

January 12, 2012

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, January 12, 2012 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 |

For the next three items, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, and Presentations (Colchester Historical Society), Councillor Taggart temporarily left the meeting and was not available to vote.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the agenda for January 12, 2012 be approved with the following additions:

- add to Item #11, Closed Session: Land Matter
- add Item #10b: Noah Tremblay.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 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 December 8, 2012.

January 12, 2012

Presentations**Colchester Historical Society**

Representing the Colchester Historical Society were Mr. Joe Ballard and Mr. David Arnfast. Mr. Ballard indicated that the purpose of the presentation this evening was to ask that Council consider approving the Society's annual request for a grant of \$10,000. At some point, the Society will be back to Council to ask for funds in support of their capital plan. To date, renovations to their building include finishing the basement and all new windows installed for a total amount spent of \$150,000 to \$200,000, of which the Province was the major contributor. A copy of an Executive Summary and audited financial statements were circulated to Council following the presentation.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That the presentation from the Colchester Historical Society be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that, in fiscal year 2012-13, the contribution to the Colchester Historical Society in the amount of \$10,000 be included in the budget; and, starting in 2013-14, funding for the Colchester Historical Society be included in the maintenance budget; and, that the group be requested to provide a report to Council on an annual basis."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Active
Transportation
Strategy Public
Meeting Follow-Up -
Brookfield**

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Brookfield Taxation Boundary be approved as shown on the map attached to the Action Item dated January 12, 2012; and,

That the area rate for active transportation projects, currently the sidewalk portion of the Urban Service Rate, be phased in equally over three years beginning in 2012-13 with a 6-cent rate, followed in 2013-14 by a 12-cent rate and finally, the full rate in 2014-15."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

January 12, 2012

**Active
Transportation
Strategy Public
Meeting Follow-Up -
Debert**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the creation of an area rate for the Debert Taxation Boundary for the Existing Sidewalk, as shown on the map attached to the Action Item dated January 12, 2012, equivalent to the maintenance and operating portion of the sidewalk portion of the Urban Service rate; and,

That the area rate begin in the fiscal year 2012-13.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Post Election Review
Follow-Up**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the use of the provincial voters’ list by the Municipality of Colchester as the basis for creating the voters’ lists for the 2012 Election, subject to a staff review.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Former Maple Leaf
School**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Action Item on the former Maple Leaf School be referred to a future Council meeting; and,

In preparation for going forward to a future Council meeting, that staff be directed to obtain additional information, including receipt of reports on environmental concerns from the Chignecto Central Regional School Board.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Director’s Report

A report from the Director of Corporate Services was circulated to Council in the package for this evening’s meeting.

Noah Tremblay

Councillor Blair expressed how impressed she was with Noah Tremblay’s thank you note to Council for the \$3,000 donation to his Forgotten Heroes project.

January 12, 2012

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the meeting go into closed session at 7:58 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:05 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Acquisition of Land
- Debert**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to advance an estimated \$70,000 as a required refundable deposit for the acquisition of land in Debert.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:07 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary