

February 10, 2011

**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, February 10, 2011 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 White  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the agenda for February 10, 2011 be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #12b: Position Vacancy - Materials Recovery Facility (on table)
- add Item #12c: Transit Study (on table)
- add Item #12d: Painting of Crosswalks
- add Item #13b: Village of Bible Hill - Water Extensions - Phase 3 (on table)
- add Item #13c: Tatamagouche Fire Department Annual Banquet
- add to Item #14, Closed Session: Negotiations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2011 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising**

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

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**from Minutes**

January 13, 2011.

**Presentations****S/Sgt. John Berry, Colchester County District RCMP**

As the newly appointed District Commander, S/Sgt. Berry was present at the meeting this evening at the request of Council. In his presentation, S/Sgt. Berry provided a brief overview of his career experience prior to coming to Colchester County. He made reference to the third quarterly report which provided information on activities for the period ending December 31, 2010. A copy of this report was circulated to Council in tonight's meeting package. S/Sgt. Berry also circulated copies of a report on the number and type of files the RCMP has been involved with over the past quarter.

Referring to past human resource issues, S/Sgt. Berry reported that there are no current or projected absences at this time.

S/Sgt. Berry also mentioned the town hall meetings coming up soon and a musical ride taking place this summer.

S/Sgt. Berry agreed to look into re-instating the liaison between the RCMP and Area Councillors as it was Council's view that the system worked well.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the presentation from the Colchester County District RCMP be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS****Chain of Office**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That staff be directed to look into acquiring a Chain of Office for the Municipality of Colchester."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

During discussion on this motion, it was suggested that local skills be involved in the process as much as possible, should Council decide to acquire a Chain of Office.

**Clear Bags for****Ms. Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager**

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**Garbage**

In her presentation, Ms. Proctor outlined what clear bag waste is, why Council should consider going to clear bags; and, what the diversion results are for other municipalities already using clear bags.

Ms. Proctor indicated that staff are looking to Council to either direct that an Action Item be prepared for a future meeting, or, that there be no further action at this time.

A copy of Ms. Proctor's presentation was circulated on table.

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That staff be directed to prepare a report and recommendations, for a future Council meeting, on construction and demolition waste enforcement regulations."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That staff be directed to prepare an Action Item, for a future Council meeting, that includes a communication plan, time frame, compliance plan and budget for a proposed clear bag waste collection program."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Review of Tendering Process**

Given that Council only received this Action Item on February 9, 2011, staff were requested to bring this issue forward again at a future meeting to allow time to obtain additional information that Council requested.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

"That any further discussion on the Action Item on the Review of the Tendering Process be postponed for sometime in the next two months to allow staff time to obtain additional information requested by Council."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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“That Council Committee refers the financial assistance request from the Northumberland Arts Council to the 2011-12 budget deliberations.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor MacKenzie opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Northumberland Arts Council be invited in to make a presentation to Council on their funding request.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor MacKenzie opposed)*

**2011 FCM Delegates  
- Halifax Conference**

In addition to Mayor Taylor and Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Buott, McKenna and Taggart were selected and available to attend the 2011 FCM Conference in Halifax.

**March Meeting  
Dates**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee approves the following dates/times for special sessions of March Council Committee:

- March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. - 2011-12 Draft Operating Budget;
- March 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. - Additions/Deletions to 2011-12 Draft Operating Budget; and,

That the date for the regular session of March Council Committee be changed from March 17 to March 10, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Property Tax Write-  
Offs**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that property taxes and interest totalling \$7,938.77, as detailed on the listing attached to an Action Item dated February 10, 2011, be written off.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Position Vacancy -  
Materials Recovery**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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**Facility**

“That Council Committee authorizes staff to open competition for the vacant line worker position at the Materials Recovery Facility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Transit Study**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee appoints Councillor Buott as the Municipality of Colchester’s elected representative on the Steering Committee for the Transit Study.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Painting of Crosswalks**

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Buott, it was suggested that the Brookfield Community Association contact Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal about having crosswalks painted on Highway 289 along Carter Road, Elm Street and Densmore Lane.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Directors’ Reports**

A Director’s Report from the Director of Community Development was circulated to Council in the Committee package for this evening’s meeting.

**Village of Bible Hill - Water Extensions - Phase 3**

Recently, the Village of Bible Hill received \$44,230 from the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat for Water Extensions under Phase 3 of the project. The Village has written to the County requesting that they keep these funds. The Village contributed \$65,000 more than the County; therefore, the retention of these funds by the Village is consistent with Council direction given in April 2009.

**Tatamagouche Fire Department Annual Banquet**

Councillor LeFresne indicated that the Tatamagouche Fire Department is holding their annual dinner on February 19<sup>th</sup> and that he is unable to attend the event this year. Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh agreed to go to the dinner in place of Councillor LeFresne.

**Recess**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting go into closed session at 10:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:15 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sale of Lands to  
Home Hardware**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to enter into an agreement, as presented, between the Municipality of the County of Colchester and the Colchester Regional Development Agency for the sale of lands in Debert identified as PID’s 20153540, 20153557, 20153565 and 20153573.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:16 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary