

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 August 26, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Michael 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 Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11
Absent:	
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9

Variance Hearing**William Russell Road, Hilden**

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to order. The Municipal Development Officer, Mrs. Pam MacIntosh, granted a variance to Lynn Shearer for a property on the William Russell Road in Hilden. A neighbour, Ms. Mary Williams, has objected to the variance and Council is the decision making body and will decide to either uphold or overturn the decision of the Development Officer.

Mrs. MacIntosh stated that the variance request was for a reduction of the minimum front yard setback to accommodate a new single unit dwelling. Reasons for granting the variance include: the land slopes away from the road, there will be less infilling, and the street scape leading up to the property shows that some houses are closer to the road right of way. There would not be a negative visual impact with the proposed house closer to the road.

Mayor Smith asked if M.A. Perry, Mary Williams or a representative opposing this variance were present to comment on this variance. As there was no response, Mayor Smith then asked if Lynn Shearer or a representative were present.

Mr. Greg McFadden appeared on behalf of Lynn Shearer and indicated that the property was purchased in 2001. It was thought that a dwelling could be built as close to the road as neighbouring

houses. There would be no negative impact on neighbours now or in the future. The main reason for moving the house forward is to reduce costs.

Mayor Smith asked if there were any others in the audience who would like to speak regarding this variance, either for or against.

Ms. Susan Creelman and Mr. Glen Crossman both stated that they had no concerns with the granting of this variance request.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the decision of the Development Officer be upheld and the variance be granted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

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

- Delete 6(1) Presentation - Andrew Paton & Gordon Murray,
Flood Study
- Add 6(1) Staff Presentation - Darlyne Proctor
- Add 14b Great Village Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Add 14c Broderick Lane - Five Islands
- Add 14d Spraying of Woodlots in Colchester County
- Add 18b Flood Study.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of the meeting held on June 24, 2004 be approved with the following amendments:

On page 93 under Public Works Garage, the vote on the actual motion was put and carried with Deputy Mayor Matheson opposed; and

On page 98 under Table Tennis Club/Nova Scotia Table Tennis Association, Councillor Taylor seconded this motion.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 2004 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of June 24 and July 15, 2004.

Presentations

There were no public presentations at this meeting.

Staff Presentations

Ms. Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Coordinator, indicated that the Municipality is proposing to run a program on curbside recycling called the Recycle Right Promotion. The objective of the promotion is to improve quality of curbside recycling, increase residential participation and to raise profile of Waste Diversion Programs.

Currently, there seems to be a lot of organics in the paper stream and the program will employ curbside monitoring to ensure there are no organics or garbage mixed in with the recyclables.

The program involves radio promotions that will run for 8 weeks in total, 4 weeks on Big Dog and 4 weeks on Cat Country, alternating weekly. There will be 8 - 30 second ads per day, 6 live liners per weekday , 5 ads per day on waste management topic and a 60 second ad every Friday announcing winners. There will be 5 radio advertisements for education opportunities including recycle right message, promotion of household hazardous waste, proper waste disposal and waste reduction week promotions.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

**Council Committee
Report**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on August 12, 2004:

Storm Water - John Coleman

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council approves that upon receipt of a signed release, the Municipality will carry out the work as outlined in the memo dated August 27, 1998.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Long Range Planning - Municipal Infrastructure Program

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves that a Municipal Infrastructure Program be created; and

That Council approves that the following services be eligible for infrastructure funding at this time - sewer line extensions, water plant, water line extensions and sidewalk installation - as defined in the infrastructure program dated August 2004; and

That Council approves that an amount of \$750,000 be transferred to a new Municipal Infrastructure Reserve with \$625,000 coming from the Operating Reserve and \$125,000 from the current year’s general operations; and

That Council approves that an amount be included in the “maintenance” budget commencing in 2005/06, with the amount in 2005/06 of \$500,000 coming from the Operating Reserve (\$350,000) and from general operations (\$150,000); and

That Council approves that for the years beyond 2005/06, \$500,000 from general operations be transferred to the Infrastructure Program, noting that this will be reviewed annually as part of the budgetary process; and

That Council approves that internal funding by area rates be set up based on a maximum funding period of 15 years, with the interest rate to be set at the Municipality’s Bank Average Prime Rate, and adjusted annually thereafter if the Bank Average Prime Rate increases or decreases by 2% or more; and

That Council approves that projects be approved as part of the annual Capital Budgeting process; and

That Council approves that all eligible projects be cost shared between the Municipal Infrastructure Program and area tax rates at a 50-50 ratio.”

Moved by Councillor Taylor (in Amendment)
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves that all eligible projects be cost shared between the Municipal Infrastructure Program and area tax rates at a 75-25 ratio.”

Moved by Councillor McKenna (in Amendment)

Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves that all eligible projects be cost shared between the Municipal Infrastructure Program and area tax rates at a 65-35 ratio.”

Motion **Defeated**.

(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor, Elliott, Edwards, LeFresne, Cooke, Cavanaugh, Masters, and Lynds opposed)

With the second motion to amend having failed, the original amending motion of 75-25 ratio was put and defeated with Mayor Smith, Councillors Masters, Elliott, Edwards, Cooke, McKenna and Lynds opposed.

With the amending motion having failed, the main motion was Put and Carried with Deputy Mayor Matheson and Councillor McKenna opposed.

Long Range Planning - Playground Funding

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approved that the Municipality:

Redesign the playground funding program to include all schools and community parks - capital improvements and staff draft new criteria for the program; and

That annual funding be increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000 in anticipation of demand for the first few years.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Funding Request - Colchester Historical Society Museum and Archives

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves to give \$7,500 to the Colchester Historical Society Museum and Archives for the first year and reconsider the request next year and review annually.”

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson (in Amendment)
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approve to give \$7,500 to the Colchester Historical Society Museum and Archives for a 3 year term.”

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

The motion to amend having Carried, the main motion was Put and Carried with Councillors Edwards and Cooke opposed.

Funding Request - D.A.R.E. Program

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves to support the D.A.R.E. Program with funding in the amount of \$250.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Request for Property Tax Exemption - Nature Conservancy of Canada

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves, in principle, the addition of The Nature Conservancy of Canada to Chapter 37 - Tax Exemption By-law, subject to final approval of the By-law in early 2005.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Street Light Petition - Kennedy Road

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves that the street light petition for Kennedy Road be accepted and that this area be included in the existing street lighting area for Brookfield.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Regulating Adult Entertainment Uses in Colchester County

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that staff be instructed to bring forward a draft independent municipal by-law that will regulate strip clubs and massage parlours for sexual purposes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive
Committee Report**

There was no business arising from the Executive Committee meeting held on July 15, 2004.

Action Items

**Awarding of Central
Dispatch Contract**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council award the Contract for Emergency Dispatch Service to Valley Communications Inc. for a three-year period, beginning October 1, 2004.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Collection Contract
Specifications**

The Action Item before Council reported that after a lengthy session back in June 2004, Council made some changes and provided direction on policy issues regarding the 2005-10 Curbside Collection Tender. There have been no further substantive changes however, there are some additions in the specifications that were not discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the County changing to clear bags for garbage collection.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That further discussions on changing from black garbage bags to clear bags be referred to a future Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Taylor, McKenna,
Cavanaugh, Lynds and Cooke
opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Contract Specifications for the Residential Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection tender dated June 8, 2004 be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2011 Canada Games

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that staff proceed with further discussions and study on this issue.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council recommends Deputy Mayor Matheson as the elected representative.”

Moved by Councillor Taylor (in Amendment)
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council recommends Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Cavanaugh, and Taylor as the elected representatives to the Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The motion to amend having Carried, the main motion was Put and Carried Unanimously.

**Day Care
Commercial Tax
Reduction By-law -
Second Reading**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council hereby approve, by way of second reading, the Day Care Commercial Tax Reduction By-law as attached.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

County Flag

Council had discussed the possibility of a County Flag back in 1997/98 but at the time, nothing was approved. A sample design, prepared by Councillor LeFresne, was circulated for discussion and comment.

It was suggested that the County flower be incorporated into the design.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves to move forward with the County Flag as presented and incorporate the County flower into the design.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding County pins and what Council's views were on the pins and the number of pins available per organization.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That Council approves to refer to a future Committee meeting, discussion on the number of pins allowable for give away per organization."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Preliminary Design for Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant

The Municipality received Infrastructure funding back in January for the sewage treatment plant in Tatamagouche. Council had previously approved going to design using a sequence batch reactor technology and this has to go to tender. At the time Council approved design, discussion regarding accepting and treating septage at the Sewage Treatment Plant was held.

Mr. Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Questions were raised regarding the relocation of the excess sludge from the plant and if hauling costs were considered. Mr. Arora indicated that the excess sludge would be transported to the Central plant in Lower Truro for dewatering. Costs involved with hauling would be covered later.

Mr. MacIsaac reported that the extra capital cost for septage in would be approximately \$50,000 and if Council decides to go with septage option, staff will review how to recover costs.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That Council approve the addition of the septage component into the design of the Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant and instruct staff to report back on proposed user fee charges."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Millbrook Land Expansion

Mayor Smith reported on the Millbrook Land Expansion indicating that a letter and map was sent to Chief Paul regarding future development and land acquisition. No formal response to this letter was received although Millbrook has released the letter to the media and a number of stories have resulted. Direction was sought on how to proceed with this issue.

Mr. MacIsaac stated that in the policy on reserve lands, one of the requirements is that consultation with the Municipality must take place and that this has not been done.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council approves that the CAO and Mayor make an appointment with Indian Affairs in Amherst and bring back findings to this body.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Great Village Waste
Water Treatment
Plant**

Councillor Cooke stated that he is not happy with the appearance of the plant and there have also been complaints from a number of residents. There are weeds inside the fence over three feet high. Nothing is being done to rectify this and the County should not allow the property to remain in this state.

Councillor Cooke requested that staff look into this and have the property cleaned up or if Fowler is responsible, have them fix up the property.

Mr. Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works reported that he would have the matter looked into and report back to Council.

**Broderick Lane -
Five Islands**

Staff had recently become aware of problems with campers on Broderick Lane and Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development had posted notices that camping is prohibited.

Councillor Cooke advised that he has been contacted by Charles Weatherbee, who has been camping on the site, with an offer to be caretaker of this land in exchange to be permitted to stay on the land or to purchase a piece of the land. Mr. Weatherbee had indicated to Councillor Cooke that he had been in contact with the previous owner and was given the okay to camp there.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council approves that the CAO write a letter to Mr. Weatherbee clearly stating that the Municipality has no intention of agreeing to his requests of caretaker or purchasing land and that the eviction notice posted still stands.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Spraying of

Councillor Cavanaugh stated that in the last day to two, spraying

**Woodlots in
Colchester County**

has taken place in the Kemptown area and inquired as to whether the County received notification. Mayor Smith advised that the only information the County had on this was from the media and that it would have been nice to be given notice from the Department of Natural Resources.

Mayor Smith advised that he had also received a letter from Mr. Brian Oickle on this issue with an inquiry as to what the Municipality is doing about the spraying. Mayor Smith stated that this is a provincial issue but it would be reasonable for the Municipality to write to the Department of Natural Resources requesting notification to both the Municipality and homeowners when spraying is going to take place.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the Municipality write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources, requesting notification and mapping when spraying takes place, to both the Municipality and homeowners.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Information Items

**Active Communities
Coordinator
Position**

Administration had previously been authorized to open competition for the position of Active Communities Coordinator and Council was advised that Greg MacRae was offered and accepted the position in June, 2004. Since then, Mr. MacRae tendered his resignation. One of the other candidates under consideration for the position, Ms. Terri Godfrey, was offered the position. Ms. Godfrey accepted the offer and commenced duties on July 26, 2004.

**Courthouse Janitor
Position**

Executive Committee authorized staff to proceed with filling a position vacancy after the Courthouse Cleaner resigned in June 2004.

In keeping with the terms in the Collective Agreement, the position was posted internally first and one internal application was received, Betty Glen, Courthouse Janitor. She was offered and accepted the position which created the Janitor vacancy. Again, this position was posted internally but no applications were received. The position was then posted externally and seventy five applications were received. Four applicants were interviewed by Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, and Joyce McGeehan, Finance Manager and after completion of reference checking, an

offer was made to Mr. Mark MacCallum. Mr. MacCallum accepted the offer and commences duties on September 7.

Correspondence

Council requested the following correspondence be moved from Information to Action:

- No.7: Letter dated June 25, 2004 from Mayor John Morgan, President, UNSM, to the Mayor regarding the 2004 HST Offset Payment
- No. 29: Letter from George and Donna MacNeil, dated August 8, 2004 to the Mayor concerning the use of green carts
- No. 33: Copy of a fax dated August 21, 2004 requesting testing of sludge, rendering plant waste and other substances contained in the lagoons at Inglewood Farms
- No. 35: Copy of a fax dated August 26, 2004 requesting an investigation into the granting of license approval # 2002-025224-A02 to Inglewood Farms

**Mr. John E. McKim,
Vice-Chair, Hub
Basketball
Association**

Letter to the CAO dated July 8, 2004 requesting funding for the purchase and installation of basketball rims.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That this matter be referred to Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bill and June Ross,
81 Hummingbird
Lane, Hammonds
Plains**

Letter dated July 22, 2004 concerning an application to enter into a development agreement for four, four unit residential rental buildings.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That this matter be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mr. Wayne
Faulkner, District
Manager,
Department of
Environment and
Labour**

Letter dated July 27, 2004 to the Director of Public Works concerning Source Water Protection Plans.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That this matter be referred to a future Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ms. Susan Karrel,
Chairperson,
Atlantic Breeder's
Crown 2004**

Letter dated August 11, 2004 to the Mayor requesting sponsorship for the Atlantic Breeder's Crown 2004 being hosted in Truro.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That this matter be referred to Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Brian Oickle

Email to the Mayor dated August 24, 2004 regarding spraying by the Department of Natural Resources in Kempton.

Mayor Smith stated that Councillor Cavanaugh had already brought this topic forward and indicated that he would respond to Mr. Oickle about the Municipality's intent regarding this matter.

**Ms. Sharon Ingram,
President, The
Arthritis Society**

Letter to Councillors dated August 25, 2004 regarding the proclamation of National Arthritis Awareness Month.

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Municipality proclaim the month of September as National Arthritis Awareness Month."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mr. Dave Arenburg,
Arco Developments
Limited**

Letter dated August 25, 2004 requesting a Development Agreement.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That this matter be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mayor John
Morgan, President,
UNSM**

Letter to the Mayor dated June 25, 2004 regarding the 2004 HST Offset Payment.

An inquiry was made as to whether this is something new. Mr. MacIsaac stated that we have been receiving this annually since 1996.

**George and Donna
MacNeil, 1366**

Letter to the Mayor and Councillors dated August 8, 2004 concerning the use of green carts and the CAO's response letter

**Onslow Mountain
Rd., RR#6 Truro
-and-
Gary MacIsaac**

dated August 16, 2004.

An inquiry about whether the Municipality receives more of these types of complaints are received. Mr. MacIsaac stated that some complaints are received but it is not an overwhelming number. The green carts can be brought back to the Municipality but it does not exempt residents from the tax.

**Mr. Fred Blois, on
behalf of the
Concerned Citizens
of RR#1 Truro**

Copy of a fax dated August 21, 2004 requesting testing of sludge, rendering plant waste and other substances contained in the lagoons at Inglewood Farms and copy of a fax dated August 26, 2004 requesting an investigation into the granting of license approval # 2002-025224-A02 to Inglewood Farms.

Mayor Smith stated that Council has given clear direction as to their stand on this issue however, calls keep coming in. The Province is the governing body and so far, they have kept to their commitment.

**Colchester-East
Hants Regional
Library Board**

Minutes of the 5th Regular Meeting of 2003-04 and Minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting of 2004/05. Council agreed to receive these minutes for information purposes.

Development Officer

Development Activity Report for June and July 2004. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Building Inspector

Building Permit Statistics for the months of June and July 2004. Council agreed to receive these statistics for information purposes.

**Mr. Michael
Horgan, Deputy
Minister, Indian and
Northern Affairs
Canada**

Notice to Canadian Municipalities regarding National Aboriginal Day. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

**Nova Scotia
Department of
Environment and
Labour**

Notice dated June 24, 2004 with summary document concerning proposed amendments to the Environment Act. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

Copy of Members Advisory dated June 25, 2004 regarding the FCM Annual Report. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

**Minister Kerry
Morash, Department
of Environment and
Labour**

Letter to the Mayor dated June 25, 2004 regarding the May 17, 2004 meeting on the land application of biosolids issue. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Mr. Stephen Nielson, Chair, Colchester Federation of Agriculture	Letter dated June 29, 2004 to the CAO with a copy of “Experience Colchester Agriculture - your guide to products produced and marketed direct from our farms”. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Mr. Derek R. Firth, COO, RRFB Nova Scotia	Notice dated June 30, 2004 with copy of RRFB Nova Scotia’s 2004 Annual Report. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this for information purposes.
Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Copy of Member’s Advisory dated June 29, 2004 concerning the recent Federal Election. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this for information purposes.
Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour	Notice dated July 2, 2004 to all Nova Scotians regarding Air Quality Regulations. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this for information purposes.
Ishbel Munro, Coastal Communities Network	Letter to Council with a copy of their report “Between the Land and The Sea: The Social and Economic Importance of Wharves and Harbours in Nova Scotia”. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Ms. Marie T Mullally, C.A., President and CEO, Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation	Letter to the Mayor dated July 2, 2004 concerning Responsible Gaming Awareness Week, October 12-16. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Mr. Brian Russell, P. Eng., Area Manager, Colchester County, Nova Scotia Department Transportation and Public Workd	Letter to the CAO dated July 7 responding to a previous letter sent about the Department disposing of material on the Spencer property in Londonderry. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Mr. David G. Bauld, CA, Assurance and Business Advisory Services, Price WaterHouse Coopers	Letter to the CAO dated July 12, 2004 with a copy of the audited financial statement of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library Board. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
Mr. Brooke Taylor, MLA, Colchester- Musquodoboit Valley	Copy of a letter dated July 14, 2004 concerning the rumours of the “Drug Section” of the RCMP closing in the Truro area. Council <u>agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

Copy of Members' Advisory dated July 20, 2004 concerning New Federal Cabinet Sworn In. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

Copy of Members' Advisory dated July 21, 2004 regarding a Cabinet Update. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

**Mr. Lorne Crozier,
Administrator,
Farm Practices
Board**

Letter to the CAO dated July 14, 2004 regarding Inglewood Farms withdrawing their application to the Farm Practices Board. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Mr. Stephen Feist

Email dated July 23, 2004 regarding Emergency Measures Organization - Disaster Financial Assistance Program Announced for Municipalities. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Minister Kerry
Morash, Department
of Environment and
Labour**

Copy of a letter dated July 21, 2004 concerning activities at Inglewood Farms. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

UNSM

Copy of an email dated July 29, 2004 regarding Highlights of UNSM July Board of Directors' Meeting. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Chris McNeill, AMA
Award Committee
Chairperson,
Association of
Municipal
Administrators**

Letter to the Mayor dated July 30, 2004 regarding the AMA Award of Excellence. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Mayor Smith

Report dated August 8, 2004 regarding the recent FCM Conference. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Mr. Sheldon Dorey,
Chief
Administrative
Officer, Town of
Stewiacke**

Letter to the CAO dated August 3, 2004 regarding Regionalizing Industrial Lands within Colchester County. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Ms. S. Jane Fraser,
Chief Executive**

Memo dated August 3, 2004 with copy of the NS Municipal Finance Corporation's Annual Report. Council agreed to receive

**Officer, Nova Scotia
Municipal Finance
Corporation**

this for information purposes.

**Alex Steeves,
Executive Director,
Department of
Justice, Policing and
Victim Services**

Letter to the Mayor dated August 5, 2004 concerning the legislative draft of the Nova Scotia Police Act. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Marie T Mullally,
C.A., President &
CEO, Nova Scotia
Gaming
Corporation**

Letter to the Mayor dated August 12, 2004 with copies of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation's 2003-04 Annual Report and the Government's Gaming Strategy Discussion Paper. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Fred Blois, the
Concerned Citizens
Group of RR#1
Truro**

Copy of letter dated August 16, 2004 concerning ongoing activities at Inglewood Farms. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mr. M.G. Topley, P.
Eng., Horner
Associates Limited
-and-
Response letter from
Mayor Smith dated
August 17, 2004**

Letter to the Mayor dated July 15, 2004 regarding Engineering Services for the Sewage Treatment Plant and response letter from Mayor Smith. Council agreed to receive these letters for information purposes.

Mayor John Morgan

Memo to Mayors/Wardens and Council dated August 26, 2004 concerning the Nova Scotia Police Act. Council agreed to receive this memo for information purposes.

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

There were no reports from Councillors appointed out outside boards and agencies presented at this meeting.

Flood Study

Councillor Taylor stated that Mr. Gordon Murray, who was supposed to do the presentation tonight on the Flood Study, is out of the Province and has rescheduled the presentation for the September 16th Committee meeting. A copy of a report on the Flood was received and circulated on table. The report will be discussed at the time of the presentation.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 11:00 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:42 p.m.

**Spencer Property
Londonderry**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality appeal the decision of the Supreme Court regarding the Winnifred Spencer property.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:43 p.m..”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Gary MacIsaac
Chief Administrative Officer