

December 8, 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, December 8, 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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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the agenda for December 8, 2011 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- Move Item #9, Loan Guarantee for Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade Action Item, to precede Action Item #6;
- Delete Item #5 - Presentation from the Village of Bible Hill on Upgrade of Storm Drainage System Project;
- Delete Item #11 - Policy on Private Roads in Rural Areas.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the minutes of meetings held on October 18 and November 15, 2011 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on October 18 and November 15, 2011.

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ACTION ITEMS**Loan Guarantee -
Valley-Kemptown &
District Fire Brigade**

Staff noted that at the regular session of Council on November 26, 2011, authority was given to December Council Committee to make a final decision on this matter.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a letter of intent in support of a loan of \$900,000 for the Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade for the purchase of a new aerial platform fire apparatus; 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.

**Not-for-Profit
Grants Policy
Review**

Mr. Craig Burgess, Manager of Recreation Services, provided an overview of the current funding programs provided by the Municipality of Colchester, including the not-for-profit organization grants. During budget deliberations in the spring of this year, staff were directed to review the policy for this program.

Mr. Burgess outlined administrative changes that staff have made for the next round of applications in January 2012, including:

- applicants to submit three quotes for capital improvements;
- all non-profit and economic development grant recipients to submit a post reporting form to confirm grant monies were used appropriately; and,
- owned and leased information to be included for capital upgrades.

Mr. Burgess indicated that staff are requesting direction from Council in areas such as: major capital upgrades - partial or 100% funding, limits on community halls, programs to be managed by staff versus Council, funding for major requests from organizations, and joint partnerships on regional projects.

As the result of feedback received from Council during this presentation, staff agreed to report back to Council with an Action Item on the financial need of applicants and major and minor grant applications being treated separately.

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Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation from the Manager of Recreation Services on the Not-for-Profit Grants Policy be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Solid Waste Service
Extension**

Ms. Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager, provided a presentation on the extension of waste collection services to apartments, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in Colchester County. The presentation included the history and challenges of waste collection since 1996, apartment and business demographics, and options for Council to consider, including maintaining the status quo.

The following motions resulted from feedback received during the presentation:

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council on extending waste collection services to apartment buildings of up to six units, on a trial basis.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council on extending waste collection services to rural businesses.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council on extending waste collection services to urban businesses for banned items only (organics and recyclables).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council on extending waste collection services to not-for-profit organizations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Private Construction
and Demolition
Disposal Impacts on
Diversion**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That staff be directed to prepare a draft Construction and Demolition By-law for Council consideration which includes the following elements:

1. Appointment of Administrator
 2. License provisions (minimum)
 3. Record keeping requirements
 4. Operational plan (minimum)
 5. Offence and penalty sections; and,
- That, subsequent to Council approval of a Construction and Demolition By-law and when the Municipality has sufficient data from record keeping, a staff report be developed for Council consideration, including recommendations with respect to recycling targets, enhanced license provisions, and enhanced operational requirements.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**New Fences and
Detention of Stray
Livestock By-Law**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That staff be directed to prepare a draft Municipal By-law pertaining to stray livestock to replace the outdated provincial legislation dealing with livestock running at large.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Amendment to
Purchasing Policy**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the policy entitled Purchasing and Tendering for Goods, Services and Construction Projects be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Masstown Market
Intersection**

Councillor Taggart asked that Council consider sending a formal request to the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to have flashing red and amber lights installed at the Masstown Market intersection due to the number of accidents at this location in the past year.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That a letter be written to the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that red and amber flashing lights be installed at the Masstown Market intersection.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS****Age Friendly
Community
Activities**

This Information Item was provided as the result of a motion of Council that staff look into adopting age friendly practices for Colchester County communities and report back to Council. This report provided information on funding opportunities, programs and initiatives that have supported the senior population through the Municipality of the Colchester, and the federal and provincial governments.

**Wind Turbine Noise
at Spiddle Hill Road**

At a recent meeting of Council, two landowners along Spiddle Hill Road suggested that the separation standard for new wind turbines be increased from the current 700 meters to two kilometers. This suggestion was made because the owners could hear the turbines on their property. Staff have made arrangements to tour the area when the owners are available to meet. In the meantime, staff are monitoring the location and will report back to Council when the tour is completed.

Director’s Report

A report from the Director of Community Development 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 9:37 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:17 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:18 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary