

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

A Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, March 8, 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 Gerald 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
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
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### **Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting was to receive presentations from staff regarding the draft “maintenance” budget. This is part of the budget process for 2012-13.

### **Addition to Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the following be added to the March 8, 2012 agenda:

- Closed Session: Property Matter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **CAO Presentation**

Mr. Dan McDougall, CAO, made a presentation concerning budget impacts and initiatives, the tax base and related calculations, and future issues. A copy of this presentation was circulated on table.

During the presentation, Council raised questions with respect to enforcement for sewer by-law, Emergency Operations Centre/Protective Services position increase to five days, archaeological costs in Debert, five-year plans for trails/parks,

process for developing land in Debert, and impact of increase in commercial assessment being absorbed by residential.

**Director of  
Corporate Services  
Presentation**

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, made a presentation on the budget process, 2011-12 projections, 2012-13 maintenance budget, items of interest by responsibility area, etc. A copy of this presentation was circulated on table.

**Questions and  
Answers/  
Information  
Requests**

Council questions/comments included a decrease in leachate costs, Chamber of Commerce funding request, reserve balances, increase in tipping fees as a result of going to clear bags, organizational review and the Marigold Centre.

**Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting go into closed session at 10:20 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:40 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:42 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Donna Campbell  
Finance Manager