

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Special Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Purpose of the Meeting

The Purpose of the Meeting was to swear in Members of Council and to conduct other regular business.

Roll Call

The Roll was called with all Councillors in attendance.

Recap of 2000 Municipal Election

The Clerk presented a recap of the results of the municipal election held on October 21, 2000.

Swearing in of Mayor

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Smith.

Swearing in of Councillors

Mayor Smith administered the Oath of Office to all Councillors

Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Smith called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Elliott moved and Councillor Masters seconded the nomination of Councillor Matheson.

Councillor Cooke moved and Councillor Cavanaugh seconded the nomination of Councillor Baas.

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Lynds seconded the nomination of Councillor Cavanaugh.

Mayor Smith called three times for further nominations, and on hearing none it was

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That nominations cease.” Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipal Solicitor and Chief Administrative Officer act as scrutineers.” Motion carried.

A secret ballot was conducted with none of the candidates receiving the required majority vote for Deputy Mayor. Accordingly the low vote getter on the first ballot, Councillor Baas, was dropped and a second ballot was taken.

Councillor Matheson received the majority of ballots cast and was elected Deputy Mayor.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Ballots be destroyed.” Motion carried unanimously.

**Alternate Council
Committee chair**

Mayor Smith called for nominations for the position of Alternate Council Committee chair.

Councillor Cavanaugh moved and Councillor McKenna seconded the nomination of Councillor Taylor.

Councillor Matheson moved and Councillor Cooke seconded the nomination of Councillor Elliott.

Councillor Cooke moved and Councillor Lynds seconded the nomination of Councillor Baas.

Mayor Smith called three times for further nominations, and hearing none it was

Moved by Councillor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That nominations cease.” Motion carried.

A secret ballot was conducted with none of the candidates receiving the required majority vote for Alternate Council Committee chair. Accordingly the low vote getter on the first ballot, Councillor Baas, was dropped and a second ballot was taken. The second ballot ended in a tie between Councillors Elliott and Taylor. These two names were placed in a hat and the name of Councillor Elliott was drawn.

Councillor Elliott was declared elected as Alternate Council Committee chair.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the ballots for the election of Alternate Council Committee chair be destroyed.” Motion carried unanimously

Minute of Silence

At the call of the Mayor, Council observed a moment of silence in respect to the passing of Mr. Pat Mahaney. Mr. Mahaney served as a County Councillor for Bible Hill for a number of years.

Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Agenda be approved with one addition.” Motion carried

**Nominating
Committee**

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Mayor choose the members of the Nominating Committee.” Motion carried.

Mayor Smith named the following to the Nominating Committee: Councillor Cooke, Councillor Baas along with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the appointments be ratified.” Motion carried.

**Assessment Cost
Recovery and
Municipal
Involvement in
Assessment**

The CAO presented information on the Discussion Paper regarding Assessment Services Recovery. All Councillors participated in discussion on this Paper.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council strongly oppose the download of Assessment Services and endorse the following position statements:

1. Colchester believes that this matter should only be considered as part of the Roles and Responsibilities Process. If the Province insists on proceeding with this download, then UNSM should immediately withdraw its support and participation from the Roles and Responsibilities Review.

2. Colchester believes the Province should retain a minimum of 25% of the cost of Assessment Services to compensate for the benefit it receives from Assessment Services.
3. Colchester believes this download of costs should be phased in over five years.
4. Colchester supports a cost-sharing formula based on a 50-50 split between uniform assessment and number of property accounts.
5. Colchester supports the creation of an Assessment Authority with a majority of its Board comprised of elected municipal officials

and that these position statements be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and the Minister of Municipal Affairs.” Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
 Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the letter to the UNSM and Minister of Municipal Affairs be copied to the three local M.L.A.’s.” Motion carried

**Resolution -
 Signing Officers**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
 Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council authorize the CAO, Gary MacIsaac, or the Director of Corporate Services, Bruce Purchase, or the Director of Community Development Crawford Macpherson, in the case of the temporary absence or other incapacity of the CAO and Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson, or Mayor Mike Smith, in the case of the temporary absence or other incapacity of the Deputy Mayor, be the signing authority for all bank accounts.” Motion carried.

**Employee Computer
 Purchase Plan -
 Banking Resolution**

Moved by Councillor Elliott
 Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a banking resolution for a loan in the amount of \$12,940 for the Employee Computer Purchase Plan.” Motion carried.

**Orientation Session
 in Halifax**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council approve attendance in Halifax at the Orientation session for Councillors Masters, Edwards, Elliott, Lynds, Baas and LeFresne.” Motion carried.

**Pediatric Ward -
Colchester Hospital**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That a letter be written to Honourable Jamie Muir, Minister of Health, and copied to three local M.L.A’s; also David Rippey, CEO, Northern Regional Health Board and Peter MacKinnon, Facility Manager, Colchester Regional Hospital, expressing our displeasure with the proposed cuts to the pediatric nursing staff at Colchester Regional Hospital.” Motion carried.

**Council Orientation -
November 13**

An Information Item was presented informing Councillors of the Orientation Session to be held on November 13, 2000 in the Council Chambers.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera Session.

Council reconvened to open session at the conclusion of the In-Camera Session.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes
Deputy Clerk