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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, December 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
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 Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the agenda for December 13, 2012 be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #10b: Canada Post
- add Item #10c: Site Selection, Bible Hill Elementary School
- add under Item #11, Closed Session - Legal Advice (1) and Negotiations (3).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 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 November 20, 2012.

Presentations

Mr. Joe Ballard, President, Colchester Historical Society

In his powerpoint presentation, Mr. Ballard indicated that the Society is looking to Council for financial support for their capital campaign. The Society is working on a revitalization plan which began in 2009 with a

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Request for Proposals for a concept design to improve their product offering. The cost of this revitalization plan for the museum and archives was originally set at \$1.3 million; however, the Society has managed to reduce this amount to \$670,906 of which the Society has acquired \$201,384. To date, the Society has had new windows installed and completed basement renovations, landscaping and the Colchester Exhibit Interpretative Design.

The Society is requesting financial support for their capital campaign from both the County and the Town of Truro in the amount of \$112,673 each.

Mr. Ballard indicated that a formal request from the Society related to this presentation will be forwarded to Council in the near future. He also stated that copies of the Society's financial statements are available should Council wish to see them.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Commercial Blue Bag Tip Fee Contract Renewal

Staff noted that at the regular session of Council on November 29, 2012, authority was given to December Council Committee to make a final decision on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council Committee authorizes the Mayor and Acting Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Materials Recovery Facility Blue Bag contracts on behalf of the Municipality of Colchester."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Date for Budget Orientation Meeting

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Parker

"That the Operating Budget Orientation meeting be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2012."

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Councillors MacKenzie, Gibbs, Cooper,
Stewart, Blair, Parker & Taggart opposed)*

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Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Operating Budget Orientation meeting be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Appointment of
Council
Representatives -
Joint Flood
Advisory Committee**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That an advertisement be placed inviting expressions of interest for the County citizen representative position on the Joint Flood Advisory Committee; and,

That this citizen representative be appointed to this Committee by Council at a later date.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Mayor Taylor and Councillor Cavanaugh represent the Municipality of Colchester on the Joint Flood Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for
Takeover of Semple
Creek Road**

Councillor Gregory provided a brief history on Semple Creek Road which is located off Highway #6 in Brule. The road is three quarters of kilometre in length and has 11 properties on it. There has been a formal request for the Municipality to take over this private road. Councillor Gregory indicated that he has looked at this road and that it is in very good shape. He asked that consideration be given for the County to take over this road.

Staff noted that until such time as a policy is developed for the takeover of private roads, requests of this nature are handled on a case by case basis. Private roads must meet County standards before the Municipality will consider taking them over.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That staff be directed to look at Semple Creek Road to assess whether it is up to County standards and if not, what steps are required to meet these standards.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lighting -
Intersection of
Highway #6 and
Sand Point Road**

Councillor Gregory indicated that back in 1992, the Community Development Association leased a piece of property on Highway #6, one tenth of a kilometre east of the Sand Point Road. A sign was placed on this piece of property advertising the Village of Tatamagouche. A large floodlight was installed to help alleviate vandalism. Once the floodlight was installed, the streetlight on a pole at the intersection of Highway #6 and Sand Point Road was removed. Today, the sign has been removed along with the floodlight and the intersection is now in total darkness. For safety reasons, residents in the area are requesting that a streetlight be re-installed in the same area.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That staff be directed to assess the intersection of Highway #6 and Sand Point Road with the intention of having a streetlight re-installed in this area.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Canada Post

Councillor Taggart raised the issue of the possible closure of the Londonderry Post Office. He asked Council to consider writing a letter to Canada Post to ask the following questions:

- what procedures are in place for closing a rural post office;
- confirmation that Londonderry is under the moratorium of rural post offices that will not be closed;
- why the public has not been notified of what is going to take place after January 1, 2013 when the Postmistress retires and the current location is no longer available to use as a post office.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter be written to Canada Post requesting a status report on the possible closure of the Londonderry Post Office and what plans, if any, are in place regarding a new location for the facility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Taggart also indicated that for rural post offices, their business is based on volume. He would like to see the County consider using the rural post offices in Colchester County for any large mailouts that may come up in the future.

Site Selection Bible

Councillor Blair made reference to the recent announcement regarding the

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new elementary school to be built within the Village of Bible Hill to replace the Bible Hill Central Elementary and the East Court Road Elementary Schools.

Given that the Municipality has developed a master plan for Bible Hill which includes a school, Councillor Blair recommended that Council may wish to make a presentation to or meet with the Site Selection Committee or the School Board to find out where they are in the site selection process.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That as the spokesperson for Council, Mayor Taylor make a presentation to or meet with the Site Selection Committee or the Chignecto Central Regional School Board to make them aware of the Bible Hill Master Plan and to determine where they are in the site selection process for the new Bible Hill elementary school.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting go into closed session at 8:33 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:33 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary