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**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 Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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| Mayor Mike Smith, Chair    |              |
| Councillor Bill Masters    | District #2  |
| Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson | District #3  |
| Councillor Richard Elliott | District #4  |
| Councillor Glen Edwards    | District #5  |
| Councillor Ron Cavanaugh   | District #6  |
| Councillor Jimmie LeFresne | District #7  |
| Councillor Soley Lynds     | District #8  |
| Councillor Keith Baas      | District #9  |
| Councillor Doug Cooke      | District #10 |
| Councillor Earl McKenna    | District #11 |

Absent:

|                       |             |
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| Councillor Bob Taylor | District #1 |
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**Staff Recognition Awards**

The following employees each received a letter from Mr. Gary MacIsaac, Chief Administrative Officer, in recognition of five or ten years of service with the Municipality:

| <u>Five Years</u> |               | <u>Ten Years</u> |                |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| S                 | Colin Forsyth | -                | Bruce Purchase |
| S                 | Martin Croney | -                | Darrell Mingo  |
| S                 | Tom Arnold    | -                | Arnold MacKay  |

Mayor Smith and Mr. MacIsaac presented Maureen Smith with a gold pin and certificate in recognition of 25 years of service with the Municipality. Mr. Jack Halverson, although not in attendance, was also awarded a gold pin and certificate in recognition of 25 years of service with the Municipality.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the agenda for May 27, 2003 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Appointment of Solicitor**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the legal firm of Patterson Palmer be appointed as Solicitors for the Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2004.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of meeting held on April 24 and May 7, 2003 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on April 24 and May 7, 2003.

**Presentations**

Ms. Valerie Patterson-Jones, Grant Thornton

**2002-03 Financial Statements**

Ms. Valerie Patterson-Jones, Grant Thornton, provided a brief report on the audit just completed on the Municipality’s general operations, Tatamagouche Water Utility and various reserves for 2002-03. A more detailed briefing was provided to the Executive and Audit Committee this afternoon. She confirmed that the auditors have been able to give a clean opinion on the financial information presented. Copies of all statements presented were circulated to Council. Councillors were encouraged to read these statements and direct any questions to Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services. In addition, Mr. Purchase provided a Treasurer’s Report to Council.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from Grant Thornton on the 2002-03 Auditors’ Report be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Peter Rogers, Municipal Solicitor

Mr. Rogers provided an overhead presentation on the Conflict of Interest guidelines as contained in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. He indicated that the guidelines have remained relatively unchanged for over a decade. The Act applies to Council, Council Committee, other committees of Council or other bodies to which Councillors have been appointed by Council. Having a conflict is not

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prohibitive, the problem is failing to declare it or act on the conflict. A conflict applies to pecuniary matters of interest whether it be direct or indirect, actual or deemed, with few limited exceptions. The declaration of the conflict should take place either before, during and even after Council by disclosing it and refraining from participation in the discussion. The conflict should be recorded in the minutes of when the Councillor left his/her seat and returned to the table. Failure to declare a conflict could result in the Councillor being removed from his seat on Council and/or being fined. Mr. Rogers recommended that Councillors not wait until the meeting to seek advice from him on whether or not there is a conflict.

**Council Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented a report from a Council Committee meeting held on May 8, 2003:

**Area Rates and  
Budgets**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves the 2003-04 Area Rates as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Amendments to  
County Pension Plan**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves in principle the following amendments to the pension plan in respect of non-unionized employees with effect from May 27, 2003:

- S Non-union employees may retire from active employment at any time after attaining age 60 and receive the pension they have earned for service to the retirement date without reduction for early commencement.
- S The benefit for earnings up to the YMPE for non-union employees increases from 1.4% to 1.5% for both past and future service.
- S Non-union employees contribute to the plan for future service at the rate of 5.5% of earnings up to the YMPE and 7.0% of earnings above the YMPE.
- S Non-union employees who retire from active employment after qualifying for an unreduced pension will receive a bridging benefit payable until age 65 equal to 0.5% of earnings up to the YMPE for each year of service.

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- S The normal form of pension for non-union employees who have a spouse at retirement will be payable for the life of the plan member with 60% of the pension continuing to the surviving spouse for their lifetime following the death of the plan member.
- S That Administration be given the authority to review and implement the amendments to the pension plan as described above.
- S That the pension plan be amended to create separate benefit categories for exempt and unionized staff.
- S That funding in the amount of \$245,000 be approved to pay for the buy-back of these benefits, source of funds to be the Special Operating Reserve.
- S That the amendments dated May 27, 2003 to Personnel Policy 6.17, Group Pension Plan, be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**County  
Proclamation Policy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council approves the Proclamation Policy dated May 8, 2003 as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Street Light Request  
- Kemptown, Near  
Old Schoolhouse**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the installation of a street light for the intersection in Kemptown near the old schoolhouse, source of funds to be the general rate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit  
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on May 7, 8 and 12, 2003.

**Planning Advisory  
Committee**

Councillor Masters reported that the Clifton District Planning Advisory Committee met on Thursday, May 22, 2003. He indicated that the Committee would be hosting a community workshop on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cobequid Elementary School.

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**Resolution re Area Rates**

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the following resolution on area rates be approved:

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Council of the County of Colchester is required to levy rates which it deems sufficient for an area or for the benefit of an area for the current twelve-month fiscal period;

**RESOLVED** that pursuant to **Section 75 of the Municipal Government Act**, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester authorizes the levying and collection of the area rates as per attached Schedule “A”;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Tax Collector or Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 14th day of August, 2003;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that said Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 15% per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 14th day of August, 2003.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Motion - Financial Statements**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves the preparation of financial statements for 2003-04 on a non-consolidated basis.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Landfillfire.com and Water Studies**

A brief presentation was provided by Mr. Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works, on the recommendations contained in the Water Study. Due to the complexity of the issues and the busy agenda for this evening’s session, Council decided to hold a special meeting to discuss in detail the recommendations in these reports.

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Councillor Lynds  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That a special meeting of Council be held by mid to late June in order to discuss in detail the recommendations contained in the Landfillfire.com and Water Studies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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It was suggested by Council that the Valley-Kempton Fire Brigade and/or the Colchester Firefighters Association, and the Citizens Monitoring Committee be invited to attend this meeting and provide input if they wish to do so.

In preparation for this special meeting, staff were asked to look at the cost of joining two of the ponds rather than three .

**Change in Use Tax Resolution**

Mr. MacIsaac explained to Council that for the past three years, the Municipality has not received any revenue from change-in-use taxes. He asked whether Council was interested in submitting the proposed Change-in-Use Tax resolution for consideration by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Council agreed to receive this Action Item for information only at this time.

**Local Improvement By-law - Second Reading**

*Mayor Smith declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on this matter. Deputy Mayor Matheson assumed the position of Chair.*

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Local Improvement By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Councillors Elliott, Edwards, Baas, Cavanaugh and Lynds opposed)*

*At this point, Mayor Smith returned to the table and resumed his position as Chair.*

**Tax Exemption By-law Amendment - Second Reading**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Tax Exemption By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Position Vacancy -  
Baler Operator**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council declare a vacancy and authorize Administration to fill this position and any subsequent vacancies arising through this internal hiring.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Exempt Staff Salary  
Increase**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That exempt staff receive a 1% wage increase retroactive to April 1, 2003.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ownership of Flood  
Dykes**

Mr. MacIsaac reported that after extensive research by staff on the ownership of the flood dykes, there does not seem to be any documentation stating that any federal, provincial or municipal governments own any of the existing dykes. Referring to correspondence received from the Province, Mr. MacIsaac indicated that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has acknowledged that it maintains dykes on the marshland. The Department of Environment claim that they were not in existence prior to 1973 and therefore, cannot be expected to take responsibility for the dykes located across the province. Following Council debate on this issue, several concerns were identified:

- S with the exception of the marshland dykes, ownership of the dykes is still not resolved
- S response from the Department of Environment and Labour is not satisfactory
- S Department of Environment and Labour is avoiding responsibility

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That a letter be sent to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting their support on Council’s position that the Province of Nova Scotia is responsible for the repair and maintenance of dykes throughout the province.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment and Labour indicating the Municipality’s dissatisfaction with his letter dated May 2, 2003 and reaffirm Council’s position that the Province of Nova Scotia is responsible for the maintenance and repair of dykes throughout the province.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Cooke reported that he had been contacted by a resident of Bass River who reported that because of the flood, the river has been blocked with debris and redirected across this resident’s cultivated field. The resident asked Councillor Cooke to look into the process for getting this river unblocked. The resident has made application under the Province’s Flood Assistance Program and Councillor Cooke will keep Council updated on this situation.

It was noted that there is extensive dyking in Annapolis and Kings Counties and staff were asked to look into who maintains the dykes in these counties.

### Correspondence

Council requested the following ‘Correspondence’ items be moved from Information to Action:

- S No. 7: letter from Department of Justice dated May 5, 2003 concerning reimbursement of funds for RCMP vacancies
- S No. 4: letter from Brooke Taylor dated April 28, 2003 regarding flood damage to agricultural land
- S No. 9: petition for road improvements for Sinclair Court and Athena Drive
- S No. 1: letter from DOT dated April 15, 2003 concerning Murray Siding Bridge (Vernon Bridge)
- S No. 11: letter from UNSM dated May 9, 2003 regarding notice of possible change to the Equalization Program
- S No. 23: petition dated May 21, 2003 requesting paving of Terrabella Lane

### ACTION

**Andrea Cavan,  
Executive Director,  
Central Partnership  
on Disability Issues  
Society**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated April 25, 2003 from **Andrea Cavan, Executive Director, Central Partnership on Disability Issues Society**, requesting the week of May 26-June 1, 2003 be proclaimed Access Awareness Week.

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Moved by Councillor Lynds  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the week of May 26-June 1, 2003 be proclaimed Access Awareness Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Steve Fulton,  
President, Truro  
Minor Football  
Association**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated March 28, 2003 from **Steve Fulton, President, Truro Minor Football Association**, regarding funding for the Truro Amateur Athletic Club (TAAC) Project.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from the Truro Minor Football Association requesting funding for the Truro Amateur Athletic Club Project be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**The Honourable  
Jane Purves, Senior  
Citizens Secretariat**

A copy of a letter from the **Honourable Jane Purves, Senior Citizens Secretariat**, requesting the week of June 15-21, 2003 be proclaimed Senior Citizens' Week.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the week of June 15-21, 2003 be proclaimed Senior Citizens' Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Grace Cavanaugh,  
President,  
Cavanaugh & Son  
Excavating Ltd.**

A letter dated March 5, 2003 from **Grace Cavanaugh, President, Cavanaugh & Son Excavating Ltd.**, requesting the property at 30 Highway 311 be removed from the flood plain.

*Councillor Ron Cavanaugh declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on this matter.*

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from Cavanaugh & Son Excavating Ltd. requesting the property at 30 Highway 311 be removed from the flood plain, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor Cavanaugh returned to the table.*

**Jim Cameron,  
Treasurer, Fundy  
Trail Snowmobile &  
Recreation Club**

A letter to the CAO dated May 15, 2003 from **Jim Cameron, Treasurer, Fundy Trail Snowmobile and Recreation Club**, requesting a tax exemption for the Club.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the letter from the Fundy Trail Snowmobile and Recreation Club requesting a tax exemption for the Club be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Carl Shaw, Salmon  
River Fire  
Commission**

A letter to Council dated May 20, 2003 from **Carl Shaw, Salmon River Fire Commission**, regarding a loan guarantee for a new fire truck.

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from the Salmon River Fire Commission regarding a loan guarantee for a new fire truck be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ed Kirby, Manager  
of Financial Services,  
Dept. of Justice**

A letter to the CAO dated May 5, 2003 from **Ed Kirby, Manager of Financial Services, Department of Justice**, concerning the County’s request for reimbursement of funds for RCMP vacancies in Colchester County.

Mayor Smith reported that this is good news for the County. The RCMP have indicated that the matter of reimbursement of funds to the County for RCMP vacancies be resolved through a reduction of the first quarter 2003-04 RCMP billing by an amount of \$131,210.00. This reduction is based on a .5 FTE from August 1, 2001 to

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March 31, 2003 for an amount of \$71,420 plus a \$59,790 allowance for those vacancies which exceeded what should be considered an acceptable period in which to fill a vacancy - three to four months.

**Brooke Taylor,  
MLA, Colchester-  
Musquodoboit  
Valley**

A copy of a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources dated April 28, 2003 from **Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley**, concerning damage to agricultural lands in the Upper Stewiacke area as a result of the spring flood.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That a letter be sent to Brooke Taylor to thank him for his support to the agricultural community by requesting that the Province broaden its eligibility criteria for the disaster relief applications to allow for restorative work in agricultural areas.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Greg Amon, 35  
Sinclair Court,  
Truro**

A copy of a petition from **Greg Amon, 35 Sinclair Court, Truro**, for road improvements for Sinclair Court and Athena Drive.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That a letter be sent to Mr. Greg Amon, on behalf of the petitioners, advising him that both Sinclair Court and Athena Drive are owned by the Province and that the petition will therefore be forwarded to Mr. Bill Langille, MLA, Colchester North, as it is a Department of Transportation responsibility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Michael Baker,  
Minister of  
Transportation and  
Public Works**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated April 15, 2003 from **Michael Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works**, concerning replacement of the Murray Siding (Vernon) Bridge in Colchester County and an offer to have DOT staff meet with municipal staff to review concerns.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That a meeting be arranged with Mr. Wayne Franklin of the Department of Transportation and Public Works to discuss concerns

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associated with the Murray Siding (Vernon) Bridge and that Area Councillors be invited to attend.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Councillor Don  
Zwicker, President,  
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated May 9, 2003 from **Councillor Don Zwicker, President, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding notice of a possible change to the Equalization Program.

A discussion was held concerning the potential for the Municipality to lose a portion of its equalization grant.

**Residents of  
Terrabella Lane,  
Valley**

A copy of a petition dated May 21, 2003 received from **Residents of Terrabella Lane, Valley**, requesting the paving of Terrabella Lane.

*Councillor Cavanaugh declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on this matter.*

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That a letter be sent to the residents of Terrabella Lane advising them that Terrabella Lane is owned by the Province and that the petition will therefore be forwarded to Mr. Bill Langille, MLA, Colchester North, as it is a Department of Transportation responsibility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor Cavanaugh returned to the table.*

#### INFORMATION

**Colchester Regional  
Development Agency**

A copy of the minutes from the **Colchester Regional Development Agency** from a meeting held on April 15, 2003. Council agreed to receive these minutes for information purposes.

**Jack Layton,  
Leader, Canada's  
NDP**

A copy of a letter to the Municipal Councils dated April 25, 2003 from **Jack Layton, Leader, Canada's NDP**, attaching an infrastructure needs questionnaire. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Laverne Arsenault,  
1485 Hwy. 236,  
Beaver Brook**

A copy of a letter to the editor from **Laverne Arsenault, 1485 Hwy. 236, Beaver Brook**, concerning littering and garbage problems. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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- IWK Health Centre** A copy of the Family Help Update received May 1, 2003 from the **IWK Health Centre**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
- Amanda Cliff,  
Indian and Northern  
Affairs Canada** A copy of a letter received from **Amanda Cliff, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada**, regarding the celebration of National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2003. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Deping Chian, Falun  
Dafa Association of  
Canada, Halifax  
Group** A copy of a letter dated May 9, 2003 from **Deping Chian, Falun Dafa Association of Canada, Halifax Group**, containing additional information on Falun Dafa Day. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Kenneth Simpson,  
Executive Director,  
UNSM** A copy of an e-mail dated May 9, 2003 attaching a UNSM submission on the proposed Draft Police Act. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.
- Development Officer** A copy of the Development Activity Report for the month of April 2003 received from the **Development Officer**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.
- Building Inspector** A copy of the Building Permit Statistics for the month of April 2003 received from the **Building Inspector**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.
- Krista Wood,  
Colchester East  
Hants Health  
Authority** A copy of highlights from a meeting held on April 22, 2003 received from **Krista Wood, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.
- Angus MacIsaac,  
Minister of  
Education** A copy of a letter dated May 15, 2003 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Education**, containing information on provincial operating grants for regional library boards. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Valerie Gauthier,  
A/Director of  
Finance, Chignecto  
Central Regional  
School Board** A letter to the CAO dated May 16, 2003 from **Valerie Gauthier, A/Director of Finance, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**, enclosing a copy of the School Board's 2003-04 budget (copy on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Rick Hansen,  
President and CEO,  
Man in Motion  
Foundation** A copy of a letter to the Mayor and Council dated April 24, 2003 from **Rick Hansen, President and CEO, Man in Motion Foundation**, concerning launch of the 2003 Wheels in Motion event. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members Advisory dated May 8, 2003 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** regarding an agreement between FCM and the Railways Association of Canada. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of a letter dated May 22, 2003 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** regarding the FCM National Housing Policy Team. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Robert Stead,  
Mayor, Town of  
Wolfville**

A copy of a letter to UNSM dated May 14, 2003 from **Robert Stead, Mayor, Town of Wolfville**, concerning grant-in-lieu for university residence structures. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Catherine  
McCarthy,  
A/Director of  
Communications,  
RRFB**

A copy of an e-mail dated May 21, 2003 from **Catherine McCarthy, A/Director of Communications, RRFB**, regarding an increase in handling fees for all containers. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

**Position Vacancy -  
Wastewater  
Collection Worker**

As the result of an internal competition, Mr. Glen Scott applied for and was deemed to have the qualifications for the position. Mr. Scott commenced duties in the new position as of May 20, 2003.

**Brookfield Sewage  
Treatment Plant**

The Brookfield Sewage Treatment Plant is now fully operational and the Municipality has taken over the operation of the plant. The existing plant will be removed from Brookfield in the near future, followed by yard paving, final grading and landscaping.

**Reports from  
Councillors  
Appointed to  
Outside Boards and  
Agencies**

St. Andrews Stewardship Committee

Councillor Elliott indicated that the last meeting of the Committee before the summer will be held on Monday, June 2, 2003

Citizens' Monitoring Committee

Councillor Cavanaugh reported on a meeting of the Committee held on May 21, 2003 in Kemptown. The Committee had concerns about the construction and demolition sites and will be meeting again next month. He also mentioned the trip he and Carl Shaw, Emergency Measures Coordinator, took to the Balefill Facility in Fredericton on May 12th. They had also planned to visit the tire recycling operation in Minto but were refused access.

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UNSM Spring Workshop

Mayor Smith reported on the workshop which he attended along with Councillor LeFresne and Mr. MacIsaac. It was held in Ingonish on May 15-16, 2003. It was felt that although there was valuable information obtained in some areas, the overall conference was disappointing. Mr. MacIsaac recommended that it not be policy that the Municipality have representatives at this conference but rather the agenda be reviewed and evaluated before consideration is given to anyone attending.

Central Nova Tourist Association

Councillor Edwards reported that tourism in Nova Scotia generated \$1.3 billion in revenue and \$23 million in municipal taxes in 2002.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera session at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:28 p.m.

CAO Employment  
Contract

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves the employment contract for the Chief Administrative Officer as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:29 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Deputy Clerk