

SPECIAL COUNCIL

A Special Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, Nova Scotia on Friday, January 24, 2003 at 12 noon.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Mike Smith, Chair	
Councillor Bob Taylor	District #1
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

Absent

Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11
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Purpose of Meeting

Mayor Smith advised that the purpose of the meeting was to brief Council on the status of discussions with Colchester Park Development Society (CPDS), to create a timeline to move the process forward and to seek Council approval for immediate follow-up actions.

Update

Mayor Smith referred back to the meeting at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel where Mr. Bob Winters, Chair, CPDS, had stated on a number of occasions that CPDS could agree to turn over the former Camp Debert assets as long as any agreement "mirrored" the CPDS Memorandum of Association.

Mayor Smith met with Mr. Winters immediately following the Glengarry meeting and then again in his office on January 13, 2003. The County Solicitor and CAO were present at the second meeting. At that meeting, the parties discussed an alternate arrangement to mirroring the agreement whereby the CPDS organization would be left in place. The present members of the Board would resign and would be replaced with members appointed by the County.

Following the January 13th meeting, the County Solicitor forwarded a draft agreement to CPDS which reflected the discussions. In a reply dated January 17, 2003, Mr. Winters advised that the Board had unanimously rejected this offer and was reverting back to their original position as set out in correspondence dated December 23, 2002 which involved engaging a third party consultant to develop a high level strategic plan.

Mayor Smith stated that Mr. Winters had given him his verbal agreement at the meeting that he personally would support this arrangement. Mayor Smith noted that the decision of the Board was unanimous in its opposition.

Mayor Smith reviewed in detail the draft agreement which was before Council. Also before Council was a copy of the CPDS correspondence dated January 17, 2003.

Discussion

Council members questioned the unanimous vote of CPDS and enquired how Councillor Baas, as the Council representative to the Board, had voted. Councillor Baas confirmed that he had voted against the arrangement as the CPDS Board was not comfortable with the draft agreement. A member of Council enquired whether Councillor Baas would vote for this arrangement if support was received from the other Towns and local government agencies. Councillor Baas stated that he would probably not support the draft agreement.

Motions

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality endorse the Memorandum of Understanding as presented at this meeting and that letters be written to the Town of Truro, Town of Stewiacke, Colchester Regional Development Agency and Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, requesting that they also support the Memorandum of Understanding.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillor Baas opposed)

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That after support is received from the Town of Truro, Town of Stewiacke, Colchester Regional Development Agency, Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, that a letter be written to the federal government advising of the support of the local community for amending the windup clause to state that the CPDS assets should go to the County and not the federal government.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Baas opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Mayor Smith replace Councillor Baas as the County representative on the Colchester Park Development Society Board.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Baas opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the County request that the Colchester Regional Development Agency replace Ron Creighton as the Colchester Park Development Society Board representative due to the fact that Mr. Creighton has declared a Conflict of Interest and is unable to attend Colchester Park Development Society Board meetings.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Gary MacIsaac
Municipal Clerk