

February 9, 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, February 9, 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 Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Bob White	District #9
----------------------	-------------

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for February 9, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- delete Item #12: Service Extension Curbside Collection
- add Item #12a: Property Tax and Other Write-Offs (on table)
- add Item #12b: Disposition of Assets (on table)
- Item #15, Closed Session: delete Personnel Matter and add (2) more Negotiation Matters.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 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 January 12, 2012.

Presentations

There were no public presentations received for this evening’s meeting.

February 9, 2012

**Lawn Bowling
Facility - Additional
Request for Funding**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of an additional \$30,000 grant to the lawn bowling facility project in fiscal year 2012-13, source of funds to be general operations; and, that the donation be conditional upon the Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club agreeing to use the Agridome for its off-season facility, if available; and, that this condition may only be varied by Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Non-Profit Grant
Policy Review**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That a decision on the Action Item on a review of the Non-Profit Grant Policy be deferred until after the non-profit Council Committee meetings are held.”

Motion **Defeated** Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of amendments to the Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Policy, as presented, and that these amendments go in effect in fiscal year 2013-14.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the administrative changes, as noted in the second bullet of the Action Item dated February 9, 2012, be amended as follows, effective 2012-13:

- applicants to submit quotes for capital improvements for projects over \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Street Paving -
Raven Road and
Junco Court**

Council agreed that the following residents be allowed to come forward and make a presentation regarding this matter:

Mr. Tom Spence indicated that he lives at 115 Raven Road. He did not sign the petition but was in favour of having the street paved. He had

February 9, 2012

raised concerns with the petition being rushed through and corner lots. He also had a problem with the petition process and the petition not being mailed out to residents.

Mr. George Kharma indicated that he is a resident of Junco Court. He is in agreement with this street getting paved as he feels it should help improve snow plowing service as well as adding value to his property.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Raven Road and Junco Court be approved for inclusion in the provincial priority list of street paving; and, that the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to include these two streets in its street paving priority list under the Cost-Shared Street Paving Program for 2012-13.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Low Income Tax
Exemption Policy**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the following amendment to the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy be approved:

- Single Family: - income increase from \$20,900 to \$22,154
- exemption increase from \$157.28 to \$166.72
- Family of 2: - income increase from \$27,500 to \$29,150
- exemption increase from \$209.70 to \$222.28
- Family of 3: - income increase from \$33,000 to \$34,980
- exemption increase from \$262.13 to \$277.86.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Appointment of
Returning Officer**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Mrs. Lorraine Dawson be appointed as Returning Officer for the period March 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015 to conduct all regular and special elections required under the Municipal Elections Act; and,

That, as per Section 4(1C) of the Municipal Elections Act, Council delegates its powers of any future appointments of the Returning Officer;

February 9, 2012

and, effective immediately, appointment of Assistant Returning Officer(s), to the Chief Administrative Officer.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**March Meeting
Dates**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee approves the date of Thursday, March 8, 2012 for the initial budget meeting and Thursday, March 22, 2012 for the additions/deletions meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Property Tax and
Other Write-Offs**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the write-off of property taxes and interest totalling \$773.47 and a Debert Water Utility billing of \$120.39, as detailed on the listings attached to the Action Item dated February 9, 2012.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Disposition of Assets

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Disposition of Assets Action Item be referred back to staff for additional information, including cost of new trommel screener with trade in of star screener, and the cost of renting a new trommel screener.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for Funding
- Village of Bible
Hill Upgrades to
Storm Drainage
System**

Staff noted that at the regular session of Council on January 26, 2012, authority was given to February Council Committee to make a final decision on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee approves cost sharing 50/50 with the Village of Bible Hill for the municipal component of the upgrade of the storm drainage system project at the Bible Hill Recreational Park, source of funds to be federal gas tax funds up to a maximum of \$120,833.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

February 9, 2012

ITEMS

Director's Report

A report from the Director of Solid Waste was circulated to Council in the package for this evening's meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

"That the meeting go into closed session at 9:44 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 12:08 a.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:09 a.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary