

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 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor	
Councillor Gerald Buott	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7 (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2

Process Overview

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2012-13 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions will be considered, including economic development grants and grants to non-profit organizations.

At the conclusion of this meeting, an operating budget and general tax rates will be set. The decisions made at this evening's meeting will require Council approval at month end. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at month end, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

Addition to Agenda

As the Solid Waste Manager would not be available for the regular March Council Committee meeting, Council agreed with staff's suggestion that one item be added to the agenda for this evening's meeting:

- Service Extension of Curbside Collection for 4-6 Unit Apartments

**Service Extension of
Curbside Collection
for 4-6 Unit
Apartments**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to proceed to negotiate with the current curbside collection contractor for additional services for the 92 four to six unit apartment buildings and for any future buildings that would be included during the life of the collection contract; and,

That all property owners that do not want to have municipal curbside collection for their apartment buildings must annually submit this in writing by June 1st each year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Non-Profit Grant
Applications**

**Economy Recreation
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Economy Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Economy Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$4,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brule Community
Centre Association**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brule Community Centre Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Brule Community Centre Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Canadian Mental
Health Association -
Colchester/East
Hants**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Canadian Mental Health Association - Colchester/East Hants.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Cooper, White and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Canadian Mental Health Association - Colchester/East Hants receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Cooper, White and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Canadian Mental Health Association - Colchester/East Hants receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper, White and Taggart opposed)*

**Ron MacKay
Memorial Youth
Band**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant from the Ron MacKay Memorial Youth Band be denied.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Mackenzie, LeFresne, White and McKenna opposed)*

Moved by Councillor White

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Ron MacKay Memorial Youth Band.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Buott, Cooper and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Ron MacKay Memorial Band receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Buott, Cooper, Edwards and Taggart opposed)*

Colchester Crime Stoppers

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for a grant from the Colchester Crime Stoppers be denied.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors Cooper, MacKenzie, LeFresne and McKenna opposed)*

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Crime Stoppers.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Buott, White and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Colchester Crime Stoppers receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Buott, Edwards and Taggart opposed)*

Northumberland Arts Council

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Northumberland Arts Council.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Councillors Buott, Edwards, MacKenzie, Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

During discussion on this application, it was recommended that the Northumberland Arts Council be invited to come back to Council after their strategic planning exercise is complete.

Creative Voices of Truro Society

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the request for a grant from the Creative Voices of Truro Society be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh and Councillor MacKenzie opposed)*

Barrachois Community Hall Association

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for a grant from the Barrachois Community Hall Association be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor LeFresne opposed)*

Colchester County 4-H Council

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.
Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Colchester County 4-H Council receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

**Colchester Regional
Hospital Foundation**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the request for a grant from the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester East
Hants Hospice
Society**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor
Cavanaugh, Councillors Buott, Cooper,
MacKenzie, LeFresne, Taggart and
McKenna opposed)*

**Middle Stewiacke
Recreation
Association**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor
Cavanaugh, Councillors LeFresne and
Taggart opposed)*

**Great Village
Community
Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Great Village Community Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Great Village Community Association receive a grant in the

amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Boys and Girls Club
of Truro and
Colchester**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Truro and Colchester.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Boys and Girls Club of Truro and Colchester receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

**Earlton
Community Centre**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Earlton Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Earlton Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Alton Creation
Centre**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Alton Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Alton Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Balfron Community
Hall Association**

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant from the Balfron Community Hall Association be denied.”

Motion **Defeated** Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Balfron Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Buott, Cooper, Edwards
and MacKenzie opposed)*

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Balfron Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bayhead
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bayhead Community Hall.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Bayhead Community Hall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Veterans’
Memorial Park**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant from the Cobequid Veterans’ Memorial

Park be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for a grant from the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

MADD Cobequid

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to MADD Cobequid.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That MADD Cobequid receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Maggie’s Place

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Maggie’s Place.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Maggie’s Place receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

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

**Middleton
Community Hall
Association**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middleton Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Middleton Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Warwick Mountain
Recreation Club**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Councillor McKenna

“That the request for a grant from the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club be denied.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor
Cavanaugh, Councillors MacKenzie,
LeFresne and White opposed)*

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club.”

Motion Carried .

*(Councillors Taggart and McKenna
opposed)*

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**West St. Andrews
Community Club**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the West St. Andrews Community Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the West St. Andrews Community Club receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Five Islands Senior
Citizens’ Club**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a contribution be approved in the amount of \$4,000 to the Five Islands Senior Citizens’ Club, source of funds to be the Bass River House Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic
Development Grant
Applications**

**Nova Scotia Blind
Golf Association**

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor McKenna opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors LeFresne and McKenna opposed)*

**Creamery Square
Association**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Creamery Square Association (Tatamagouche Tattoo).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne

Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Creamery Square Association (Tatamagouche Tattoo) receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Midget ‘AAA’
Bearcat Hockey
Team**

Moved by Councillor White

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Midget ‘AAA’ Bearcat Hockey Team, conditional upon the Team winning the bid for hosting the championship event in 2013.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Truro Midget ‘AAA’ Bearcat Hockey Team receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000, conditional upon the Team winning the bid for hosting the championship event in 2013.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Acadian Games
Organizing
Committee**

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor White

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Acadian Games Organizing Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Acadian Games Organizing Committee receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Take Off Pounds
Sensibly (TOPS)**

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh opposed)*

**North River &
District Recreation
Association**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the North River & District Recreation Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the North River & District Recreation Association receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff recommended that with prior motions being approved and funded through Economic Development Grants, Council may wish to put additional funding in the 2012-13 budget for any requests received during the upcoming fiscal year.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the 2012-13 budget for Economic Development Grants be increased by \$14,500 for any requests received during the upcoming fiscal year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Non-Grant Requests
for Funding**

Trails

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the Trails Capital budget for 2012-13 be increased by \$25,000 to \$75,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper, Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

North Shore Arena

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That an amount of \$50,000 be allocated to the North Shore Arena Reserve until such time as the funding is required to replace the floor in the facility in Tatamagouche.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Marigold Centre

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for a grant from the Marigold Centre in the amount of \$80,000 be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester Legion

Staff noted an email dated February 26, 2012 from the Legion Building Committee indicating that until the issue is resolved with the Canada Revenue Agency, the most that would be requested for their building fund in 2012-13 would be 50% or \$37,500.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That no further action be taken on the funding request from the Colchester Legion at this time.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro and District
Chamber of
Commerce**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the funding request from the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Organizational
Review**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the request for \$40,000 to cover direct costs for Year One of the Organizational Review Plan be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh left the meeting due to illness.

Councillor Cooper assumed the position of Alternate Chair.

Truro Tennis Club

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the funding request of \$7,500 from the Truro Tennis Club for construction of mini-courts be approved.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

**Canadian Mental
Health Association -
Women in Wellness**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the funding request of \$1,856 from the Canadian Mental Health Association -Women in Wellness to cover off expenses incurred for an event held in 2011-12 be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2012-13 Operating
Budget and Tax
Rates**

It was noted by staff that Council may wish to consider including a \$204,000 contribution to the civic centre to reduce the amount the Municipality would have to borrow to finance the project. Should Council not wish to make this contribution, the proposed commercial tax rate for 2012-13 could be reduced by 1 cent, leaving it the same as in 2011-12.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2012-13 Operating Budget be approved with the Additions/Deletions as set out at this meeting, with a residential tax rate of \$0.84 and a commercial tax rate of \$2.25.”

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

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the cash contribution to the civic centre project be reduced by \$25,000 in 2012-13.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

**Transfer to
Operating Reserve**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the transfer of \$500,000 from general operations in 2011-12 to the Operating Reserve Fund.”

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary