

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, NS, on Thursday, September 28, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The Roll was called with all Councillors present.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Agenda be approved with six additions.” Motion Carried.

Minutes

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the minutes of the meeting held on August 31, 2000, be approved with three amendments: *Page 12* - Accounting Pipeline Revenues - the motion was seconded by Councillor Cooke, not Councillor Taylor, *Page 15* - Valley Bridge - Ron Russell’s name added as Minister of Transportation and the addition of the minutes following the In-Camera Session and the minutes of the Joint Council Public Hearing held September 25, 2000, be approved as circulated.” Motion Carried.

Presentation to Councillor Cooke

Deputy Warden Johnson presented to Councillor Cooke a certificate from the UNSM recognizing his twelve years of service on Council.

Presentations:

Tom van Oirschot

Mr. Tom van Oirschot appeared before Council regarding an outstanding expense account incurred during his final month of employment with the County.

The County Solicitor advised Council that employee matters are to be dealt with In-Camera.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the presentation from Tom van Oirschot be received.” Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the employee issue, as presented by Mr. Tom van Oirschot, be referred to Council Committee In-Camera.” Motion Defeated.

**Gordon Carroll,
A/Regional Director,
NS Department of
Community Services**

A letter was received from **Mr. Gordon Carroll, A/Regional Director, NS Department of Community Services**, advising that effective August 1, 2000, Housing Services, of the Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs became a division with the new Department of Community Services. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Angus MacIsaac,
Minister, Department
of Housing and
Municipal Affairs.**

A letter was received from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs** in reply to Warden Smith’s letter regarding the Discussion Paper on Municipal Taxation of Utilities. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Nathan Gorall, Co-
Chair, Department of
Housing and
Municipal Affairs**

A letter was received from **Nathan Gorall, Co-Chair, Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs** enclosing an update from the Municipal Indicators Study Technical Committee. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**J.D. Kyte, Public
Affairs Manager,
Kimberly-Clark**

A letter was received from **J.D. Kyte, Public Affairs Manager, Kimberly-Clark** enclosing information on Kimberly-Clark’s woodlands operations. (additional information on file in the Clerk’s office) Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

Building Inspector

The Building Permit Statistics for the Month of August, 2000, were received from the **Building Inspector**. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

Development Officer

The Development Activity Report for the Month of August, 2000, was received from the **Development Officer**. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

**Michael Baker, Q.C.,
Acting Minister,
Department of the
Environment**

A letter was received from **Michael Baker, Q.C., Acting Minister, Department of the Environment** attaching a copy of a letter from Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley regarding the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline Management’s lateral gas pipeline between Rocklin, Pictou County and Tufts Cove, Halifax Regional Municipality. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Dr. Maureen Baikie,
Associate Provincial
Medical Officer of
Health**

A letter was received from **Dr. Maureen Baikie, Associate Provincial Medical Officer of Health** regarding the West Nile Virus and Nova Scotia's Response Plan. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Stora Enso Magazine
Paper**

A letter was received from **Stora Enso Magazine Paper** announcing that Stora Enso's Port Hawkesbury Mill has received a Certificate of Registration for its Environmental Management System, as it applies to the manufacture and distribution of newsprint and magazine paper, under the ISA 14001 Standard. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**David Darrow,
Provincial Director of
Planning**

A letter was received from **David Darrow, Provincial Director of Planning**, advising that amendments to Central Colchester MPS & LUB re Farnham Road may be contrary to Provincial Statements of Interest, and are subject to approval of the Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**Leave A Legacy
Week**

A letter was received from Jean Sloan, Chair, Leave A Legacy, requesting Council to proclaim the week of **October 22 - 28 Leave A Legacy Week** in Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson

"That Council proclaim the week of October 22-28 Leave A Legacy Week in Colchester County." Motion Carried.

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Limited**

A letter was received from **Fred Richards, Operations Coordinator, CTCL** requesting a letter of support from Council to be sent to the Utilities Board.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That a letter of support be sent to the Utilities Board on behalf of the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd." Motion Carried.

**FCM
Transition News
Krista & Glen
Henderson -
Application for
Pedestrian Crosswalk**

A News Release was received from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** regarding a Plan for Solving Canada's Homelessness and Affordable Housing Crisis. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

A newsletter was received from the **Department of Health**. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

An Application for a Pedestrian Crosswalk was received from **Krista & Glen Henderson**.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

"That the Application for a Pedestrian Crosswalk received from Krista & Glen Henderson be referred to Budget Deliberations." Motion Carried.

**Kevin Caines,
Department of
Transportation and
Public Works**

A letter was received from **Kevin Caines, Department of Transportation and Public Works** reviewing road signing discrepancies. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Alan A. MacRae, P.
Eng, Executive
Director, Specialized
Support Services, NS
Department of
Transportation and
Public Works**

A letter was received from **Alan A. MacRae, P. Eng, Executive Director, Specialized Support Services, NS Department of Transportation and Public Works** attaching a proposal from Environova Planning Group Inc. to landscape Exit 13 on Highway 102.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

"That a letter of support for the proposed project be sent to Mr. Alan MacRae, NS Department of Transportation and Public Works." Motion Carried.

**Andrew Casey, S&T
Week, STANet**

A letter was received from **Andrew Casey, STANet** requesting to proclaim October 13-22, 2000, as Science and Technology Week.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

"That Council proclaim the week of October 13-22, 2000, as Science and Technology Week." Motion Carried.

**John V. Hachey,
Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A letter was received from **John V. Hachey, Honorary Chair, PCP Program, Federation of Canadian Municipalities** requesting endorsement of the Municipal Leaders' Resolution on Climate Change.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That Council support the Municipal Leaders' Resolution on Climate Change and endorse the Model Resolution." Motion Carried.

**Marian L. Robson,
Chairman, Canadian
Transportation
Agency**

A letter was received from **Marian L. Robson, Chairman, Canadian Transportation Agency** regarding the Reduction or Discontinuance of Domestic Services by Air Carriers. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Randall R. Duplak,
Q.C., Nova Scotia
Department of Justice**

A letter was received from **Randall R. Duplak, Q.C., Nova Scotia Department of Justice** enclosing a copy of a letter to Brian Seaman, Chairperson, Regional Assessment Appeal Court, requesting the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Regional Assessment Appeal be adjourned from September 18 to the week of November 6. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Meeting Date for
November Council
Committee**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

"That November 16 be set as the next meeting of Council Committee." Motion Carried.

**Side walk - Truro
Heights Road**

A petition was received for a sidewalk on the Truro Heights Road, south of the Truro Heights Connector.

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That the Sidewalk Petition be referred to Council Committee." Motion carried.

Gas Taxes

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Merriam

"That a letter be written to Bill Casey, MP, Cumberland-Colchester, Prime Minister, all NS Municipalities and UNSM regarding the unfair gas taxes, and request their support for this issue." Motion Carried.

**North Shore
Community
Development
Association**

An Information Item was presented to Council advising that the North Shore Community Development Association's tax account has been brought up to date; all taxes, and other charges are paid in full to March 31, 2001.

**Council Committee
Report**

Deputy Warden Johnson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held September 14, 2000 which consisted of the following motions:

**Village of Bible Hill -
Natural Gas
Infrastructure**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That the Sempra Atlantic Gas/UNSM Right of Way sample agreement as presented to Council Committee on September 14, 2000 be forwarded to the Villages of Bible Hill and Tatamagouche for their comments before any further discussion by this Council." Motion Carried.

UNSM - Hotel Tax

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Ross

"That the Municipality not support the Hotel Tax and that Halifax Regional Municipality be notified of this decision." 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 Ltd., for a period from October, 2000 to March 31, 2001, at a price of \$1, subject to agreement with the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke and that the Municipality pursue the discussions with CTCL through the Joint Expenditure Board for discussion of the LIDA Bus." Motion Carried.

Council Orientation

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Municipality hold an Orientation Session in Council Chambers to familiarize new and returning Councillors with staff and their responsibilities." Motion carried

**Road Signage -
Brookfield Fire District,
Hilden Fire District, and
Cobequid Fire District**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“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.

**School Board Invitation
to participate in New
School Construction
Program**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Matheson

“That the Councillors representing the school area and a staff person participate in the School Board’s new school construction program.” Motion Carried.

**Tender for Sale of
Properties - Tax Sale
Process**

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Administration be authorized to tender the subject properties assessed to McCabe Enterprises Limited, Valley Crossroads and to Eugene and Marilyn George, Londonderry.” Motion Carried.

**Planning Advisory
Committee - Eastville
Cemetery**

Moved by Councillor Merriam
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Eastville Cemetery be approved as a registered Heritage Property.” Motion Carried.

**CoRDA - Councillor
Taylor**

Councillor Taylor presented a report to Council pertaining to recent concerns regarding the CoRDA funding issue.

Deputy Warden Johnson thanked Councillor Taylor for his report, and also thanked him for being a member of CoRDA for 11 years.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Councillor Taylor’s report on CoRDA be received.” Motion carried.

**UNSM -Deputy Warden
Johnson**

Deputy Warden Johnson announced that she has finished three years as a UNSM Executive Member and thanked Council for the opportunity to serve on this Executive. Warden Lloyd Matheson of East Hants is the representative for this Region.

UNSM Conference

Deputy Warden Johnson thanked Kim Paterson and the members of the Host Committee for their work in organizing the UNSM Conference held in Truro in September.

**Library Board -
Councillor Blair**

Councillor Blair reported that the Library Board had their final meeting for this Board on September 26, at which time it was reported that they are on stream with their budget.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

K. Ann Fiddes
Deputy Clerk