private Road  
Collection**

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This staff presentation was provided as a backgrounder for an upcoming In-Camera item dealing with Year-Round Curbside Solid Waste Collection on Cottage Lane in Shortt's Lake.

In her presentation, Ms. Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager, provided an overview of solid waste collection in Colchester County since the Landfill, Organics Facility and Materials Recovery Facility were built back in the mid 1990's, including how residents pay for the collection services available to them. She also included an overview of private road collection policies in Colchester County as well as several other municipalities across the province.

Ms. Proctor reported that to date, they have received requests from several

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areas for year-round collection, including A. Stewart Road, Broderick Lane, Cottage Lane, Ferguson Brook Road and Loon Lane.

Ms. Proctor suggested that Council may wish to consider directing staff to develop a policy for private roads with full-time residents that are expressing an interest in curbside collection year round.

**Recess**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the meeting recess to an in-camera session at 11:25 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 12:00 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Property Appraisal -  
Kempton**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee give authority to the CAO to accept compensation top-up offers on a property located at 266 Old Loop #4 Road, Kempton.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Year-Round  
Curbside Solid  
Waste Collection on  
Cottage Lane at  
Shortt’s Lake**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that year-round curbside solid waste collection services continue to be provided to the residents of Cottage Lane; and,

That staff develop a program that would provide year-round curbside solid waste collection to all accessible private roads in Colchester County for Council review and decision; and,

That staff be instructed to look into various options to finance this universal service.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

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“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary