

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, March 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with all Councillors present.

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That the Agenda be approved with three additions and one item moved to the April Council Committee meeting.” Motion carried

Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2000 be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

Presentation: CoRDA

Mr. Ron Creighton, Chairman and Mr. Dan Uberoi, Executive Director, of CoRDA appeared before Council to outline CoRDA’s 2000-2005 Draft Plan.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the report as presented by Mr. Ron Creighton and Mr. Dan Uberoi be received.” Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That discussion regarding CoRDA be referred to a Special Meeting of Council Committee on a meeting date set by the Clerk.” Motion carried.

Correspondence:

National Kids’ Day

A letter from **Ramona Kaptyn, Executive Director, National Kids’ Day** requesting the Municipality proclaim Saturday, June 10, 2000 as National Kids’ Day.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That the Municipality proclaim Saturday, June 10, 2000 as National Kids’ Day.” Motion carried.

G & P Contracting Limited

A letter from **G & P Contracting Limited** requesting a Development Agreement for land between Pictou Road and Huckleberry Lane.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the request from G & P Contracting Limited for a Development Agreement be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee and the Clerk be authorized to set a date and time for the Public Hearing.” Motion carried.

RRFB

A letter from the **RRFB** regarding lease of premises at the Materials Recovery Facility.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the letter from the RRFB be referred to Council Committee.” Motion carried.

Christopher L.A. Clarke, Mayor, Region of Queens

A letter from **Christopher L.A. Clarke, Mayor, Region of Queens**, expressing objection to the UNSM taxing volunteer groups and requesting support from other municipal units. Council agreed to refer this matter to Council Committee.

Jay Brenton, A/Regional Manager, Department of the Environment

A letter from **Jay Brenton, A/Regional Manager, Department of the Environment**, responding to the Municipality’s letter regarding Watercourse Enhancement Program.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That a letter be written to the Minister of Environment, copied to local MLA’s, requesting assistance in our Watercourse Enhancement Program and stressing the importance of this Program to our Municipality.” Motion carried.

**Municipality of the
County of
Cumberland**

A letter from the **Municipality of the County of Cumberland** requesting another meeting to discuss education concerns.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality of Cumberland be advised that all Councillors of the Municipality of Colchester will attend another meeting to discuss education concerns.” Motion carried.

A letter from **Recreation Nova Scotia** clarifying information submitted regarding the Volunteer Awards Luncheon. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A monthly newsletter (**Transition News**) from the Nova Scotia Department of Health. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Municipality of the County of Richmond** enclosing a summary of the meeting of rural municipal units. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Duart MacAulay, President, UNSM** enclosing the Natural Gas Update. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline** containing an update on the Halifax Lateral Pipeline Project. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Kim McCallum** containing comments on the 2000/2001 county budget. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board** acknowledging receipt of the County’s letter requesting intervener status. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Maxine Whynot, Mayor, Town of Windsor**, expressing concern regarding the cost of the Provincial Awards Day Ceremony and Luncheon for Volunteers. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Development Officer** containing the Development Activity Report for the month of February, 2000. Council agreed to

receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Building Inspector** containing the Building Permit Statistics for the month of February, 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Canadian Oil Heat Association** expressing concern that Sempra is seeking a special tax deal from municipalities. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Jane Fraser, Department of Housing & Municipal Affairs**, enclosing a cheque in the amount of \$1,080. as a one-time contribution to municipal water testing. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Rudy Vodicka, Municipal Policy Analyst, UNSM**, containing a question and answer sheet regarding Natural Gas Distribution. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Jane Purves, Minister, Department of Education**, in response to our letter of February 16, 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **FCM** containing information from the Federal Budget re municipal infrastructure. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Sam Synard, President, FCM** calling for Nominations for a Race Relations Award. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **Ruth Allen, Long Range Planning Committee, Municipality of Cumberland**, requesting input into Cumberland's Long Range Strategic Plan. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from **Jane Purves, Minister, Department of Education** to Deputy Warden Ruth Allen regarding a meeting with municipalities regarding school board issues. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **FCM** informing Council that March 21 was UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** enclosing minutes of meeting held on February 9, 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Celebrate Canada Committee** containing promotional materials for “Celebrate Canada” 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **John F. Hamm, Premier** responding to our letter of February 17th regarding fuel and gasoline prices. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission** containing a schedule of events for The Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board** responding to a letter from the Warden regarding the Five Islands Elementary School. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from **CMHC** calling for submissions to innovative housing research partnership. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of a letter from the **Municipality of Pictou County** to the Prime Minister and Minister of Health. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A letter from the **Nova Scotia Forest Products Association** containing an Executive Summary of a study released by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and the NS Forest Products Association. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A copy of **UNSM** evidence in support of the public hearing process re Sempra Atlantic Gas vs Halifax Regional Municipality. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**2nd Reading -
Municipal Holiday
By-law**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Municipal Holiday By-law.” Motion carried.

**Volunteer Week
Selections**

Councillor Merriam removed himself from the table during discussion on the following motion.

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council endorse the Selection Committee choice of Keith Hamilton as Colchester Volunteer Representative of the Year, Zoe Lindsay as Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award Recipient and P.E.A.C.H.Y. - 4 - Youth Society as Volunteer Group of the Year and recognize Amy Hefferman of Brookfield for being selected as Nova Scotia Volunteer Youth of the Year.” Motion carried.

Councillor Merriam returned to the table at this point in the meeting.

Council Committee

Deputy Warden Johnson presented the report from Council Committee which consisted of the following motions.

**2000-01 Operating
Budget and Tax
Rates**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the 2000-01 Operating Budget be approved with Additions and Deletions made on March 8, 2000, and a Residential Tax Rate of 83¢ and a Commercial Tax Rate of \$1.91.” Motion carried.

CTCL - Lida Bus

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

“That the Municipality agree to an extension of the lease with the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Limited, for a period from April 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000, at a price of \$1, subject to agreement with the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke, and

That the Municipality pursue discussions with CTCL through the Joint Expenditure Board for disposition of the LIDA Bus.” Motion carried.

**Grant Request -
Fundy Senior Games**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a grant request of \$300 be approved for the Fundy Senior Games, source of funds to be the 1999-2000 Economic Development Grants Budget.” Motion carried.

**Policy on Naming
and Re-Naming
Private Roads**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Policy on Naming and Re-Naming Private Roads be approved.”
Motion carried

**Hazardous Tree
Removal By-law**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That staff be instructed to prepare a draft By-law and Indemnity and Cost Agreement with the Village of Bible Hill for dangerous trees, for review by Council, with no cost or liability to be incurred by the County.”
Motion carried.

**Capital Grant -
Village of Bible Hill**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Village of Bible Hill receive a Capital Grant allocation of 33% of the remaining funds of \$91,760.” Motion carried

**Capital Grant -
Village of
Tatamagouche**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That the Village of Tatamagouche receive a Capital Grant of \$10,000.” Motion carried.

Crosswalk Policy

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That staff be instructed to bring forward a draft policy respecting applications for crosswalk installation.” Motion carried.

**Transfer from
Capital Reserve**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That \$322,958.25 be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund to be applied against unfunded MRF debt.” Motion carried.

**Peppard Drive
Paving Petition**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Peppard Drive be added to the street paving list, with priority to be given to streets previously on the list and a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation advising of this addition.” Motion carried.

**Recyclables
Agreement - Town of
Antigonish**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Ross

“That the Municipality enter a three-year contract with the Town of Antigonish, at a rate of \$45 per tonne, and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.” Motion carried.

**Recyclables
Agreement - Town of
Truro**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality enter a three-year contract with the Town of Truro at a rate of \$45 per tonne, and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.” Motion carried.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

Councillor Merriam, Chairman of the Planning Advisory Committee, announced that the 5-Year Plan Review has commenced, and the first community meeting will be held in Hilden on April 4th.

Building Permits

Councillor Cavanaugh brought to the attention of Council concerns expressed by builders regarding the requirement of hiring an engineer before a building is erected. This matter was referred to staff, with a report to be brought to Council Committee.

**Level 2 Qualified
Persons**

Council was notified that a letter had been written to the Minister of the Department of Environment regarding Level 2 Qualified Persons. No response has been received and it was agreed that a follow-up letter be written.

**Reports from
Councillors
appointed to outside
Boards**

Councillor Blair reported for the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Board, Councillor Baas reported for CPDS and Councillor Ross for CNTA.

Deputy Warden Johnson reported that she had attended a Memorial Service for the late John Coupar, a former Warden of the Municipality of Colchester.

Recess

Councillor agreed to recess to an In-Camera session.

Council reconvened following the In-Camera meeting with all Councillors in attendance.

**Space Rental - Public
Works Building**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality extend the lease for rental of space for the Public

Works Building for a one-year period.” Motion carried.

**Waste Reduction
Educator**

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council appoint Ms. Alanna Nelson to the position of Waste Reduction Educator.” Motion carried.

**Land Purchase -
Kemptown**

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Municipality purchase the lands owned by Mr. Gary McCabe, as set out in the Purchase and Sale Agreement, for a price of \$60,000 plus HST, and that the Municipality undertake a survey of these lands.” Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes
Deputy Clerk