

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, June 29, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with all Councillors present.

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Agenda be approved with four additions.” Motion carried.

Minutes

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That the minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2000 be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

Business arising from minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a letter be written to the Northern Region Health Board requesting a meeting to discuss the closure of the Coronary Care Unit at Colchester Regional Hospital.” Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Johnson presented to Council a plaque of appreciation received from the Fundy Senior Games .

Special Presentation - Gordie West

Warden Smith on behalf of Municipal Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Gordie West on his retirement from the RCMP.

Presentations:

LaFarge Canada

Mr. Jim Cross, Manage, LaFarge Canada Cement Plant in Brookfield made a presentation to Council regarding the Equipment & Machinery Tax.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That the presentation of Mr. Jim Cross be received.” Motion carried.

**Margo Creelman,
Brookfield Lumber
Co.**

Ms. Margo Creelman, representing Brookfield Lumber Company, made a presentation to Council regarding the Machinery and Equipment Tax

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the presentation of Ms. Margo Creelman be received.” Motion carried.

**Alan Peters -
Colchester Trails
Association**

Mr. Alan Peters presented a report on activities of the Colchester Trails Association.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That the report on the Colchester Trails Association be received.” Motion carried.

Hilden School

Mr. Terry Forbes, Hilden, requested Council to consider selling the Old Hilden School Property to him. Mr. Forbes owns property abutting the school property and uses a right-of-way across this property to access his home.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the presentation of Mr. Terry Forbes be received.” Motion carried.

Correspondence

**Angus MacIsaac
Minister of Labour**

A letter from **Honourable Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Labour** requested comments on the Fire Safety Bill.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from the Honourable Angus MacIsaac be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Mayor Phil Roberts,
Town of Annapolis
Royal**

A letter from Mayor Phil Roberts, Town of Annapolis Royal, containing information on the UNSM Towns Caucus.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the letter from Mayor Phil Roberts, Town of Annapolis Royal, be referred to the August meeting of Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Mary Stevenson,
Chair, Chignecto-
Central School Board**

A letter from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** advising that the Hilden school building has been declared surplus effective August 31, 2000 and offering the property to the County.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson

“That a letter be written to the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board advising that the Municipality is not interested in purchasing the former Hilden School property, and also advising that a presentation was made to Council by Mr. Terry Forbes of Hilden, expressing an interest in the property.” Motion carried.

**Chris Markwood,
Vice-President of
Operations, Rothsay**

A letter from **Chris Markwood, Vice-President of Operations, Rothsay** requested permission to connect to the Central Colchester Trunk Sewer.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the request from Rothsay be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

**Paul Temple, Senior
Vice-President,
Pelmorex**

A letter from **Paul Temple, Senior Vice-President, Pelmorex** requesting support for the proposed emergency alert system. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Rob Bennett,
Regional Manager,
NS Power**

A letter from **Rob Bennett, Regional Manager, NS Power** enclosing the cheque for grant-in-lieu of taxes for the period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**John MacKay,
Executive Director,
Assessment Services**

A letter from **John MacKay, Executive Director, Assessment Services**, containing information relating to the proposed 2001 assessment roll. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Sam Synard,
President FCM**

A letter from **Sam Synard, President, FCM**, requesting that June 21st be recognized as National Aboriginal Day. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Jamie Muir,
Minister of Health**

A letter from **Jamie Muir, Minister of Health**, acknowledging receipt of letters regarding need for doctors. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Warden Chris Perry,
Municipality of
Yarmouth**

A letter from **Warden Chris Perry, Municipality of Yarmouth** enclosing a copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister regarding transfer payments for health care. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Duart MacAulay,
President, UNSM**

A letter from **Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM** advising of the HST offset payment in the amount of \$72,759.62. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

OilHeatfax

The June Newsletter from the **Canadian Oil Heat Association - NS Chapter**. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Bernie White,
Municipal Clerk,
CBRM**

A copy of a letter from **Bernie White, Municipal Clerk, CBRM to Premier John Hamm** re privatization of Government Liquor Stores. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**South Colchester
Development
Association**

A letter from the **South Colchester Development Association** containing information from their Annual Meeting. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**D G Gilroy, Town
Clerk, Town of Truro**

A letter from **D G Gilroy, Town Clerk, Town of Truro**, enclosing a copy of correspondence received from PETA. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Fay Patey, Project
Co-ordinator, Police
Act Review
Committee**

A letter from **Fay Patey, Project Co-ordinator Police Act Review Committee** requesting submissions regarding the Police Act Review Committee. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Senior Citizens
Secretariat**

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Senior Citizens Secretariat** designating June 18-24 as Senior Citizens' Week. Council agreed to

receive the letter for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A letter from the **Building Inspector** containing the building permit statistics for the month of May. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**David Grace, Chair,
Red Tape Reduction
Task Force**

A letter from **David Grace, Chair, Red Tape Reduction Task Force** enclosing information on the recently formed Task Force. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Human Resources
Development
Canada**

A letter from **Human Resources Development Canada** acknowledging receipt of correspondence from the Warden. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Hon David M.
Collenette, Minister
of Transport**

A letter from **Hon David M. Collenette, Minister of Transport**, acknowledging receipt of letter regarding the condition of rural roads in Nova Scotia. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Ronald S. Russell,
Minister, Dept. of
Transportation**

A letter from **Ronald S. Russell, Minister, Department of Transportation** acknowledging receipt of letter concerning replacement of the Valley Bridge. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from **Ronald S. Russell, Minister, Department of Transportation** to Mrs. Grace Archibald re McElmon Road. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Heritage Trust of
Nova Scotia**

A newsletter, *The Griffin*, from **Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia**. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Angus MacIsaac,
Minister,
Department of
Housing & Municipal
Affairs**

A letter from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Department of Housing & Municipal Affairs** responding to the Municipality's letter regarding assessment services. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Development Officer

A report from the **Development Officer** containing Development Activity Report for the month of May 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Mr. Brian Holland,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Municipality of the
District of Barrington**

A letter from **Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of the District of Barrington**, regarding the Province-Wide Radio Communications System. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Jerry Hallee, Mayor,
Town of Amherst**

A copy of a letter from **Jerry Hallee, Mayor, Town of Amherst** to the Prime Minister regarding health care. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**NS Utility & Review
Board**

A letter from the **NS Utility & Review Board** enclosing a copy of an appeal from residents of Huckleberry Lane and area regarding the Development Agreement with C & P Contracting Ltd. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Chignecto- Central
Regional School
Board**

Minutes from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** from their meetings held on May 10 and 24, 2000. Council agreed to receive the minutes for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** to the Deputy Minister of Education regarding their New Plan for School Construction. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Brooke Taylor, MLA

A letter from **Brooke Taylor, MLA** in response to the Municipality's letter to the Minister of Health. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Mayor Cathy Cotter,
Town of Trenton**

A letter from **Mayor Cathy Cotter, Town of Trenton** scheduling a meeting to discuss Nova Scotia Power Taxation on July 14, 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Ralph Welton,
Warden,
Municipality of
Cumberland**

A copy of a letter from **Ralph Welton, Warden, the Municipality of the County of Cumberland**, to Honourable Angus MacIsaac requesting a meeting to discuss issues related to the main gas transmission pipelines. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Mary Lou Griswold,
Director of Income
Assistance, NS
Community Services**

A letter from **Director of Income Assistance, NS Community Services** announcing that the Property Tax Rebate Program for Seniors has been reinstated. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Council
Remuneration**

Council Matheson introduced for discussion purposes the subject of councillor's remuneration. Councillor Matheson felt that Councillors should review the issue of remuneration prior to the upcoming Fall election..

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the matter of Council Remuneration be referred to the August Council Committee meeting.” Motion carried.

Executive Committee

Councillor Cavanaugh opened discussion on the requirements for an Executive Committee. He felt that all Councillors should sit on this Committee.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That the discussion on Executive Committee be referred to the August Council Committee meeting.” Motion carried.

**First Reading -
Planning By-law**

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the application made by Charles Wilson to amend the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law with respect to flood plain delineation be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee to carry out a public participation program, and for review and recommendation, and

That the proposed flood plain delineation amendments outlined on the attached material be given First Reading for purposes of forwarding these documents to a public hearing, reserving consideration of the merits until Second Reading immediately following the Public Hearing, and

That the Clerk be authorized to set and advertise a date for a public hearing on the proposed amendment.” Motion carried.

**125th Anniversary -
Town of Truro**

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That a decision regarding recognition of the Town of Truro’s 125th Anniversary be referred to the August Council Committee meeting.” Motion carried.

**Art Purchase
Program**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That Councillors Blair and Elliott be appointed to the Art Selection Committee for the year 2000.” Motion carried.

**Maritimes &
Northeast Pipeline**

Warden Smith provided information on a recent meeting with Guysborough County regarding Maritimes Northeast Pipeline. It is the feeling of these municipalities that Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline cannot be treated as a Utility. A meeting has been scheduled with the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs and other affected Municipalities will be approached to meet on this subject.

**Newspaper Article re
WalMart**

Councillor Baas raised concerns that an individual Councillor was being quoted in the newspaper regarding the Public Hearing regarding Exit 13. Considerable discussion ensued and Council reiterated that the Solicitor was the spokesperson for the Municipality on this issue.

Correspondence

Councillor Merriam read into record a letter from Brien Phelan in support of the request for extension to the County water and sewer lines in Tatamagouche.

**Waste Reduction
Staff Report**

A Report from the Waste Reduction Coordinator outlined the summer student programs.

**Council Committee
Report**

Councillor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meetings held on May 29, June 15 and June 26 which consisted of the following motions.

**CoRDA Business
Plan & Strategic Plan**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the following comments be made to CoRDA respecting the Strategic Plan and Business Plan:

- i. The Municipality of Colchester recommends that Municipal Council appoint 5 representatives to the CoRDA Board, comprised of two elected officials and three representatives of the community at large.
- ii. That CoRDA annually make a financial presentation to Council during budget deliberations.
- iii. That the Municipal funding level to CoRDA remain unchanged at this time.
- iv. That the Municipality of Colchester advance a maximum of 75% of the approved Municipal funding to CoRDA each year in advance of Audited Financial Statements.

- v. That formal comment on the organizational structure be withheld until discussions regarding Debert are completed.
- vi. That Colchester register opposition to the suggestion that accounting services be performed through the Joint Expenditure Board.
- vii. That Colchester state its full support of the three Community Development Associations and recommend that funding to these three organizations remain at the current level of \$35,000 per year.”

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That motion #vii be amended to read as follows:

That Colchester state its full support of the three Community Development Associations and recommend that core funding to these three organizations remain at a minimum of \$35,000 inclusive of other funding sources.”
Amendment defeated.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That motion #vii be amended to read as follows:

That Colchester state its full support of the three Community Development Associations and recommend that core funding to these organizations remain at \$35,000 per year, exclusive of all other funding.”

Voting on the amendment, the amendment was carried.

The motion to amend having been carried, the original motion was put and carried as amended.

Dog Control Program

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

1. That the Municipality adopt the practice of euthanasia by way of needle.
2. That the Municipality enter into a contract with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College for euthanasia services, subject to the final form of the Agreement being satisfactory to the NSAC and the CAO.
3. That the Municipality endorse a practice where dogs are sent to Peaceful Acres Pet Cemetery for burial.
4. That the Municipality contact the Minister of Natural Resources and advise that the Municipality has changed its euthanasia practice and in the future will provide services in accordance with the County By-law and procedures.
5. That the Dog Control Budget be increased by \$20,000 to reflect changes in the program.
6. That the Municipality write the Town of Truro advising that effective immediately the Town will assume 40% of the costs of the Dog Control Program.”

Motion carried.

Infilling on Flood Plain

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a process be put in place to change the flood line on Farnham Road according to the map presented by Mr. Charlie Wilson.” Motion carried.

White Paper on Policing

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality write the Department of Justice, copied to the UNSM, Premier of Nova Scotia and all Municipalities in the Province, registering opposition to the downloading of services proposed in the White Paper on Policing.” Motion carried.

Position Vacancies

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“ That Administration open competition for the three positions at the Balefill, in accordance with the Collective Agreement and Personnel Policies.” Motion carried.

**Balefill Reserve
Fund and Loan
Schedules**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the repayment schedules and allocations for the Balefill Closure Reserve Fund, the Cell Construction loan and Special Equipment Reserve be approved, as presented, and that these schedules continue to be reviewed annually.” Motion carried.

**Road Signage -
North River Fire
District, Valley-
Kemptown Fire
District and Onslow-
Belmont Fire District**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality contact the Department of Transportation and Public Works and request that they install road signs, according to their signage standards, using the 911 street names on the enclosed list of intersections lacking signage, and

That the Department of Transportation and Public Works be requested to modify their road signage to agree with the 911 street names on the enclosed discrepancy list.” Motion carried.

Policy On Interest

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Policy on Interest, as amended by changing 1. (i) to read 15% per annum, be approved.” Motion carried.

**Utility Taxation
Discussion Paper**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Ros

“That Colchester seek support from and join forces with the five other Rural Municipalities affected by the Discussion Paper on Municipal Taxation of Utilities.” Motion carried.

Oil Refineries

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“ That the UNSM be requested to pass a resolution that Oil Refineries not be allowed to open new service stations.” Motion carried.

**Sale of Land -
Kemptown**

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality of Colchester allow for inclusion of an additional 1.1 acres in its Purchase and Sale Agreement with Atlantic Trucking and Lime Spreading at no additional cost. The total acreage to be sold with the amendment is 13.1 acres, at a cost of \$60,000.” Motion carried.

**Reports from
Councillors
appointed to outside
Boards, Committees**

Councillor Taylor reported on the Annual Meeting of CoRDA, Councillor Matheson reported that the Ad Hoc Recycling Committee had met and agreed that the Committee be disbanded. Councillor Blair reported that the Regional Library had received funds from the Gates Foundation and a Computer Learning Centre will be set up. Councillor Baas reported that there is no available space at CPDS and Semptra Gas will be opening an office in Debert. Councillor Elliott reported that a copy of the report of the Annual Meeting of the Children’s Aid Society will be forwarded to all Councillors.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera Session. Council reconvened in open session at the conclusion of the in-camera meeting with Councillors Ross and Cooke absent.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes
Deputy Clerk