

## 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, January 30, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

### 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 Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

### Absent

Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8

### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions/deletions:

S Add 8b: CPDS Memorandum of Understanding  
S Add 8c: Letter of Thanks for Paving  
S Add 12b: Balefill Facility”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the minutes of meetings held on November 28, December 3 and 12, 2002 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### Business Arising from Minutes

#### Minutes of November 28, 2002

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Taylor, Mr. MacIsaac advised that no response had been received to Mayor Smith’s letter of January 16, 2003 in which the Municipality urged the Province to

provide the regional library boards with the full amount of recommended funding as set out by the Funding Review Committee.

Mayor Smith advised that the first phase of the application from the North Shore Community Development Association for funding related to broadband access had been unsuccessful. Based on letters of support received from the community, the Association has been encouraged to make application for the second phase of funding.

Mr. MacIsaac provided an update on the RCMP vacancy issue. In a letter dated December 18, 2002, the Municipality requested and received additional information from the local RCMP. A meeting will now be arranged with the RCMP Commanding Officer in Halifax to obtain more specific answers related to these vacancies.

There was no business arising from minutes of meetings held on December 3 and 12, 2002.

### **Presentations**

#### **Victoria Park Pool Committee - John Wheelock, Kerry Munroe and John MacKenzie**

In its presentation, the Committee advised that the Victoria Park Swimming Pool, which was built in 1959, is in desperate need of upgrading. The current condition of the pool could create liability issues, health concerns and possible closure without improvements being made. The goal is to have the project completed in the summer of 2003. The total estimated cost of the project will be \$550,000. Financing committed from other sources (Town of Truro and the Province) amounts to \$275,000. The Committee is requesting a one-time donation from the County in the amount of \$25,000. A copy of the Committee's presentation was circulated to members of Council. A formal letter requesting this donation was passed to the CAO.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the presentation from the Victoria Park Pool Committee be received and referred to Council Committee.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Staff Presentations**

#### **Tatamagouche Water Utility Operations**

By way of background, Mr. MacIsaac indicated that with changes in the Council Proceedings By-law, the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee became a standing committee of Council. The assets of the Utility are owned by the Municipality and the Water Utility Committee will make recommendations to Council. The Committee has one

additional citizen representative for a total of three as well as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor LeFresne as Chair. With the recent release of the provincial Drinking Water Strategy and the higher than normal reading of THM's, the Committee is recommending upgrades to the Water Utility.

Mr. Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works, provided a report on how the Utility is presently operating, what the Strategy is targeting and what the County is planning with regard to the upgrade. The Strategy is setting required improvements by 2004 and others by 2008. The system, for the most part, is manually operated, with the exception of the automated meter. The upgrade includes more automation of the current system, an additional monitor to indicate the water quality to some extent and an additional filter by 2008 (requirement from the provincial strategy). Total cost of the upgrade is not known at this time. Recommendations from the Water Utility Committee will be presented to Council later on this evening.

**Council Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented reports from Council Committee meetings held on December 12, 2002 and January 16, 2003:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

**Scholarships**

“That Council approves that the Municipality support the creation of scholarships under the five recommendations outlined below:

- S** That North Colchester and South Colchester High Schools receive one scholarship each and that the Cobequid Educational Centre receive two scholarships based on student population in the amount of \$1,000 each, totalling \$4,000 annually.
- S** That the criteria be left to the schools to determine with the one proviso that the students be from the Municipality of Colchester.
- S** That an amount of \$20,000 be transferred to a Scholarship Reserve Fund from the Special Operating Reserve Fund.
- S** That the award winners be chosen by the Scholarship and Awards Committee for each school using the criteria outlined in Point #2.
- S** That in the fifth year from the start of the Scholarship Program, County staff review continuation of the Program and funding resources as part of the annual budgeting process during additions and deletions.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Training for Council  
Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the adoption of the Training for Members of Council Policy, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Grants to Non-Profit  
Organizations Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the adoption of the Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Policy, as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Purchasing and  
Tendering for Goods  
and Services**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council repeals the Policy entitled Tendering for Goods and Services dated August 26, 1999, and approves the Policy entitled Purchasing and Tendering for Goods and Services as presented to Council Committee on January 16, 2003.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)*

**2003 - Street Paving  
Priorities**

*Conflict of Interest: Mayor Smith declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on this matter. Deputy Mayor Matheson assumed the position of Chair and Councillor McKenna presented this item on behalf of Council Committee.*

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the following priority list be used for applying for cost-shared paving with the Province: Warren Drive, Peppard Drive, Oakland Drive and Macland Drive.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Mayor Smith resumed his position as Chair.*

**Recreation**

*Conflict of Interest: Deputy Mayor Matheson declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on this matter. Councillor McKenna presented this item on behalf of Council Committee.*

Mr. MacIsaac referred to a memorandum on table from Crawford

Macpherson concerning a motion made at January's Council Committee that an ad hoc committee to look at regional cooperation on recreational facilities be established and that staff bring forward to January Council draft terms of reference for this committee. This motion came about as the result of discussion at Committee on a newspaper article regarding an arena proposal at the Millbrook Power Centre and whether there is a municipal role in this project. The Power Centre would like the County and the Town to cost share 50% of the feasibility study for siting an arena complex. Although not available for tonight's Council meeting, Mr. Ray Merriam of the Millbrook Power Centre has agreed to make a presentation to February Council Committee.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That Council hold a special meeting for recreational issues within the next six-week period."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Deputy Mayor Matheson returned to the table.*

**Executive and Audit  
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of Executive and Audit Committee meetings held on November 25 and December 19, 2002 and January 14, 2003.

**Planning Advisory  
Committee**

Councillor Masters provided a report on the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on January 9, 2003:

- S Inconsistencies in the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law have been corrected and an amendment to the By-law is before Council this evening for First Reading.
- S The first meeting of the Clifton District Planning Advisory Committee has taken place and a timetable of future meetings established.

**Tatamagouche Water  
Utility Committee**

In the absence of Councillor LeFresne, Deputy Mayor Matheson presented a report from a meeting of the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee held on January 14, 2003:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

"That the following recommendations from the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee be referred to Council Committee:

- S A capital upgrade to the Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant is forthcoming; and,  
S The Tatamagouche Water Treatment Plant be added to the County's priority list for infrastructure funding."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Nominating  
Committee**

The Nominating Committee held a meeting earlier this evening to appoint citizen representatives to the Citizens Monitoring Committee. Only one response was received.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That Mr. Brian Oickle be appointed as a citizen representative on the Citizens Monitoring Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Following a brief discussion on the size of the Committee (total of four citizen representatives), Council agreed that the Citizens Monitoring Committee continue and be open to increasing membership.

**First Reading -  
Floodplain  
Amendments**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That Council approves at First Reading amendments to the floodplain section of the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law, as presented, for purposes of forwarding these documents to a Public Hearing, reserving consideration of the amendments until Second Reading following the Public Hearing."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**CPDS Memorandum  
of Understanding**

Mayor Smith made reference to the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the County and CPDS dated January 14, 2003. He indicated that when reading the Agreement, it states that Council is to appoint representatives to sit on the new Board. He asked Council's direction on whether only Councillors should be appointed to the Board or should there also be citizen representation.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

"That Council have the ability to appoint citizen representatives to the Colchester Park Development Society Board and that the eight-member Board composition consist of four Colchester County Councillors and four citizen representatives."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Letter of Thanks for  
Paving**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality send a letter of thanks to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works, copy to the appropriate MLA’s, for the completion of a considerable amount of paving in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Elliott, Cooke, Baas and Taylor opposed)*

**Correspondence**

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

- S No. 4: letter from FCM dated December 6, 2002 regarding applications to Sustainable Community Awards
- S No. 3: letter from Central Colchester Soccer Association dated November 30, 2002 regarding lease for property located off Avon Street
- S No. 9: Members Advisory from FCM dated December 17, 2002 regarding Commons Finance Committee Report
- S No. 12: letter from Colchester East Hants Health Authority dated December 19, 2002 regarding a smoke-free by-law
- S No. 18: letter from Village of Bible Hill dated January 6, 2003 enclosing the Village’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar
- S No. 23: letter from Colchester Trails Association dated January 20, 2003 concerning support for application for funding to Recreation Facility Development Program
- S No. 26: letter from EMO dated January 6, 2003 concerning approval of 50% funding for thermal imaging camera

**ACTION**

**Fraser Keirstead,  
Treasurer, Festival  
2003, Square &  
Round Dance  
Federation of N.S.**

A letter to Council dated November 26, 2002 from **Fraser Keirstead, Treasurer, Festival 2003, Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia**, requesting funding assistance for the Summer Dance Festival.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from the Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia requesting funding assistance for the Summer Dance Festival be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ed MacDonald,  
Chair, Highest Tides  
Society**

A letter to Councillor Baas dated November 28, 2002 from **Ed MacDonald, Chair, Highest Tides Society**, requesting a financial contribution for the proposed Bay of Fundy Interpretive Centre.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from the Highest Tides Society requesting a financial contribution for the proposed Bay of Fundy Interpretive Centre be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ronald B. Wallace,  
194 Vimy Road**

A letter to Council dated December 11, 2002 from **Ronald B. Wallace, 194 Vimy Road**, concerning an application to enter into a development agreement for a retirement complex.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from Mr. Ronald B. Wallace concerning an application to enter into a development agreement for a retirement complex be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**George W. Kirk, 736  
Salmon River Road**

A letter to Council received January 6, 2003 from **George W. Kirk, 736 Salmon River Road**, requesting a change in zoning from R2 to C1.

Mr. MacIsaac referred to a memorandum on table that he received from the County Planner, Paul Smith. The memorandum, which was read into record, indicates that Mr. Kirk has made application for a development permit to establish this use on the property and has asked that his previous request of Council for a zoning change be withdrawn. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Keith Jeffers, 144  
Oakwood Drive,  
Truro Heights**

A letter dated January 15, 2003 from **Keith Jeffers, 144 Oakwood Drive, Truro Heights**, requesting a zoning change from R2C to R2.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from Mr. Keith Jeffers requesting a zoning change from R2C to R2 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Dawn Heintz,  
Chairman, 2003 Tulip  
Festival**

A letter to the CAO dated December 19, 2002 from **Dawn Heintz, Chairman, 2003 Tulip Festival**, requesting funding assistance for the 2003 International Tulip Festival.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from the 2003 Tulip Festival requesting funding assistance for the 2003 International Tulip Festival be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were asked to have the Festival’s budget for this year’s event when this item is presented to Council Committee.

**Kevin Lamarque,  
Director, Nova Scotia  
Office, Dept. of  
Canadian Heritage**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 2, 2002 from **Kevin Lamarque, Director, Nova Scotia Office, Department of Canadian Heritage**, requesting February 15, 2003 be proclaimed National Flag of Canada Day.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That February 15, 2003 be proclaimed National Flag of Canada Day.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Canadian Red Cross,  
Truro**

A fax dated January 16, 2003 from the **Canadian Red Cross, Truro**, requesting March be proclaimed Red Cross Month.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That March 2003 be proclaimed Red Cross Month.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mayor Christopher  
Wright, Town of  
Stewiacke**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated January 20, 2003 from **Mayor Chris Wright, Town of Stewiacke**, regarding the December public hearing for the St. Andrews Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law.

Following a lengthy discussion concerning the rationale behind the December 3, 2002 decision to table the St. Andrews River Watershed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law, Councillors identified that, although the land-use issue was a concern, the principal reason to

table was the concern over a separate stewardship committee. Staff were asked to investigate this issue with the Town of Stewiacke and Citizens Coalition Committee.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That staff and County Solicitor investigate the Stewardship Committee issue with the Town of Stewiacke and Citizens Coalition Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That a letter be sent to the Town of Stewiacke advising them of the Municipality’s course of action.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**David N. Kilbey,  
Frontier University**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 24, 2003 from **David N. Kilbey, Frontier University**, requesting support for a Local Market Development Agreement proposal.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the letter from Mr. David N. Kilbey be received for information only.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tracy Kittilsen,  
Program Manager,  
Open Doors**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 2, 2003 from **Tracy Kittilsen, Program Manager, Open Doors**, requesting funding assistance for a Career Expo.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from Open Doors requesting funding assistance for a Career Expo be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Alexis Steel, Central  
Nova Women’s  
Resource Centre**

An e-mail to Mayor Smith dated January 29, 2003 from **Alexis Steel, Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre**, requesting a letter of recognition and support for the organization.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Municipality send a letter of recognition and support to the Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**John Schmal,  
President, FCM**

A copy of a letter dated December 6, 2002 from **John Schmal, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding applications to the Sustainable Community Awards. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Andy Kenny,  
President, Central  
Colchester Soccer  
Association**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 30, 2002 from **Andy Kenny, President, Central Colchester Soccer Association**, regarding a lease with the County for property located off Avon Street.

Referring to the Association’s decision not to pursue the leasing of this property with the County, Mayor Smith felt that this was a lost opportunity for the children and that perhaps there was something in the process that went amiss. A brief discussion followed on how the land could be utilized.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members Advisory dated December 17, 2002 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding the Commons Finance Committee Report.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the issue of low-cost housing be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Elliott and Edwards  
opposed)*

**Krista Canning,  
Tobacco Reduction  
Strategy Coordinator,  
Colchester East  
Hants Health  
Authority**

A letter to Council dated December 19, 2002 from **Krista Canning, Tobacco Reduction Strategy Coordinator, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, regarding a smoke-free by-law.

Mayor Smith referred to the mistake acknowledged by the Authority in that they had originally indicated that the Municipality of Colchester was moving forward a smoke-free by-law for first reading. To date, the only decision made by Council was to appoint Councillor Baas to a regional committee and to look at a by-law at some point in the future. The general consensus was to let this issue remain with the Province.

**Wayne McCormick,  
Chairman, Village of  
Bible Hill**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 6, 2003 from **K. Wayne McCormick, Chairman, Village of Bible Hill**, enclosing the Village’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary calendar.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality send a letter of thanks for the calendar and extend the County’s best wishes, along with a plaque, on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor McKenna was asked to obtain more calendars for distribution to Council.

**James Armstrong,  
President, Colchester  
Trails Association**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated January 20, 2003 from **James Armstrong, President, Colchester Trails Association**, concerning a letter of support for an application for funding to the Recreation Facility Development Program.

Council agreed that the Municipality would send a letter to the Association in support of its application for funding to the Recreation Facility Development Program. It was also noted that the Association plans to apply for funds from the County through the Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Policy.

**John Perkins,  
Federal-Provincial  
Liaison Officer,  
EMO**

A letter to the CAO dated January 6, 2003 from **John Perkins, Federal-Provincial Liaison Officer, Emergency Measures Organization**, concerning approval of provincial funding for the thermal imaging camera.

Mr. MacIsaac advised that he had not received a response from the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke on cost sharing the thermal imaging camera; however, the Province, which normally funds at about 30%, has agreed to cost share the camera for 50% of approved costs.

## INFORMATION

**CoRDA**

A copy of minutes of a CoRDA Board meeting held on November 19, 2002 received from the **Colchester Regional Development Agency**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Doug Linzey,  
Secretary, Federation  
of N.S. Naturalists**

An e-mail to the Mayor and Council dated November 21, 2002 from **Doug Linzey, Secretary, Federation of N.S. Naturalists** concerning an off-road vehicles’ policy. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

**Henry Walthert,  
Executive Director,  
Canadian Institute of  
Treated Wood**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 9, 2002 from **Henry Walthert, Executive Director, Canadian Institute of Treated Wood**, regarding facts about pressure treated wood. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Gerard MacLellan,  
Executive Director,  
Environmental  
Monitoring &  
Compliance Division,  
Dept. of Environment  
& Labour**

A letter to the CAO dated December 9, 2002 from **Gerard MacLellan, Executive Director, Environmental Monitoring & Compliance Division, Department of Environment & Labour**, regarding the Province's drinking water strategy. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mayor Bill Mills,  
Town of Truro**

A copy of a letter to CPDS dated December 10, 2002 from **Mayor Bill Mills, Town of Truro**, clarifying the Town's commitment to an integrated approach to economic development. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Canadian Homeless  
Organization**

A copy of a letter/e-mail from the **Canadian Homeless Organization** (over 900 received) regarding the closure of Millbrook First Nation's trailer court. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Ron Creighton,  
Chair, CoRDA**

A copy of correspondence to the Transition Board dated December 17, 2002 from **Ron Creighton, Chair, Colchester Regional Development Agency**, requesting a progress report on regional integration. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Alex Steeves,  
Policing & Victim  
Services, Dept. of  
Justice**

Letters to Mayor Smith dated December 18, 2002 and January 17, 2003 from **Alex Steeves, Policing and Victim Services, Department of Justice**, enclosing draft legislation on policing in Nova Scotia. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Krista Wood,  
Director of Public  
Relations, Colchester  
East Hants Health  
Authority**

A copy of highlights of regular meeting of Colchester East Hants Health Authority held on December 17, 2002 received from **Krista Wood, Director of Public Relations, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Colchester East  
Hants Health  
Authority**

A copy of Healthlines newsletter for November/December 2002 received from the **Colchester East Hants Health Authority**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Peter Doig, Director,  
Government  
Regulations, N.S.  
Power**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 19, 2002 from **Peter Doig, Director, Government Relations, N.S. Power**, concerning improvements to customer service. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**N.S. Provincial  
Health Council**

A copy of the annual report for fiscal year ending March 31, 2002 received from the **N.S. Provincial Health Council** (copy of report on file in the Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Diane Smith, South Shore Tourism Association**

A copy of a letter dated January 3, 2003 from **Diane Smith, South Shore Tourism Association**, regarding the First Annual Brant and Winter Birding Festival, March 1-2, 2003. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Building Inspector**

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics report from the **Building Inspector** for the months of November and December 2002. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

**Development Officer**

A copy of the Development Activity Report from the **Development Officer** for the months of November and December 2002. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

**Krista Wood, Director of Public Relations, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**

A copy of a press release dated January 20, 2003 from **Krista Wood, Director of Public Relations, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, regarding National Non-Smoking Week. Council agreed to receive this press release for information purposes.

**James Knight, FCM**

A copy of a Members Advisory dated January 20, 2003 from **James Knight, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning commitments to municipal governments. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**John Schmal, President, FCM**

A copy of a Members Advisory dated January 22, 2003 from **John Schmal, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding the World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Peter Doig, Director, Government Relations, N.S. Power**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 20, 2003 from **Peter Doig, Director, Government Relations, N.S. Power**, concerning the Good Neighbour Energy Fund. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Robert Parker, Board Chair, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 19, 2002 from **Robert Parker, Board Chair, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**, and the Mayor's response dated January 23, 2003, regarding enforcement of a no-smoking by-law on school properties. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mayor Bill Mills, Town of Truro**

A copy of a letter dated January 23, 2003 from **Mayor Bill Mills, Town of Truro**, concerning snow and ice removal. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Award of Biosolids Contract**

Three proposals were received in response to the Request for Proposals for the Biosolids disposal contract. The proposals required that the proponents be responsible for both trucking of sludge as well as processing. The contract has been awarded to Fundy Compost.

## **Update on Floodplain Study**

Councillor Taylor reported that a student, Mr. Andrew Patton, has now been hired for this project. Mr. Patton, a graduating environmental engineer, is presently reviewing reports and meeting with his committee. A copy of this report will be placed in Councillor mailboxes.

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

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### Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board

Councillor Cooke attended a meeting of the Board this week and indicated that the Board has received one reply from the Province in response to the letter of support from the Town of Truro. The reply indicated that the boards have received an increased level of funding but not to the level agreed upon and that this issue is under review.

### Central Nova Tourist Association

Councillor Edwards reported that the Central Nova Tourist Association's annual general meeting will be held January 31-February 1, 2003 at the Howard Johnson in Truro.

### St. Andrews Stewardship Committee

Councillor Elliott reported that the last Stewardship Committee meeting was held in October 2002. Since that time, there have been two meetings have been cancelled and there has yet to be a meeting in 2003.

### N.S. Recycles Day

Deputy Mayor Matheson indicated that he had attended the N.S. Recycles Day dinner in Milford on January 21<sup>st</sup> where he had the honour of presenting some of the awards. Colchester County students received six awards in total.

### CoRDA

Councillor Taylor reported on CoRDA activities, including:

- S Wind Power Committee ongoing
- S agricultural directory in progress
- S Kohler Windows Job Fair on February 5th from 3:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. at Howard Johnson
- S Greater Halifax-Moncton Corridor meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Power Centre
- S budget process ongoing

### Wind Energy Meeting

Councillor Baas will be attending a meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> on wind energy. Staff are to advise Councillor Baas before that date on any

existing County by-laws that would prohibit the use of wind turbines.

**Balefill Facility**

Councillor Cavanaugh stated that he had heard of problems with the baler at the Balefill Facility and requested an update. Mr. MacIsaac advised that the baler had been down for a period of time last week, repairs were made and then it broke down again. There was some difficulty getting the part from the States and it was finally sourced in Canada and flown in on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The baler is back in operation. There was concern with the tire fluff coming in and being left on the floor during this time; however, security staff were in place until the fluff was removed. Councillor Cavanaugh felt it would be appropriate for the Area Councillor to be notified of such occurrences in the future.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera session at 10:20 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:48 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Deputy Clerk