

March 15, 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, March 15, 2012, immediately following a Special Meeting of Municipal Council 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 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

Regrets:

Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the agenda for March 15, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #10b: Masstown Market Intersection
- add Item #10c: Climate Change Conference
- add Item #10d: Emergency Management Office
- add Item #10e: Smoke Free Municipal Outdoor Recreational Places (on table)
- add Item #10f: Public Works Summer Term Position (on table)
- Item #12, Closed Session: delete Negotiations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2012 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on

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from Minutes

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Presentations**Truro Tennis Club**

Representing the Truro Tennis Club for this presentation were Miriam Kaiser and Shelley Flemming. Ms. Kaiser explained that originally, the Club had submitted an application for funding under the Municipality's Community Park Funding Program. Because the application did not fall within the parameters of this program, staff recommended that the funding request be submitted to Council for consideration.

Ms. Kaiser indicated that the Truro Tennis Club is looking for funding assistance in the amount of \$7,500 from the Municipality to support construction of mini courts on the Club's premises in order to expand its "10 and Under" tennis program. The total estimated capital cost of the project is \$55,400. A similar request has been submitted to the Town of Truro and an application has been made to the provincial Department of Health and Wellness for a larger amount.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That the presentation from the Truro Tennis Club be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That the request for funding assistance from the Truro Tennis Club be referred to the March 22, 2012 Additions/Deletions budget meeting."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS**Street Paving -
Delaney Drive,
Huckleberry Lane &
Mulberry Terrace**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that Delaney Drive, Huckleberry Lane and Mulberry Terrace be approved for inclusion in the provincial priority list of street paving; and, that the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to include these three streets in its street paving priority list under the Cost-Shared Street Paving Program for the year 2012-13."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Former Maple Leaf School

Moved by Councillor Edwards
 Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester accepts the Maple Leaf School and property declared surplus by the Chignecto Central Regional School Board.”

motion amended.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne (In
 Amendment)
 Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the acceptance of the Maple Leaf School and property be subject to the results of an environmental assessment.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The motion to amend having carried, the main motion, as presented, was voted on and carried unanimously.

Waste Management Master Plan - Composting & Biosolids Handling

Moved by Councillor White
 Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to invite proposals for engineering services for the Waste Management Master Plan Component III (design options for a double stream composting and biosolids handling facility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Women in Wellness Event - Canadian Mental Health Association

Moved by Mayor Taylor
 Seconded by Councillor White

“That the request for funding assistance from the Canadian Mental Health Association be referred to the March 22, 2012 Additions/Deletions budget meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

County Personnel Policies

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper

That Council Committee recommends to Council that the current Personnel Policies numbered 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04 and 3.02 be repealed; and, that revised Personnel Policies numbered 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04 be approved, as presented; and,

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That Personnel Policy numbered 3.02 be approved with the following amendment:

- under the heading Objectives, remove clause #5.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Masstown Market
Intersection**

Councillor Taggart expressed his disappointment with the study conducted by the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. The study was done at the request of Council to determine whether or not flashing lights were warranted at the Masstown Market Intersection. The study did not recommend flashing lights but that bushes be cut at the intersection in order to improve visibility.

Councillor Taggart would like to see Council ask the Province to conduct a traffic survey at this intersection during the busy season in July and August; and, at the very least, install a flashing red light on top of the existing stop sign when traffic crosses over the highway to get to the Masstown Market.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to consider installing a flashing red light on top of the stop sign at the Masstown Market Intersection, plus ‘dangerous intersection’ signs and a warning attached to the stop sign that says ‘cross traffic does not stop’.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Climate Change
Conference**

Councillor Taggart reported on a Climate Change Conference that he and the Deputy Mayor attended in Halifax on March 5-6, 2012. He suggested that an invitation be extended to the Department of Environment to make a presentation to Council on the Climate Adaptation Solutions Program and what it can do for municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That an invitation be extended to the Department of Environment to make a presentation to Council on the Climate Adaptation Solutions Program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Emergency
Management Office**

Councillor Taggart made a further reference to the two-day Climate Change Conference, where there was also a presentation on catastrophic weather. At Councillor Taggart's suggestion, Council agreed that the Emergency Management Office be invited to Council at some point to speak on what they have in place for when such weather events occur.

**Smoke Free
Municipal Outdoor
Recreational Places**

During Council's discussion on this item, the following suggestions were made:

- no total ban on smoking, particularly on trails
- signs placed at locations where people gather or congregate
- education policy to promote no smoking, not enforce it (appropriate signage to reflect this)

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That staff be directed to review the Smoke Free Municipal Outdoor Recreation Places Policy with a view to incorporating suggestions received from Council; and, that the revised policy be brought forward at the March Council meeting for consideration and approval."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Public Works
Summer Term
Position**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that a summer term position for the Public Works Department be approved for 26 weeks, effective April 16, 2012."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS****Director's Report**

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

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That the meeting go into closed session at 9:10 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Agreement -
Footprint
Developments
Limited**

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that, as a result of the failure of the developer to commence construction within the time provided for in the Agreement, that the Agreement dated November 2, 2009 between Footprint Developments Limited and the Municipality of the County of Colchester be terminated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to sell the three lots on Pictou Road through a real estate agency rather than a request for proposals process.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Former Salmon
River Elementary
School**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester retain the former Salmon River Elementary School property for a potential future municipal use.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the small portion of land (10,500 square feet) be offered for sale to the neighbouring property owner at appraised market value; and if not accepted, withdraw the offer.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the building be rented to the RCMP at market rates for the purpose of carrying out training exercises; and, that the revenue exceeding rental expenses be set aside for future demolition costs.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary