

March 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, March 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 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

Regrets:

Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
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**Special Presentation  
- Jared Goad, Gold  
Medal Winner, 2011  
Canada Games**

Mayor Taylor indicated that Jared Goad was unable to be at the meeting this evening due to another commitment. The special presentation to Jared will now take place at the regular Council meeting on March 31st.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

- add Item #12b: Park Street Flooding
- add Item #13b: Urban Transit Study
- add Item #13c: Wells
- add to Item #6, Presentations: Creamery Square Association
- add Item #13d: Minister’s Tour (on table)
- add to Item #14, Closed Session: Negotiations (2) and Personnel Matter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Blair

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Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2011 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising  
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2011.

**Presentations**

Cobequid Planters 250 Society

Representing the Cobequid Planters 250 Society were Ken Henderson, Bonnie Waddell, Cathy von Kintzel and Linda Giddens. The Society had been invited by Council to make a presentation in support of a funding request being considered later this evening.

Mr. Henderson indicated that the purpose for the formation of the Society was to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of English speaking settlers from New England and Ireland along the Cobequid Coast of Central and Northern Nova Scotia. The Society is a provincially registered not-for-profit organization. The funding is required to assist in the cost of a series of events being held in 2011 in recognition of this anniversary.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the presentation from the Cobequid Planters 250 Society be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester County Truckers' Association

Mr. Tim Priest, President of the Colchester County Truckers' Association, read into the record a letter to Council dated March 3, 2011. The letter was a follow up to a previous request that the Colchester County Truckers' Association be involved in all upcoming county work, including maintenance. In the letter, the Association is asking for a fair share of all county projects that involve the hiring of dump trucks and that the 80/20 rule be implemented at provincial Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal rates.

Moved by Councillor McKenna

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Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the presentation from the Colchester County Truckers’ Association be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Creamery Square Association

Representing the Creamery Square Association were President, Fred Maybee and Project Manager, Colin Fowlie.

Mr. Maybee indicated that the purpose of the presentation was to ask Council for continued support for the Creamery Square Project as the Association prepares to complete the final phase of capital investment, which will be used toward a facility known as the Centre for the Arts.

Mr. Maybee stated that the budget for the Centre for the Arts is \$1.6 million. The Association is requesting funding from the Municipality in the amount of \$35,000 for each of the next two fiscal years for a total of \$70,000.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the presentation from the Creamery Square Association be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the funding request from the Creamery Square Association be referred to the 2011-12 budget deliberations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Request for Funding  
- Cobequid Planters  
250 Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the request for funding from the Cobequid Planters 250 Society be referred to the Additions/Deletions meeting scheduled for March 22, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.



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That revised Personnel Policies numbered 6.11 and 6.23 be approved, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Park Street Flooding**

Mayor Taylor raised this issue due to the recent closure of Park Street for the better part of three days due to flooding. He asked Council to consider writing a letter to the Province requesting that they look into a process that would ensure that Park Street is not closed in the future due to flooding.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That a letter be written to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations requesting that a process be looked at to ensure in the future that Park Street is not closed due to flooding; and,

That this letter be presented to the Minister when he visits the Colchester County office and meets with Council on March 25, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Directors' Reports**

Reports were circulated to Council in the Committee package or on table for this evening's meeting from the Directors of Solid Waste, Corporate Services and Public Works.

### **Urban Transit Study**

Mayor Taylor made reference to an email that had been circulated to Council regarding a study being initiated by the Town of Truro and the County of Colchester to determine the need for public transit services. As part of this study, the consultant firm had requested one-on-one interviews with individual members of Council for the Town and the County.

Mayor Taylor encouraged members to contact the CAO's office if they were interested in participating in this interview process which, for the County, was scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wells**

Councillor LeFresne reported that the Nova Scotia government had issued a request for exploration proposals for sources of natural gas along the shores of Nova Scotia. Councillor LeFresne indicated that the process involved, known as hydraulic fracturing, has raised a lot of controversy in his district. There have been meetings held as well as a protest in front of the new library location in Tatamagouche when the well drilling for the purposes of geothermal heating for the library was taking place.

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**Minister's Tour**

As mentioned earlier in the evening, the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, the Honourable John MacDonell, requested meetings with the Councils for the Town of Truro, the Town of Stewiacke and the Municipality of Colchester. The Minister will be meeting with members of Colchester County Council on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Councillors MacKenzie, Edwards and Blair indicated that they would not be available to attend.

**Recess**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:00 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:45 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Staffing -  
Wastewater  
Treatment Manager**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to begin the recruitment process to fill the position of the Wastewater Treatment Manager; and,

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to hire outside recruitment services to assist in this process, if required.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:46 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary