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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 Tuesday, November 20, 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
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters, Chair	District #2
Councillor Geoff Stewart	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Mike Gregory	District #7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the agenda for November 20, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #10b: Lighting for Sign on MacElmon Road, Debert
- add Item #10c: Economy Mountain
- delete Item #8: New Position - Administrative Support Clerk - Solid Waste Department”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2012 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

Regarding the item on Flooding Issues/Concerns, Councillor Blair thanked the Flood Advisory Committee for working with the Village of Bible Hill in getting a berm built at Holy Well Park which hopefully will relieve some of the flooding in that area.

Also related to this item, Councillor Gibbs referenced the Murray Siding project requiring other sources of funding to correct the problem. It was his understanding that the Province is looking to the County for additional

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information before any funding is committed to this project. Councillor Cavanaugh advised that the Flood Advisory Committee did approach the Province with cost sharing on the dyke and at some point, they may be able to assist. Mayor Taylor advised that the Premier had been in town recently on other business and had indicated at that time that provincial staff will be coming to Truro to meet with the County on flooding issues.

Presentations

There were no public presentation requests received for this evening's meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

**Salmon River
Hockey Society -
Funding Request**

Councillor Wade Parker declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a \$6,000 contribution to the Salmon River Hockey Society to assist with funding Deuville's Rink for safety deficiencies, subject to an agreement being received from the Society indicating that this funding will be used for the provision of recreational services, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper and MacKenzie opposed)*

At this point, Councillor Parker returned to the table.

**Public Works
Winter Term
Position**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of the hiring of a winter term position for the Public Works Department for 18 weeks starting mid December each year on an ongoing basis.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Road Name Change

Moved by Mayor Taylor

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**- Old Highway 102
to Commo Road**

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Old Highway 102 be renamed to Commo Road and that staff be instructed to forward appropriate information to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding this request.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Source Water
Protection Plan for
Debert Drinking
Water Supply -
Debert Water Utility**

To introduce this item, the Director of Public Works, Ramesh Ummat, provided a powerpoint presentation to Council indicating that the next steps would be:

- accept the consultant’s report entitled “Debert Air Industrial Park Well Field - Source Water Protection Plan for Groundwater Management”;
- initiate setting up a Source Water Protection Advisory Committee;
- develop and document a Debert source water protection plan for the Debert Water Utility based on the consultant’s recommendations and provincial guidelines; and,
- implement protection plan, including any land-use plan and monitoring and sampling plan.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the report entitled ‘Debert Air Industrial Park Well Field - Source Water Protection Plan for Groundwater Management’ be accepted; and,

That staff be directed to develop and implement a Source Water Protection Plan for the Debert Water Utility based on the recommendations contained in this report and the Nova Scotia Environment document on developing and implementing a Municipal Source Water Protection Plan.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lighting for Sign on
MacElmon Road,
Debert**

Councillor MacInnes reported that a community sign in Debert off Exit 13 is not illuminated by any source of light. The Debert Garden Club had put in solar lights; however, these were stolen sometime after being installed. The Club has requested, through Councillor MacInnes, that the County look at providing some type of lighting for the sign.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

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Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That staff be directed to contact Nova Scotia Power regarding the installation of lighting for the community sign in Debert off Exit 13, subject to cost and related implications.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Economy Mountain

Councillor Taggart raised concern with the roads in his district, particularly Economy Mountain, being serviced by Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) in Cumberland County rather than Colchester County. There were three accidents on the Mountain yesterday due to black ice conditions. These accidents may have been prevented if the service was still being provided by Colchester County and drivers who are familiar with the area. Councillor Taggart requested that this issue be brought up at the next quarterly meeting with TIR. Given that the next quarterly meeting will not be held for another three months, Mayor Taylor agreed to contact TIR regarding this matter.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Stormwater Management Program

To introduce this item, the Director of Community Development, Crawford Macpherson, provided a powerpoint presentation to Council. Stormwater management was identified as a priority issue when Council undertook a priority setting process in 2009. The recent flood events in September 2012 have heightened the profile of the issue. This Information Item introduces the concept of a more comprehensive approach to stormwater management and identifies what the Municipality’s role might look like. It also lists possible actions that the Municipality could pursue in relation to flood and stormwater management. Possible next steps could include: prepare stormwater master plan and by-law; demonstrate green technology; re-establish flow monitoring on river; and, incorporate low impact development standards into County by-laws.

Closed Session

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary