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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, September 13, 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
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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the agenda for September 13, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #10b: Fracking Waste in Colchester
- delete Item #11: Deuville’s Rink
- add Item #10c: Denise Baker, 1134 Highway 2, Hilden
- add Item #10d: Flooding Issues/Concerns
- add Item #10e: Debert Water Utility - Three-Year Operating Budget (on table)
- add Item #10f: Colchester Ground Search and Rescue Funding Request (on table)
- add Item #10g: 2012 Nova Scotia Recreation Conference (on table).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2012 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2012.

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Presentations**Ms. Catherine Anderson - Granville Drive**

Ms. Anderson stated that she was filling in for Mr. Reg Oderkirk as he was not available to make the presentation. Ms. Anderson indicated that she has lived on Granville Drive for over 35 years. Along with other residents, Ms. Anderson attended the August 16th Council meeting and was pleased to hear the discussion surrounding the public sewer system project for Granville Drive. Residents are very concerned with the backup from the outfall line into some of the homes on Granville Drive when it rains and are requesting that Council consider the following:

1. A commitment to the project and that it be undertaken as soon as possible.
2. Residents be involved in any consultation session regarding regulatory requirements and detailed design of sewer system.

A copy of Ms. Anderson's written presentation was circulated.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That the presentation from Catherine Anderson, resident of Granville Drive, be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS**Sewer System on Granville Drive - Service Options**

Following a discussion on the merits of the various options contained in the Action Item, the consensus from Council was support for a public sewer system from Mingo's Corner to Granville Drive. Given the cost of such a project, however, it was recommended that a capital budget meeting take place prior to Council making a final decision.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the proposed public sewer system from Mingo's Corner to Granville Drive be referred to a Council capital budget meeting; and, if possible, that this meeting be held within the next 30 days."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Fracking Waste in Colchester

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh requested this item be moved forward on the agenda to accommodate residents in the audience.

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Moved by Councillor White
 Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That staff be directed to prepare a report on the discharge of treated hydraulic fracturing waters into the Debert sewer system for presentation at the September 27, 2012 Council meeting; and, that the Municipality of Colchester not issue a permit to Atlantic Industrial Services to discharge this waste until after this meeting takes place.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Flooding
Issues/Concerns

Mayor Taylor provided an overview of events that took place during the flood on September 10th. Along with the regional emergency management team, Mayor Taylor also acknowledged those who were on hand to assist throughout the flood, including the Canadian Red Cross, RCMP, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Colchester Firefighters Association and the local fire brigades. Some 40 people were rescued from their homes by boat or front-end loaders. There were no injuries or casualties but a lot of cleanup will be required. To assist with the cleanup, the Municipality has provided dumpsters at various locations where the flooding was more severe and residents will be allowed to take their flood material to Kemptown at no cost. Mayor Taylor also indicated that he plans on meeting with the Premier in the very near future.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh expressed his concern with getting stopped, at one point, by the RCMP and being asked to return home, thus preventing him from assisting residents with flooding issues in his district.

Councillor Blair indicated that Bible Hill had suffered significant loss as well, including Stirling’s, Fundy Grinding, Welpro, the racetrack, Bible Hill Estates and homes on Riverside Drive and Avon Street.

Councillor Blair requested that the Flood Advisory Committee consider building a berm in Holy Well Park; and, as Councillor for the area, that she be included in any tours or meetings that take place regarding this issue.

As Chair of the Flood Advisory Committee, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that the Murray Siding area also needed to be looked at regarding flooding concerns; however, other sources of funding would likely be required to correct the problem.

Moved by Councillor Masters
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Mayor be directed to organize a meeting involving the Premier, local M.P., MLA’s and Mayors, to begin the process of making infrastructure improvements to reduce the amount of flooding in Colchester County; and,

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That a letter be written to thank all those involved in providing protective/emergency services during the September 10, 2012 flood.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Five Islands Athletic
Association -
Request for Funding**

Staff noted that at the regular session of Council on August 30, 2012, authority was given to September Council Committee to make a final decision on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee approves a contribution of \$10,000 to the Five Islands Athletic Association for the completion of an outdoor rink/multi-purpose area, source of funds to be the Bass River House Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

**Towns’ Task Force
Report**

CAO Dan McDougall indicated that completion of the Recommendations Appendix is the final phase of Council’s response to the Towns’ Task Force Report titled “A Path to Municipal Viability”. At its August 30th meeting, Council reviewed and approved a draft letter on the report to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. At that time, Mr. McDougall stated that the Recommendations Appendix would be presented at the September Council Committee meeting.

Through an overhead presentation, Mr. McDougall reviewed the Recommendations Appendix noting a few minor changes recommended by Council. Council requested that it should be emphasized that where reviews, legislation, unspecified programs, etc. are being proposed, that a written report detailing the specific legislative drafting and program guidelines should be circulated to municipalities before these items are approved and advanced by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Recommendations Appendix to the Towns’ Task Force Report titled ‘A Path to Municipal Viability’ be approved as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Old Tatamagouche
Library - Legion
Land Request**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a 14-foot wide easement be established on the lands of the former Tatamagouche library for use of the neighbouring Legion as a drop-off parking area.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Denise Baker, 1134
Highway 2, Hilden**

Councillor Buott reported that he had received a call from Denise Baker in Hilden who indicated that during the recent flood, the municipal sewage pump located near her property had overflowed into her basement. Council agreed to refer the matter to staff to investigate.

**Construction Project
- Balefill Scales,
Scale House and
Public Drop-Off
Facility**

Staff noted that at the regular session of Council on August 30, 2012, authority was given to September Council Committee to make a final decision on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee approves the installation of one new scale, disposal of the old scale, construction of a new scale house, one concrete approach road to the scale, an asphalted parking and turning apron for the public drop-off, and an asphalted bin replacement area for the drop-off facility at an estimated cost of \$516,685 plus applicable taxes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor LeFresne left the meeting.

**Debert Water Utility
- Three-Year
Operating Budget**

Council agreed that due to the meeting running so late, this item would be postponed to September Council.

**Colchester Ground
Search & Rescue
Funding Request**

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**2012 Nova Scotia
Recreation
Conference**

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Closed Session

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the meeting go into closed session at 12:07 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Masters left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 12:57 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:58 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary