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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, May 17, 2012 immediately following a Special Session of the 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 Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Gerry Buott	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
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 Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the agenda for May 17, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #6a: Mastown Intersection
- add Item #15b: Agriculture in Colchester
- add Item #16b: UNSM Resolutions
- add Item #15c: Sidewalk Inspection Criteria (staff presentation)
- add Item #15d: Request of Council Member to Serve on NSPE Board of Directors (on table)
- add Item #15e: Colchester Bike Week Proclamation (on table)
- move Item #15 to Closed Session, Town of Stewiacke Library Funding Request (staff presentation).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moment of Silence

Council observed a moment of silence for Mr. John Boudreau who passed away on May 16, 2012. Mr. Boudreau had been a Councillor for the Municipality of the County of Richmond for eight years, the last six as Warden. Mr. Boudreau was also the father of one of Colchester County’s engineering staff.

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

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

Presentations

S/Sgt. John Berry, Bible Hill RCMP Detachment

S/Sgt. Berry introduced the new Superintendent of Northeast Nova, Darrell Beaton.

In his presentation, S/Sgt. Berry provided an update on the recent upgrades to the Bible Hill Detachment office building, including a new closed circuit system in the cell block area, new DVD system in the interview room, new video conference equipment in conference room, and a live scan fingerprint machine for reference checks. There has also been an upgrade of breathalyser machines at Bible Hill, Tatamagouche and Stewiacke. The old office in Stewiacke has been torn down and replaced with a trailer on a permanent foundation. In Tatamagouche, there have been several successful initiatives, including the musical ride, bike course and pumpkin patrol at Halloween.

S/Sgt. Berry reported that existing resources are meeting their current needs. They are looking at six moves this summer, two of which are retirements.

S/Sgt. Berry also spoke on initiatives the RCMP has been involved in over the past year, including a False Alarm Strategy, hiring of a criminal analyst, and the Safe City Weapons Project.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the presentation from the Bible Hill RCMP Detachment be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS**Masstown Market Intersection**

Councillor Taggart reported that today another accident took place at the Masstown Market intersection. He asked that Council once again support his request for another letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding this situation.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That a letter be written to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal indicating that the solutions offered by the Department to address the safety issue at the Masstown Market Intersection are not acceptable; and, that the intersection requires flashing red lights as well as ‘throughway traffic has right-of-way signage’.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Solid Waste Service Extension to Non-Profit Organizations

Ms. Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager, provided a powerpoint presentation on a proposal to extend collection services to non-profit organizations such as churches, fire departments and community halls.

In the presentation, Council was asked to consider the following:

- who should get the service - all properties or application based
- level of service - existing household service or no limit on set out materials, within 3 meters of curbside or provision of storage container or onsite storage area
- funding - all properties, user paid or no charge
- implementation - six months from now or start of next fiscal year
- status quo

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That staff be directed to develop a report to bring back to Council on extension of collection services to non-profit organizations based on application for service and fee for only those organizations that apply for service.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Construction &
Demolition By-law**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the new Construction and Demolition By-law go forward to May Council for first reading, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Council
Appointments to
Civic Centre
Operating Board**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the appointment of Mayor Taylor and Councillor Masters to the Civic Centre Operating Board until Council has had an opportunity to consider appointments after the October 2012 election.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2012-13 Area Rate
Budgets**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2012-13 Area Rate Budgets be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

During Council’s discussion on the area rates, it was recommended and agreed to that a decision on funding for the Robie Street Roundabout Sidewalk Project be put on hold until May Council at which time Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will be asked to make a presentation on the project.

**Northumberland
Arts Council (NAC
Request for Funding**

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Northumberland Arts Council for the purpose of renovating the Fraser Cultural Centre where the NAC is located, source of funds to be from general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Taggart and McKenna
opposed)*

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**Regulation of Fares
in Taxi By-law and
Taxi Committee**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Councillor Taggart and Councillor Buott be appointed to work with the Town of Truro on a draft taxi by-law for the Municipality of Colchester; and,

That regulation of fares not be included in the draft taxi by-law.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Date of May Council

Mayor Taylor asked that Council consider changing the date of May Council as he would be out of town on May 29, 2012.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the date of the May Council session be changed from Tuesday, May 29th to Wednesday, May 30, 2012.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Minor
Football Association
- ‘Touchdown 50’**

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Blair left the meeting and did not return until after the following motion was passed.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a contribution in the amount of \$2,000 to the Truro Minor Football Association in support of a ‘Touchdown 50’ celebration event being held at various locations in Colchester County on September 22, 2012, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

LED Streetlights

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Municipality of Colchester complete a Lighting Design Plan and an Installation Plan in preparation for the conversion to LED streetlights.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Agriculture in
Colchester**

Councillor Taggart made reference to the Province’s recent announcement regarding the move of the head office of the Department of Agriculture

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from Halifax to Truro. He expressed his desire to have Councillors, if interested, tour a couple of farms in the West Colchester area to help them appreciate the value of agriculture in the County.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Councillor Taggart organize a tour of the Millen and Cooper farms in the West Colchester area.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Town of Stewiacke
Library Funding
Request**

At staff’s suggestion, given the late hour of the meeting, Council agreed that this staff presentation be postponed until June Council Committee.

**Sidewalk Inspection
Criteria**

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**Request of Council
Member to Serve on
NSPE Board of
Directors**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Mayor Taylor be appointed to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Board of Directors.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Bike
Week Proclamation**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the week of May 26-June 3, 2012 be proclaimed Colchester Bike Week in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**Climate Change
Adaptation Fund**

At the April 26, 2012 meeting, Council referred the Climate Change Adaptation Fund to Council Committee. The Climate Change Adaptation Fund has been shared with municipal staff for review. At this point, the Director of Public Works has determined that there may be a possibility to apply for funding for a project(s) related to the proposed work of the Flood Advisory Committee. In that regard, this program will be added to an agenda for the Flood Advisory Committee for consideration and potential action.

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UNSM Resolutions

Councillor McKenna encouraged Council to submit any UNSM resolutions for the 2012 Fall Conference which are due the end of June. Councillor McKenna also indicated that he was going to put his name forward again for the Resolutions Committee.

Discussion was held regarding re-submitting the Water Utilities Regulations resolution again.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting go into closed session at 11:05 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:25 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Commercial Blue
Bag Tip Fee**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of the following tip fee rate structure for commercial haulers in Colchester County with an implementation date of July 1, 2012:

<u>Current</u>	<u>July 1/12</u>	<u>April 1/13</u>	<u>April 1/14</u>
Sorted - \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clean - \$45	\$65	\$75	\$85
Extra - \$100	\$120	\$130	\$140

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:27 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary