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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 Thursday, October 13, 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 Earl McKenna	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for October 13, 2011 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #15b: Meadow Drive;
- delete Item #13, Small Flood Remediation Policy;
- add Item #15c: Creamery Square.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 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 September 15, 2011.

Presentations

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

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ACTION ITEMS**Second Reading -
Solid Waste By-law**

Staff noted that Council had passed a motion at its September 29th meeting that Council Committee be authorized to make a final decision on this item.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council Committee approves by way of Second Reading, Chapter 33 - Solid Waste By-law, to replace existing Chapter 33 - Garbage and Collection Disposal By-law, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Active
Transportation
Strategy - Financing
Options**

Ms. Kim Paterson, Administrative Assistant/Researcher, provided a further powerpoint presentation on the Active Transportation Strategy (ATS) Financing Options as a follow-up to the one she provided at the September Council Committee meeting.

This evening’s presentation gives Council an opportunity to review recommendations from the September meeting for a single active transportation rate with no contribution from the general rate; and, on the proposed content for public meetings. Direction is also being requested of Council on a mechanism to define ATS boundaries, timing on when the ATS rates would be applied, implementation plan for the ATS or phasing in of rates; and, how these rates would be presented on the tax bills.

Council discussion during the presentation resulted in a request to staff to bring back additional information before a decision on proposed content for public meetings can be made.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That, prior to a decision being made on proposed content for public meetings on the Active Transportation Strategy, staff be directed to bring back additional information related to the following areas:

- defined ATS boundary;
- timing on ATS rates applied;
- implementation plan for phasing in of rates; and,
- tax bill presentation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Returning Officer
for 2012 Election**Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to retain the services of a Returning Officer who will coordinate all aspects of the 2012 Election with a base salary of \$20,000; and,

That space be made available in either the Courthouse or the Special Hazards Response Unit for election purposes; and,

That the Returning Officer be authorized to hire an Assistant Returning Officer at an hourly rate of \$12.00.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lawn Bowling
Facility**Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the release of funding for the Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club facility be approved without the requirement for federal/provincial funding.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Art Selection
Committee**Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Councillors Glen Edwards and Jimmie LeFresne be appointed to serve on the Art Selection Committee for the Municipality of the County of Colchester’s Art Selection Program for 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Public Transit
Feasibility Study -
Final Report**Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the establishment of a public transit system be considered to serve the Central Colchester area, based upon the recommendations of the Public Transit Feasibility Study; and, that Council’s final decision on going forward with this project be dependent upon the results of the following:

- a) Confirmation that the Town of Truro is also interested in advancing public transit;
- b) Source of municipal funding contribution; and,

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- c) Consultant study being conducted on design and detail of transit network, including routes, stops and frequency of service.”

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

Cost-Shared Paving Programs

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign a three-year agreement with the provincial Department of Transportation and Renewal (Construction Agreement Number #2012-008) for the paving of subdivision streets in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Gays River Road Spring

Councillor Cooper updated Council on the Gays River Road Spring. A meeting was held on October 6th in Carroll’s Corner with 125 people in attendance from East Hants, Halifax County and Colchester County, including the local MLA and officials from the Departments of Health and Environment. As reported by Councillor Cooper at the September Council Committee meeting, the Department of Environment had recently conducted tests on the water from the spring and deemed it to be unsafe. Environment informed people at this meeting that they could not sanction the water as being safe to drink as the source of where the water was coming from could not be identified.

Councillor Cooper requested that should the community decide to hold another meeting on this matter, that the Director of Public Works be in attendance along with the Area Councillor.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Joint Council Session - Regional Civic Centre

The Project Steering Committee has arranged a Joint Council Information Session on the Regional Civic Centre for Tuesday, October 25, 2011 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The session will provide updates on the design, construction and overall progress of the project as well as a site tour. A final agenda and invitations will be sent out once plans are finalized.

Meadow Drive

Councillor Masters reported that since raising this issue at Council’s last meeting, he has been in contact with MLA Gary Burrill’s office. Mr. Burrill’s office then contacted the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and was told that some temporary repairs would be done to Meadow Drive over the next two-week period.

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Creamery Square

Councillor LeFresne provided an update on the Centre for the Arts portion of the Creamery Square project. A community meeting was held the end of September with 50-60 people in attendance. It was reported at the meeting that all the funding required for the Arts Centre had been approved and construction will begin sometime this winter or in the spring of 2012. The main concern from the community is sustainability of the facility once it is built.

Director's Report

A report from the Director of Solid Waste was circulated to Council in the package for this evening's meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

"That the meeting go into closed session at 9:40 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:42 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That the meeting be adjourned at 9:43 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary