

November 9, 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 Tuesday, November 9, 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 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

Regrets:

Councillor Gerry Buott	District #3
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**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for November 9, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

- delete Item #12: Crosswalk Lighting - Salmon River Road/Eagle Drive
- add Item #11b: Flooding
- add Item #13b: Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant Award
- move Item #9, Collection Route Changes (presentation by Truro Sanitation), forward on the agenda to appear before Item #6, BizPal Project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Business Arising  
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2010.

**Presentations**

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

**ACTION ITEMS****Proposed Collection  
Route Changes****Mr. Bob Brown, General Manager, Truro Sanitation Ltd. (TSL)**

In his powerpoint presentation, Mr. Brown indicated that the goal of the proposed collection route changes is to improve the level of service for County residents by maximizing collection efficiencies. The reasons for the change include:

- routes not reviewed for 10-15 years
- better utilization of trucks by TSL
- elimination of Town of Stewiacke and addition of 5,000 organic carts to collection in new 2010 contract
- reduction of fuel and driving time
- reduction in driver hours in single day
- consistency of service to customers

The changes would only affect routes in Q1 - West Colchester, Q2 - Tatamagouche area, and Q3 - Stewiacke area. Mr. Brown indicated that the proposed changes would affect 850 households in West Colchester, 380 households in the Tatamagouche area, and 1,188 households in the Stewiacke area. TSL will take responsibility for communication to residents about the route changes and provide a grace period for residents that miss pickup.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation from Truro Sanitation Ltd. be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**BizPal Project**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester participate in the BizPal project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Search and Rescue**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
 Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the following be approved with respect to Colchester Ground Search and Rescue:

- a) That the Municipality of Colchester fund 100% of insurance costs for standard/typical ground search and rescue buildings and equipment, effective immediately; and,
- b) That the Municipality of Colchester provide a base operating grant of 50 cents per capita, subject to adjustment annually by the Consumer Price Index (Nova Scotia All Items Annual Average), with the population count adjusted each census, effective fiscal year 2011/12.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie  
 Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester provide a capital grant to Colchester Ground Search and Rescue of up to 50% of approved projects, subject to approval by Council on a case-by-case basis, source of funds to be determined at time of approval.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor LeFresne opposed)*

**Tax Arrears and  
Asset Valuation  
Allowance Policy**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
 Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the attached Tax Arrears and Asset Valuation Allowance Policy, with amendments, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Replacement of  
Water Utility Truck**

Staff noted that Council had passed a motion at its October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting that Council Committee be authorized to make a final decision on this item.

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Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That staff be authorized to lease a vehicle (pick-up truck) for the Water Utilities, source of funds to be 50% from the Debert Water Utility operations and 50% from the Tatamagouche Water Utility operations.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Blair, LeFresne, White, Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That staff be directed to develop a UNSM resolution, for consideration at the 2011 Fall Conference, pertaining to the cost of the regulation framework that is required for small water utilities.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Modifications to the  
Courthouse Building**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That staff be directed to communicate with the provincial Department of Justice on what their future plans are with respect to accommodation requirements as the current space needed for the Municipality of Colchester in the Courthouse/Municipal Office is not sufficient to house existing staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Flooding**

Councillor Taggart reported that he had spent time over the last few days dealing with flood issues in his district. He expressed his frustration with not being able to advise residents on who is responsible for dealing with flood issues when they are having problems. He would like to see the Municipality put pressure on the Province to put a program in place that would help citizens in need. Councillor Taggart indicated that he plans on taking this issue to the Flood Advisory Committee.

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

**Tatamagouche  
Water Treatment  
Plant Award**

The CAO, Mr. McDougall, reported that CBCL Consulting Engineers Limited had received the 2010 Canadian Consulting Engineering Award of Excellence for the Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant.

**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.

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**Recess**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting recess to an in-camera session at 9:40 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:05 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Staffing and  
Succession Plan -  
Corporate Services**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a budget item in the amount of \$50,000 for salaries and benefits for a Senior Accountant position be put in the 2011/12 budget, based on one half year of an annual salary of \$75,000, plus 20% for benefits, etc.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:06 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary