

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, June 26, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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| Councillor Bob Taylor | District #1 |
| Councillor Bill Masters | District #2 |
| Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson, Chair | 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:

Mayor Michael Smith

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the agenda for June 26, 2003 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- S add 6.6, under Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations: Special Council - meeting held on June 19, 2003 (on table)
- S add 6a: Lower Truro Water - Insurance
- S add 11a: Vernon Bridge
- S add 15a: Liability Insurance
- S add 15b: Position Vacancy - Balefill Facility - Compost Operations Worker
- S add 16.1 under In-Camera: Negotiations”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of meetings held on May 8 and 27, 2003 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on May 8 and 27, 2003.

Presentations

Mr. Mike Foster, President, Canmac Economics

Mr. Foster indicated that his firm had been hired by CoRDA to carry out an industry sector strategy for the region of Colchester. The strategy has a three-phase approach: overview of the region, strategic position papers, focus groups and analysis of the sectors with detailed assessment of these sectors. The Strategy shows the economic outlook for this region over the next five years will add 1,450 jobs or 290 per year. By 2011, the population will reach 51,319, up 2000 from its 2001 level. The unemployment rate will fall from 11.4% to 9.5%. Business survey results showed industry sector growth coming from the accommodation and food and beverage service, transportation and storage, and manufacturing sectors. The Truro Power Centre is looked at as a job generator and it is expected that 600 to 800 people will be working in this area in the next two to three years. The survey also showed reasons for businesses locating to this region - central location (52%), low cost (31%), quality of labour (50%), quality of community (27%).

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the presentation from Canmac Economics be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. David Wilson, Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association

Mr. Wilson is a member of the Board of Directors for the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association. He indicated that the purpose of his presentation was to reiterate the Association's interest in acquiring the property known as the Middle Stewiacke Elementary School. In June 2003, the Association wrote a letter to Council on this matter, a copy of which is included in this evening's information correspondence. With the closing of the school, Mr. Wilson stated that the community will lose its library resources, community meeting hall and playground. He explained that the Recreation Association was established in 1974 to promote health and well being to the community. This has been accomplished through various activities: weekly volleyball and soccer, craft night, annual family fun day, family winter outing day, aerobics. The Association's goals for the future include: library and resource centre, seniors' club, youth group, youth day camp, drama theatre group. The New Testament Fellowship Church are renting and will

continue to rent the School if the Recreation Association acquires the property.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the presentation from the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Allan Hayman, President, CUPE 3945

Mr. Hayman indicated that he, Sean Sutherland, Sheila Wilson and Alex Somerville were before Council this evening as the Union’s contract negotiating team. The team is requesting a meeting be set up with Council concerning sick leave. Mr. Hayman was informed that Council has delegated union contract negotiations to staff and therefore, this meeting request would not be permitted under current policy.

**Council Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Councillor McKenna presented reports from a Council Committee meeting held on June 12, 2003:

**Funding Request -
N.S. Provincial
Exhibition
Commission**

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

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves the donation of \$3,000 toward the sponsorship of the N.S. Provincial Exhibition Commission’s Maritime Country Fest 2003, source of funds to be the Economic Development Grant Fund; and that any concert tickets received by the Municipality for this funding are to be donated to charity.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Taylor returned to the table.

**Appointment of
Municipal Building
Inspectors as
Municipality’s Fire
Safety Inspectors**

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

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council confirms the appointments of Mannie Withrow and David McElhinney as Building Inspectors for the Municipality and appoints

Robert Burns as a Building Inspector; and,

That Council appoints Mannie Withrow, David McElhinney and Robert Burns as Fire Inspectors for the Municipality; and,

That the appointments noted in paragraphs 1 and 2, and any other Building Inspector and Fire Inspector appointments in the future, shall terminate automatically, without motion of Council, in the event of cessation of employment of the Inspectors by the Municipality.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Lynds returned to the table.

**Request to Extend
Cobequid Trail into
Old Barns**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the leasing of the former DAR lands for the purpose of extending the Cobequid Trail to Old Barns and authorizes the Mayor and CAO to enter into a lease with the affected property owners; and,

That Council approves the allocation of \$20,000 to commence maintenance and construction of the Old Barns section of the Cobequid Trail, once leases have been finalized, source of funds to be the operating budget.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooke and Baas opposed)*

**Loan Guarantee -
Salmon River Fire
Commission**

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

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council authorizes the Municipality of the County of Colchester to provide a loan guarantee in the amount of \$258,000 to the Salmon River Fire Commission in support of the purchase of a new fire truck and that the attached resolution from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be approved by the Mayor and CAO.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Masters returned to the table.

**Economic
Development Grant**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

**Application -
Maritime
Firefighters
Association Golf
Tournament**

“That Council approves the donation of \$500 for the Maritime Firefighters Association Golf Tournament being held in Colchester County from August 8-10, 2003, source of funds to be the Economic Development Grant Fund.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor Elliott and Edwards
opposed)*

**Discharge of a
Development
Agreement for
Nikki’s Day Care**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Release (Discharge) of a Development Agreement between Lars Andersson and Dagmar Andersson, and the Municipality of the County of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Director of Public
Works - Adjustment
to Salary**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves that Susheel Arora be moved to Step 7 of Salary Range 10 (\$67,398) retroactive to July 19, 2002.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Wage Increase -
CUPE Foremen**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that the wages of the three (3) foremen (Rank 6) in the collective agreement with CUPE Local 3945 be increased by \$1.00 per hour retroactive to May 12, 2003.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on May 27, 2003.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

Councillor Masters reported that no meetings of the Planning Advisory Committee have taken place since the last Council session. One meeting had to be cancelled due to insufficient members being available for a quorum.

**Nominating
Committee**

As there was no response to the advertisement for a Citizen Appointment to the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee, the Nominating Committee meeting scheduled for earlier today was cancelled. To continue the search, the advertisement will be placed in the next newsletter for the Utility.

Staff were asked to look into whether the County carries liability insurance for citizen representatives on these committees.

**Special Council
Reports and
Recommendations**

Councillor McKenna presented a report from a Special Council meeting held on June 19, 2003:

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

**Upgrading of MRF
Sprinkler System**

“That staff be instructed to report back at a future Committee meeting on the proposed cost of upgrading the sprinkler system in the Materials Recovery Facility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Increase of
Firefighting Water
Supply**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That staff look at other alternatives relating to construction of additional fire ponds or the expansion of the existing ponds.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Monthly
Intermediate Cover**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council adopt the practice of compartmentalizing cells at a size not to exceed 6,100 cubic meters.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tire Fluff

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That staff investigate the issue of banning tire fluff entirely from the Balefill site and report back to a future meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Purchase of Dozer
and Water Truck**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality purchase a D-5 Dozer for the Balefill site.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality purchase a water truck for the Balefill site.”

Motion **Defeated.**

*(Deputy Mayor Matheson,
Councillors Masters, Edwards,
Elliott, Baas, McKenna, LeFresne,
Lynds, Cooke opposed)*

**Lower Truro Water -
Insurance**

Councillor Masters briefed members on the Lower Truro water issue as it pertains to liability insurance. The property owners have been informed by their insurance company that unless they disconnect the pipe to stop the water from going across the highway and being accessible to the public, that the public liability insurance portion of their policy would be eliminated. Due to pressure from the media and the public, the insurance company gave the owners an extension to July 20th.

Following debate on possible solutions to this matter, Council referred the matter to Council Committee and directed staff to look into the operation and ownership of the well with the insurance company.

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the operation and ownership of the well be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were also requested to determine what would be involved if the County were to assume responsibility for this public water supply, specifically, provincial regulations and liability issues; and, to contact the insurance company to advise them that Council will not be considering options for the public water supply until it meets again in August and request that the deadline of July 20th be extended.

Mr. Jeff Cutten, who owns property in the area of the public water supply and associated parking lot, was asked to provide Council with his thoughts on this issue. Mr. Cutten advised that he had talked to the insurance company who informed him that they were in the process of setting up their own liability pool. As it stands now, the insurance company would not be able to cover off any lawsuits that occur as their pool is not large enough.

Mr. Albert Flemming provided Council with a brief history of why roads were built where these springs were located, the main reason being to take care of the horses as they drove by. He felt that the responsibility for this water lies with the Province of Nova Scotia, not the Municipality.

Fire Inspection Program

Mr. MacIsaac reported that the Municipality has been advised by the Fire Marshal that the information provided to the June Committee meeting was inaccurate. In the overview presented, the version of the regulations that staff were using as a reference document was later amended. The types of buildings requiring inspection and the frequency of the inspections in the later version have changed considerably. Mr. MacIsaac then presented an overhead presentation of what these changes were. The Municipality can comply with Group A inspections; however, staff will require that Council set policy for Group C to F inspections; specifically, direction on the enforcement period of 1 to 365 days.

Staff will report back in August or September with policy recommendations for Group C-F inspections.

First Reading - Local Improvement By-law

Council received a version of the By-law this past spring that was based on a 50-50 split for frontage and area rate. Council defeated the motion at Second Reading. The By-law was then redrafted to include frontage only as the basis for recovering the cost from property owners. This is the same basis that is part of the existing Street Improvement By-law. The other changes made to the By-law in the spring remain the same. They are in Sections 2 and 4 which gives Council the discretionary right not to exempt a corner lot in some circumstances and in Section 11, there is an interest rate provision of 7% whereas the former Street Improvement By-law set a rate of 10%.

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Award of Construction Tender - Great Village Sewage Treatment Plant

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded Councillor Elliott

“That Council authorize the Executive and Audit Committee to award the construction tender for the Great Village Sewage Treatment Plant in July.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)*

Staff will provide a status report on this project to Council in August.

Date for Strategic Planning Session

Mr. MacIsaac advised the weekend of September 5-6 is being looked at for the Strategic Planning Session for 1-1/2 or 2-days. It will be held in Colchester County.

**Report from
Kemptown Citizens'
Monitoring
Committee**

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

Mr. MacIsaac advised that from meetings held on May 21 and June 16, 2003, the Committee had concerns with the private construction and demolition (C&D) debris sites in Kemptown, where operating permits have been issued by the Department of Environment and Labour (DEL) but which do not have citizen monitoring committees. The Committee passed a resolution whereby the Citizens' Monitoring Committee would write a letter to the DEL stating that the Host Community of Kemptown feels that the formation of a citizens' monitoring committee should be part of the permit approval process of the Department of Environment and Labour for Truro Sanitation or any other construction and demolition waste site in the community of Kemptown.

Council agreed with staff's recommendation to hold off on any further discussion on the future of C&D sites until a paper is presented to August Council. In the interim, staff will circulate to Council what correspondence is available on this matter.

At the June 16th meeting, the Committee also had a tour of Kemptown and was very pleased with the operation of the County facility. DEL is concerned with the water pooling at the C&D site and will be issuing an order to the County to have this remedied.

At this point, Councillor Taylor returned to the table.

Vernon Bridge

Councillor Edwards reported on a meeting that he and Councillor Taylor attended with the Department of Transportation and Public Works on June 17, 2003 concerning the future of Vernon Bridge. Kim Paterson from the Municipality also attended.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That a letter be written to the three MLA's in Colchester County to thank them for their input throughout the process which has resulted in the decision to replace the one-lane bridge with a two-lane bridge and a pedestrian sidewalk; and,

That Council concurs with the recommendation from the local office of Transportation and Public Works that the bridge be located in the vicinity of the intersection of Eagle View Drive and Old Courthouse Branch Road.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

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

- S No. 8: letter from Colchester East Hants Seniors Council dated April 15, 2003 and Mayor's response concerning compost containers
- S No. 14: letter from Department of Transportation and Public Works dated June 13, 2003 regarding approved paving for 2003-04
- S No. 12: copy of letter from Department of Education concerning establishment of Regional Public Libraries Funding Review Committee
- S No. 18: copy of letter from Village of Bible Hill regarding the Village's water system
- S No. 21: e-mail from Department of Transportation and Public Works regarding addition of Oakland Drive to paving priorities list

ACTION

**Bill Weagle, Zone
Controller,
Emergency
Measures
Organization**

A letter to the CAO dated April 26, 2003 from **Bill Weagle, Zone Controller, Emergency Measures Organization**, concerning the Special Hazards Response Unit Memorandum of Understanding.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

"That the letter from the Emergency Measures Organization concerning the Special Hazards Response Unit Memorandum of Understanding be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Vance Hanes, L.V.
Hanes Investments
Ltd.**

A letter to the CAO dated May 30, 2003 from **Vance Hanes, L.V. Hanes Investments Ltd.**, concerning an application for extension of the salvage yard on Jollytown Road.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the letter from L.V. Hanes Investments Ltd. concerning an application for extension of the salvage yard on Jollytown Road be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Dale Sabean,
Director of**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated June 10, 2003 from **Dale Sabean, Director of Corporate Services, Chignecto-Central Regional**

**Corporate Services,
Chignecto-Central
Regional School
Board**

School Board, concerning the Five Islands Elementary School.

Moved By Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the letter from the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board concerning the Five Islands Elementary School be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Gordon and Judy
Eaton, 71 Spruce
Drive, Truro**

A letter to the Mayor and CAO dated June 25, 2003 from **Gordon and Judy Eaton, 71 Spruce Drive, Truro**, regarding the purchase of parkland in Princeton Heights.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the letter from Gordon and Judy Eaton regarding the purchase of parkland in Princeton Heights be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ron Giffin, Capital
Campaign,
Colchester
Community
Workshops
Foundation**

A letter to the Mayor and CAO dated June 25, 2003 from **Ron Giffin, Capital Campaign, Colchester Community Workshops Foundation**, requesting additional funding from the Municipality.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the letter from the Colchester Community Workshops Foundation requesting additional funding from the Municipality be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Vince DeAdder,
President, Colchester
East Hants Seniors
Council**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated April 15, 2003 from **Vince DeAdder, President, Colchester East Hants Seniors Council** and the Mayor’s response dated June 10th concerning compost containers.

At Council’s recommendation, staff will look at the disposal of compost containers for those seniors not using them, bearing in mind there will no exemption from property taxes as a result of this disposition. Council will be advised accordingly.

**Michael Baker,
Minister of
Transportation and**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated June 13, 2003 from **Michael Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works**, regarding approved paving for 2003-04 (Warren Avenue, Peppard Drive and Macland

Public Works

Drive).

With respect to Peppard Drive, Council inquired as to whether those who petitioned under the existing Street Improvement By-law three or four years ago could re-petition under the new Local Improvement By-law.

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That staff amend for Second Reading of the Local Improvement By-law, Section 6, Repeal of Approval, to include those residents who petitioned under the existing Street Improvement By-law, provided they were within the 36-months approval by Council criteria.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Taylor, Masters, Elliott, Edwards, Cavanaugh, LeFresne, Cooke and McKenna opposed)*

**Elizabeth Armstrong,
Department of
Education**

A copy of a letter dated June 12, 2003 from **Elizabeth Armstrong, Department of Education**, concerning the establishment of the Regional Public Libraries Funding Review Committee.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That a letter be sent to the Department of Education urging the Province to accept and implement the recommendations of the Regional Public Libraries Funding Review Committee, including the full amount of any recommended funding.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Robert Christianson,
Clerk and Treasurer,
Village of Bible Hill**

A copy of a letter dated June 19, 2003 from **Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer, Village of Bible Hill**, regarding the Village of Bible Hill water system.

Councillor McKenna expressed concern over the Village of Bible Hill signing off on a water service agreement which states that the Town of Truro agrees to take ownership of the infrastructure of the existing water utility off College Road. A public meeting with users of this Utility was held about a month ago and residents were told that no decision had yet been made. The County Solicitor indicated that the Village and Town must make application to the Utilities and Review Board and that transfer of ownership cannot take place until approval is received from the Board.

**Wayne Franlin,
Department of
Transportation and
Public Works**

An e-mail to the CAO dated June 26, 2003 from **Wayne Franklin, Department of Transportation and Public Works**, regarding the addition of Oakland Drive to the paving priorities list.

Mr. MacIsaac advised that in accordance with Council's direction, the Department of Transportation and Public Works has confirmed that Macland Drive has been removed from the priority list and replaced with the paving of Oakland Drive in its entirety.

INFORMATION

**Steve Karrel, Co-
Chair, CWSF 2007
Host Committee**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated May 21, 2003 from **Steve Karrel, Co-Chair, Canada Wide Science Fair 2007 Host Committee**, regarding Colchester County winning the bid to host the 2007 Canada Wide Science Fair. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Peter Newbould,
A/Manager, Heritage
Property Program,
Tourism & Culture**

A copy of a memorandum dated May 23, 2003 from **Peter Newbould, A/Manager, Heritage Property Program, Tourism and Culture**, concerning the Heritage Grant Program for 2003-04 (copy of enclosures on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Councillor Don
Zwicker, President,
UNSM**

A copy of a letter dated May 26, 2003 from **Councillor Don Zwicker, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning the grants-in-lieu payments for university residency structures. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Gary MacIsaac,
County CAO**

A letter to the Department of Environment and Labour dated May 27, 2003 from **Gary MacIsaac, Colchester County CAO**, concerning a Citizens' Monitoring Committee meeting held on May 21, 2003. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Peter MacKinnon,
CEO, Colchester
East Hants Health
Authority**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated May 29, 2003 from **Peter MacKinnon, CEO, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, enclosing a copy of the 2003 Report to Our Community (copy of the report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Darrell Dexter,
Leader of Opposition**

A copy of a letter dated June 2, 2003 from **Darrell Dexter, Leader of the Opposition**, regarding a driver-owned auto insurance plan. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Danny Chaplin,
Chairperson, Middle
Stewiacke
Recreation
Association AND**

Letters to Mayor Smith and Council dated June 3 and 9, 2003 from **Danny Chaplin, Chairperson, Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association** and **Mayor Smith's** June 6th response to the June 3rd letter regarding the Association's interest in obtaining ownership of the Middle Stewiacke Elementary School property. Council agreed to

**Michael Smith,
Mayor of Colchester**

receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Robert Christianson,
Clerk and Treasurer,
Village of Bible Hill**

A letter to the CAO dated June 11, 2003 from **Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer, Village of Bible Hill**, enclosing a copy of the Village's financial statements for 2002-03 (copy of financial statements on file in the Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics for the month of May 2003 received from the **Building Inspector**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report for the month of May 2003 received from the **Development Officer**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Councillor Don
Zwicker, President,
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated June 18, 2003 from **Councillor Don Zwicker, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning the UNSM's Act of Incorporation update. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Jo Ann Fewer, Chief
Executive Officer,
CoRDA**

A letter to the CAO dated June 18, 2003 from **Jo Ann Fewer, Chief Executive Officer, CoRDA**, enclosing a copy of CoRDA's Annual Report for 2002-03 (copy of report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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

A letter to Mayor Smith dated June 18, 2003 from **Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester- Musquodoboit Valley**, regarding the damage to agricultural lands in Upper Stewiacke area. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Kenneth Simpson,
Executive Director,
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated June 19, 2003 from **Kenneth Simpson, Executive Director, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning the roundtable on alternative service delivery. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Krista Wood,
Colchester East
Hants Health
Authority**

A copy of a press release dated June 20, 2003 from **Krista Wood, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, concerning construction planning for a new regional health centre. Council agreed to receive this press release for information purposes.

**Peter Brull, Property
Tax Agent, Union
Gas**

A letter dated June 3, 2003 from **Peter Brull, Property Tax Agent, Union Gas**, concerning property taxes for Maritimes Northeast Pipeline. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**FCM Conference
Reports**

Before Council were reports from Mayor Smith, Councillor McKenna, Councillor LeFresne and the CAO on their attendance at the FCM

Conference held in Winnipeg, May 30-June 2, 2003. Councillors may contact delegates directly if they have any questions on these reports.

**Scholarship
Recipients**

Recipients of the County's first high school scholarship awards were:

- S Cobequid Educational Centre - Sean Higgins and Stephanie Yorke
- S South Colchester - Meghan MacLellan
- S North Colchester - Maggie Stanley

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

CoRDA

Councillor Taylor reported that CoRDA's annual general meeting held last week was well attended. The appointment of Jo Ann Fewer as the Executive Director for the new Colchester Regional Development Agency was announced.

St. Andrews River Stewardship Committee

At its last meeting, a presentation was made by Dana Day on forestry. The Committee will not meet again until September.

Central Nova Tourist Association

Councillor Edwards reported that between March and June of 2003, Nova Scotia received \$5.6 million in editorial coverage.

Truro and District Chamber of Commerce

Councillor LeFresne reported on a meeting he attended recently of the Chamber. The Chamber are moving forward on amalgamation and have set up a committee to look at this issue.

North River Elementary School

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that he has been asked to represent the County on the steering committee for the expansion of the North River Elementary School.

**Position Vacancy -
Balefill Facility -
Compost Operations
Worker**

The position of Compost Operations Worker at the Balefill Facility will be posted internally. Council will be advised of the outcome of this competition.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera session at 10:35 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:13 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Deputy Clerk