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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 Tuesday, May 17, 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
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10

Regrets:

Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

**Public Hearing -  
Land Transfer to  
CoRDA**

Mayor Taylor called the public hearing to order respecting the transfer of lands within the Debert Air Industrial Park, Debert, from the Municipality of Colchester to the Colchester Regional Development Agency, at a price less than market value to a non-profit organization.

Mr. Dan McDougall, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the guidelines of the Municipal Government Act regarding advertising of the public hearing had been followed.

Mayor Taylor reminded Councillors that only those Councillors present throughout the public hearing can vote on the transfer of the property when it is eventually considered by Council Committee. This public hearing is Council Committee's opportunity to hear any concerns of area residents. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of the transfer when the motion is presented to Council. Staff are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise as a result of the public's input.

Mayor Taylor also indicated that May Council Committee has been authorized by Council to make a final decision on this hearing; and, that a motion to transfer property at less than market value shall be passed by at least a two thirds majority of the Councillors present and voting.

Mr. Dennis James, Solicitor for the Municipality, provided a brief

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overview of this item, including reference to a map made available to both Council and the public showing the land to be transferred. Mr. James explained that should Council Committee approve the transfer of this land to CoRDA, staff would develop a proposed phasing of the transfer so that only land ready to be developed is transferred to CoRDA to actively market and sell. The phases to be transferred would be brought to Council for approval. Essentially, staff are recommending that Council receive advice from the public during this hearing on the transfer of all the land to CoRDA to satisfy the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

Mr. McDougall advised that no written submissions had been received for this hearing.

Mr. Vince DeAdder, a resident of Colchester County, stepped forward to address Council Committee on this matter. Mr. DeAdder indicated that he was one of the founding members of the Colchester Regional Development Agency and sat on the Board for two years. Mr. DeAdder felt that the lands involved in this transfer should be turned over to the original landowners and that CoRDA was hired as a development agency, not a real estate company.

As there was no further business on this matter, Mayor Taylor declared the public hearing closed.

*At this point, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh assumed the position of Chair of the meeting.*

### **Land Transfer to CoRDA**

Staff noted again that May Council Committee has been authorized by Council to make a final decision on this item; however, approval at May Council will not compromise any plans CoRDA has to sell land for development purposes.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee approves the transfer of the Debert Development Lands, as shown on the map attached to the Action Item dated May 17, 2011, to the Colchester Regional Development Agency for the purpose of marketing and selling the land for residential and/or commercial and industrial development purposes; and,

That staff be directed to develop proposed transfer phases for Council review and approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Edwards

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Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the agenda for May 17, 2011 be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #13b: Loan Guarantee - Hilden Fire Brigade (on table)
- add to Item #15, Closed Session: Negotiations
- add Item #14b: Seniors' Meeting
- add Item #13c: East Prince Street
- add Item #13d: Age Friendly Communities
- add Item #13e: Bass River Pharmacy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 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 April 14, 2011.

### **Presentations**

Mr. James Webster, Area Manager, Colchester,  
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR)

In his presentation, Mr. Webster provided an overview of TIR's five-year highway improvement plan. The Department is responsible for 23,000 km. of roads (1,971 of which are in Colchester County), 4,100 bridges and nine ferries across the province.

The Department has a large highway infrastructure deficit which for this year alone is worth \$270,000,000 in capital funding. The five-year capital plan will allow TIR to outline projects from 2010-11 to 2014-15, use detailed criteria for selection of projects, promote transparency and accountability, and allows for better planning and delivery of highway infrastructure projects by spending funds more effectively.

The five-year plan includes the following type of projects:

- major twinning for 100 series highways
- 100 series repaving projects
- multi-year repaving/upgrading projects for major trunks/routes
- major bridge replacements
- federal cost-shared projects

Moved by Councillor White

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Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the presentation from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Municipal Signage for Private Roads Policy**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the Municipal Signage for Private Roads Policy as attached to the Action Item dated May 17, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **Amendment to Purchasing and Tendering Policy**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Purchasing and Tendering Policy be approved, as amended, to specify use of the provincial 20-80 rule and the exemption of onsite trucking from this Policy.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Blair opposed)*

#### **Scholarship Request from École acadienne de Truro**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a scholarship for an eligible Colchester County student in the amount of \$1,000 for the École acadienne de Truro, beginning in fiscal year 2011-12.”

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

#### **Funding Request - 2011 4-H Provincial Show**

*At this point, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh left the meeting and Councillor Cooper assumed the position of Chair.*

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a donation of \$1,000 be approved in support of the 2011 4-H Provincial Show being held at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds, September 30-

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October 2, 2011, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh returned to the meeting and resumed the position of Chair.*

**Crosswalks in Brookfield**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That a letter be written to the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting approval for the Municipality of Colchester to install crosswalks across Elm Street, Densmore Lane and Carter Road at the intersections of these roads with Highway #289.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Eagle Drive Sidewalk**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the project of construction of a sidewalk on Eagle Drive be carried out in conjunction with the project of repaving of Eagle Drive being executed by the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, with the Municipality of the County of Colchester bearing the cost of the sidewalk portion of the combined project, including construction supervision and contract administration costs associated with the sidewalk construction; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign Construction Agreement number 2011-002 (installation of a concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and curb under-drainage on the north side of Eagle Drive) with the Province of Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Area Rate Budgets 2011-12**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the urban service rate for sewer maintenance remain at .08 cents for 2011-12.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2011-12 Area Rate Budgets be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff noted on Page 2 of Schedule “C”, the amounts shown as “Surplus, Beginning of Year” were incorrect and have been adjusted.

**Loan Guarantee -  
Hilden Fire Brigade**

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a “letter of intent” in support of a loan of \$155,000 for the Hilden Fire Brigade for the purpose of a new Rescue Unit; and, in the event that this is not satisfactory to the lending institution, that the Municipality provide a loan guarantee for this amount.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**East Prince Street**

Councillor Edwards raised a concern about a safety issue at the intersection of Salmon River Road and East Prince Street. He would like to see this matter raised at the next quarterly meeting of the Municipality and Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, with a recommendation that a checker board sign be installed to prevent traffic going into the ditch where the ballfield used to be.

Mayor Taylor agreed to put this item on the meeting agenda.

**Age Friendly  
Communities**

Councillor Taggart indicated that a presentation on Age Friendly Communities was given at the UNSM Spring Workshop which he attended last week in Digby. With federal/provincial funding being available for projects for seniors such as sidewalk repairs, walking trails, park benches, etc., he would like to see the Municipality look into accessing this funding for initiating age friendly practices in communities within Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That staff be directed to look into adopting age friendly practices for Colchester County communities and report back to Council at a future meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bass River  
Pharmacy**

Councillor Taggart made reference to the Province’s recent announcement regarding the cap on the price of generic drugs and how this would

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adversely affect pharmacies, particularly small privately-owned businesses in the rural areas of Colchester County. Following a brief discussion on this matter, it was recommended that a representative from the Department of Health be invited to make a presentation to Council.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That an invitation be extended to the provincial Department of Health to make a presentation to Council on the new provincial legislation that places a cap on the price of generic drugs and any impacts this may have on small privately-owned pharmacies in Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Street Paving Petition - Sunnybrook Drive**

This Information Item reported that staff will be advising Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal that the County is not in a position to support paving of Sunnybrook Drive and that it be removed from the TIR priority list as the residents are currently not in favour of getting the street paved.

### **Seniors' Meeting**

Councillor Masters indicated the Seniors' group in his area have extended an invitation to Council to attend a gathering at the Old Barns United Church on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to listen to some local entertainment.

### **Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the meeting go into closed session at 11:25 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 12:20 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

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“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:21 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary