

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

A Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5:30 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 Gerald Buott	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
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 Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6

### **Process Overview**

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2011-12 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions will be considered, including economic development grants and grants to non-profit organizations.

At the conclusion of this meeting, an operating budget and general tax rates will be set. The decisions made at this evening's meeting will require Council approval at month end. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at month end, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

### **Non-Profit Grant Applications**

#### **Clifton Community Seniors' Association**

*Councillor Masters declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.*

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Clifton Community Seniors’ Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Clifton Community Seniors’ Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

*At this point, Councillor Masters returned to the table.*

**Brookfield Railway  
Station and Heritage  
Society**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brookfield Railway Station and Heritage Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Brookfield Railway Station and Heritage Society receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000; and that the additional funding requested of \$2,000 be raised by the organization through fundraising.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Earlton  
Community Centre  
Society**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Earlton Community Centre Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Earltown Community Centre Society receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That staff be directed to look into the Municipality’s Insurance for Not-for-Profit Organizations to see whether cooperatives would be eligible under this program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

During discussion on this particular organization, Council did voice concern regarding those groups who repeatedly apply year after year for a grant under this program.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That staff be directed to review the policy on Grants to Not-for-Profit Organizations to address Council’s concern regarding applicants who apply for a grant on a continuous basis.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Stewiacke Valley  
Historical Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society receive a grant in the amount of \$1,150.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brule Community  
Centre Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brule Community Centre Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Brule Community Centre Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester County  
4-H Council**

*Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.*

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Colchester County 4-H Council receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.*

**Lower Onslow  
Community Centre  
Society**

*Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.*

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Lower Onslow Community Centre Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters

Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Lower Onslow Community Centre Society receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.*

**Northumberland  
Arts Council**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Northumberland Arts Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Northumberland Arts Council receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Londonderry  
Station Community  
Church Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Londonderry Station Community Church Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Londonderry Station Community Church Association receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000, source of funds to be the Bass River House Fund; and,

That the Bass River House Fund not be used toward any additional funding requests from the Londonderry Station Community Church Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester  
Transportation**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

**Cooperative Ltd.**

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Colchester Transportation Cooperative receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000; source of funds to be monies received from the provincial Public Transit Incentive Program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Third Place  
Transition House**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Third Place Transition House.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Taylor and Councillor Buott  
opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Third Place Transition House receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Great Village  
Community  
Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Great Village Community Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Great Village Community Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Salmon  
Association**

*Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.*

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Salmon Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Cobequid Salmon Association receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.*

**Bible Hill Village  
Pre-School Society**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bible Hill Village Pre-School Society.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper, Buott and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Bible Hill Village Pre-School Society receive a grant in the amount of 1,200.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper, Buott and Taggart opposed)*

**Truro Amateur  
Boxing Club**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Truro Amateur Boxing Club request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors McKenna and White opposed)*

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Recreation Department be directed to look into the Truro Amateur Boxing Club to determine what issues the Club is dealing with and report back to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Five  
Islands ATV Club**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Colchester Five Islands ATV Club request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Warwick Mountain  
Recreation Club**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Buott and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of 1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Middle Stewiacke  
Recreation  
Association**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Taylor opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association receive a grant in the amount of 1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Taylor opposed)*

**Woodcock  
Conservation  
Society**

*Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.*

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Woodcock Conservation Society request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.*

**Maggie’s Place  
Family Resource  
Centre**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Maggie’s Place Family Resource Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Maggie’s Place Family Resource Centre receive a grant in the amount of 2,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor  
Cavanaugh, Councillors White and  
Masters opposed)*

**Balfron Community  
Hall Association**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Balfron Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Balfron Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Parents Supporting  
Parents**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Parents Supporting Parents request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Veterans  
Memorial Park**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper, Masters, and White opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park receive a grant in the amount of \$600.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper, Masters, and White opposed)*

**Boys and Girls Club  
of Truro/Colchester**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Truro/Colchester.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Masters, Buott, Cooper, LeFresne, Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

**Economy Recreation  
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Economy Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Economy Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Alton Recreation  
Center**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Alton Recreation Center.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Alton Recreation Center receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Food  
Bank Association**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Colchester Food Bank Association request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bayhead Community  
Hall**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bayhead Community Hall.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Bayhead Community Hall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lower Truro  
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Lower Truro Community Hall.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Lower Truro Community Hall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brookfield Athletic Association**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Brookfield Athletic Association request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Creamery Square Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Creamery Square Association request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic Development Grant Applications**

**NS Blind Golf Association**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Creamery Square (Tatamagouche Tattoo)**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Creamery Square (Tatamagouche Tattoo Festival).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Creamery Square (Tatamagouche Tattoo Festival) receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor LeFresne agreed to take back to the Tatamagouche Tattoo Festival Committee about raising the price of tickets for the event.

**Truro and District  
Chamber of  
Commerce**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor LeFresne opposed)*

**Canadian  
Firefighters Curling  
Championship**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Canadian Firefighters Curling Tournament.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor Masters and Councillor White left the meeting and did not return until after the following motion was voted on.*

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Canadian Firefighters Curling Championship receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tatamagouche  
Farmers’ Market**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Tatamagouche Farmers’ Market request for a grant be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Onslow Belmont Fire  
Brigade Golf  
Tournament**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Golf Tournament.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Golf Tournament receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Elizabeth Bishop  
Festival**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Elizabeth Bishop Festival.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Elizabeth Bishop Festival receive a grant in the amount of \$6,150; source of funds to be \$3,150 from the 2011-12 Economic Development Grant Fund and \$3,000 from the Bass River House Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Planters  
250 Society**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Planters 250 Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Cobequid Planters 250 Society receive a grant in the amount of \$6,201.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff recommended that with prior motions being approved and funded through Economic Development Grants, Council may wish to put additional funding in the 2011-12 budget for any requests received during the upcoming fiscal year.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the 2011-12 budget for Economic Development Grants be increased by \$10,000 for any requests received during the upcoming fiscal year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Non-Grant Requests  
for Funding**

**Colchester Historical  
Society**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality support the request for funding from the Colchester Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Colchester Historical Society receive a contribution in the amount of \$10,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Northumberland  
Arts Council**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality support the request for funding from the Northumberland Arts Council.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Buott and McKenna  
opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Northumberland Arts Council receive a contribution in the amount of \$25,000, pending approval of federal/provincial funding.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Buott and McKenna opposed)*

**Creamery Square Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the request for funding in the amount of \$70,000 from the Creamery Square Association be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lawn Bowling Committee**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Municipality support the request for funding from the Lawn Bowling Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Lawn Bowling Committee receive a contribution of \$50,000 in 2011-12 and \$25,000 in 2012-13, pending approval of federal/provincial funding.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2011-12 Operating Budget and Tax Rates**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the commercial tax rate be decreased by 1 cent from \$2.26 to \$2.25 per \$100 of assessment in the 2011-12 Operating Budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the remaining balance of \$17,514 in the 2011-12 budget be transferred to the Operating Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2011-12 Operating Budget be approved with the Additions/Deletions as set out at this meeting, with a residential tax rate of \$0.83 and a commercial tax rate of \$2.25.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:41 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary