

November 15, 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 Tuesday, November 15, 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

**Regrets:**

Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11
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**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the agenda for November 15, 2011 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #10b: Movember
- add Item #11b: Pearl and Daisy Natural Soap Company
- add Item #11c: Blue Bags
- add Item #10c: Tax Exemption By-law - Amendment to Property List (on table)
- add to Item #11, Closed Session: Personnel Matter
- add to Item #5, Presentations: Mr. Jim Lorraine.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the minutes of the meeting held on October 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**

October 13, 2011.

**Presentations**

Mr. Jim Lorraine, owner of the River Breeze Haunted Corn Maze in Onslow, indicated that the purpose for his being before Council this evening was to address the concerns by residents that appeared in the newspaper a couple of weeks ago. The concerns related to the parking problems that occurred from people stopping to go through the corn maze.

Mr. Lorraine explained that despite spending \$50,000 for underground drainage in the parking lot, they were not prepared to cope with the significant amount of rain at the beginning of the summer. Because of this rainfall, they could not open one parking lot and that's when the parking problems started. With the thousands of people who come to see the maze, in sufficient parking space caused customers to park along the roadside in each direction.

Mr. Lorraine indicated that to help prevent this parking issue from occurring again next year, he is planning to cover an additional 13 acres of land with gravel that will be used for parking. He stated that he would like to have assistance from the County in getting additional street lights installed and was advised to put his request in writing.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from Mr. Jim Lorraine be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS****Active  
Transportation  
Strategy - Financing  
Options**

Ms. Kim Paterson, Administrative Assistant/Researcher, provided an update on the Active Transportation Strategy since her earlier presentations to Council in October. Staff are requesting direction from Council on area rate boundaries and the implementation plan before public meetings are held.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee directs staff to hold a public meeting in Brookfield and Debert to hear the public's views on:

- The proposed taxation boundaries for active transportation projects for Brookfield and Debert; as shown on maps attached to the Action Item dated November 15, 2011;
- The recommended implementation plan for Brookfield which is the

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active transportation rate be phased in equally over three years beginning in 2012-13 with a six-cent rate, followed in 2013-14 by a 12-cent rate; and the full rate in 2014-15;

- The recommended implementation plan for Debert which is only the maintenance portion of the active transportation rate begin in 2012-13; and,

Report back to Council prior to final approval on these matters; and,

That Council Committee recommends to Council that Council defer any decision on the creation of taxation boundaries for paved shoulder projects, outside of the boundaries for the Urban, Brookfield and Debert areas, until such time as a paved shoulder project has been identified.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Capital Budget Plan**

The CAO, Dan McDougall and the Director of Corporate Services, Bruce Purchase, facilitated Council in the review of the five-year capital budget plan. The purpose of the plan is to align organizational resources with the capital priorities of Council. This is Council’s second session dealing with the Plan, the first being at a special meeting held on October 18, 2011 which was dedicated entirely to the capital budget. Staff are looking to Council Committee for direction on funding allocations and recommendations to November Council at the end of the month. A copy of the Plan was circulated on table for this evening’s meeting.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the funding allocation for the Wastewater/Central Growth Strategy/Granville Drive Project scheduled on the Capital Budget Plan for 2012-13 be increased to \$1,850,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the funding allocation for the Municipality of Colchester’s share of the Bible Hill Upgrade to the Storm Drainage System Project scheduled on the Capital Budget Plan for 2012-13 be set at \$120,000; and

That approval of this project be subject to verification by the Director of Public Works that the criteria has been met regarding retention issues.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott

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Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Five-Year Capital Budget Plan (2011-12 to 2015-16) be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Small Flood Damage  
Reduction Projects  
Policy**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy (formerly known as the Small Flood Reduction Projects Policy) be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for  
Contribution - Ken  
Simpson Municipal  
Lecture Series Fund**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Ken Simpson Memorial Lecture Series Fund be approved, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Coastal Action  
Strategy**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to respond to the Coastal Action Strategy Survey and raise points outlined in the Action Item dated November 15, 2011; and,

That a letter be written to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) to express Council’s desire that any regulations in terms of building setback distances be dealt with through local municipalities; and,

To request that there be UNSM and municipal representation on the Review Committee for the Coastal Action Strategy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Movember**

Councillor Taggart indicated that he is looking for donations as he is participating in the “Movember” initiative which is a fundraiser to raise awareness of men’s health, specifically prostate cancer.

**Tax Exemption By-**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne

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**law - Amendment to  
Property List**

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the request from the Tim Horton’s Children’s Foundation for a property tax exemption at 236 Tim Horton’s Camp Road be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS****Pearl & Daisy  
Natural Soap  
Company**

Councillor Taggart added this item to the agenda as he wanted Council to be aware that as part of Small Business Week, the Pearl and Daisy Natural Soap Company was awarded the Exporter of the Year Award which puts them in the running for the Nova Scotia Exporter of the Year Award next year.

**Blue Bags**

Councillor LeFresne raised this issue as the result of a call he received from an upset resident whose blue bag was rejected due to it containing styrofoam. It was garbage collection week and the resident felt she was doing the right thing by putting garbage in a blue (clear) bag. The resident is experiencing serious health issues and is having difficulty coping with the sorting of recyclables, compost and garbage. He then had another resident inform him that they held onto their garbage for the next garbage collection in two weeks time as they had forgotten to purchase clear bags at the store.

Councillor Taggart indicated that he has received similar calls from residents about having their curbside bags being rejected during the transition period of going to clear bags for garbage collection.

**Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:38 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

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“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary