

## 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 24, 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
Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson	District #3
Councillor Richard Elliott	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8

### Service Recognition Awards

Mayor Smith recognized the following long serving employees of the Municipality:

Donna McNutt	15 years service
Rose Dill	20 years service
Gauis Wilband	20 years service
Tim Sharpe	25 years service

### Public Hearings

#### Zoning Map Amendment - # 11, Highway 311, Onslow

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for rezoning involving a property located at civic #11, Highway 311, Upper Onslow for which John Novak has requested the zoning be changed from E-2 Flood Way to RG Rural General and E-4 Flood Way Fringe for the purposes of correcting a mapping error. The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and have been made available to the public.

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, advised that all guidelines of the Municipal Government Act regarding advertising of the public hearing have been followed.

Mayor Smith reminded Councillors that only those Councillors present throughout the public hearing can vote on the amendment when it is eventually considered by Council. This public hearing is

Council's opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of the amendment when the motion is presented to Council. Staff are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise as a result of the public's input.

Mr. Paul Smith, Municipal Planner, provided an overview of the application indicating that the application was received from Mr. John Novak requesting that a property situated at civic address #11, Highway #311 be rezoned from E-2 Flood Way to the RG General Zone. The purpose of this request is to correct a mapping error and remove the restrictive flood plain zone from the lot so the land may be developed in the future. Mr. Smith reported that the lot previously had a garage and mobile home on the property but during the major flood event in early 2003, the garage was lost to a fire.

The application has been made under Policy EFP-30 of the Municipal Planning Strategy. Since the land was in-filled prior to flood plain regulations, qualifies this amendment application for Council's consideration.

There was no one from the audience to speak for the applicant.

Mr. MacIsaac reported that no written submissions have been received regarding this rezoning application.

As the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee was not in attendance at this meeting, Deputy Mayor Matheson read the following motion from the Planning Advisory Committee:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the Planning Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the rezoning of civic # 11, Highway 311 from E-2 Flood Way to RG Rural General and E-4 Flood Way Fringe as depicted in the Planning Report."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith advised that this is a rezoning application which does not require approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Council's decision on this application is appealable to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. Any appeal of Council's decision must be made within 14 days of the advertising of same in local newspapers.

As there was no further business, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the agenda for June 24, 2004, be approved with the following amendments:

- Add - 17b Unsightly Premises, Londonderry
- 7(2) Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on June 17, 2004
- 17c Position Vacancy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the minutes of the Council meeting held on May 25, 2004, be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2004.

**Presentations**

**Marjorie Hine - Colchester Historical Society Museum and Archives**

Marjorie Hine, President and Norma Mosher, Treasurer appeared before Council to report on the financial situation of the Colchester Historical Museum and request support from the Municipality.

Ms. Hine reported that the Colchester Historical Museum is having serious financial difficulties and have been told by the Province that they cannot continue to operate in a negative situation. Ms. Hine stated that the Province indicated that the Museum must ask the Town and County for support, adding \$15,000 to their income. It was requested that the County consider a grant for the Museum and Archives.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That this matter be referred to Committee for further discussion.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Gerry Hutchings - Grant Thornton**

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services and Mr. Gerry

Hutchings, Grant Thornton, presented the package distributed to Council which dealt with a number of statements.

Mr. Hutchings provided a brief report on the audit of the Municipality. He indicated that there were some significant changes regarding reporting, including consolidation. Four key changes are accruing interest, the way expenditures are treated, how capital assets are treated and debt repayment. With consolidated statements, debts should be accrued at the time the debt is incurred. At the end of the day, the amounts are the same but are showing in the right period. Mr. Hutchings reported that it is his clear or clean opinion that the Municipality is in compliance on the financial information presented.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council accept the 2003-04 financial statements.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Fred Blois

Fred Blois appeared before Council on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of RR#1 regarding biosolids and stated that they want the biosolids removed from the lagoons at Inglewood Farms. Mr. Blois indicated that Jay Brenton informed the Citizens on Wednesday that the biosolids are being treated on the farm. According to the Guidelines, these should be treated at the source and not on the farm. Mr. Blois stated that their community is being used as a test site. The process of stabilization may call for an evacuation as there is potential to cause mucous membranes.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Municipality continue talks with the Minister, share the concerns and request reasonable followup.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sean Davidson

Sean Davidson appeared before Council to request funding/support from the Municipality for the Boys Under 16 Basketball Team. He is the only player from CEC to represent Nova Scotia in the Canada Games. The team needs help with uniforms and tournaments.

Mr. Davidson indicated that they have heard back from other Municipalities and they are donating \$100 to help support the team. It is important to have representation from each area and the athletics in the community help to promote physical fitness.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That this presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Municipality donate \$450 to the team and look at the policy.”

Motion Defeated. *(Councillors Elliott, Cooke, Edwards, McKenna and Mayor Smith opposed)*

Mr. David Carter

Mr. David Carter appeared before Council to express concerns regarding the need for a by-law for land application of biosolids. Mr. Carter lives in Pleasant Valley and has concerns regarding the recent comments in the newspaper that Fundy Composting is approved to receive sewage sludge from Aerotech. He stated that Council is doing nothing in response to this and are hiding behind not having a by-law. There is definitely a need for a by-law. The addition of the Halifax waste ups the need for action.

Mr. Carter stated that the residents of Pleasant Valley are very concerned. The Municipality started the deal with Fundy Composting in Pleasant Valley and Mr. Carter stated that he feels that the Municipality owes it to the residents to get out of this mess.

A question was raised as to whether Mr. Carter had any suggestions about what to do with this. Mr. Carter stated that it should be put in Kemptown until it can be properly dealt with.

Mayor Smith stated that the Municipality is not in the business of a biosolids by-law. It is the responsibility of the Province as they are the regulatory body. If it is clear that the guidelines are not being adhered to, Council will talk to the Minister.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That this presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

**Council Committee  
Report**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on June 10, 2004:

Taxation of Private Day Care Centres

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that the taxation rate status for private day care centres be changed from commercial to residential, the business occupancy tax be exempted and that these changes be retroactive for the year 2004-05, subject to review by the Municipal Solicitor.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Street Paving Request - Woodlea Drive

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves that Woodlea Drive be added to the County’s priority list for cost-shared paving and that this information be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Revision Period and Final List of Electors

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves that the revision period for the preliminary list of electors commence June 28, 2004 and end August 25, 2004 and that the final lists of electors be completed by September 1, 2004.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Notification Cards

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that the Municipality proceed with sending out notification cards to all electors in the Municipality for the 2004 Election.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed.)*

Loan Guarantee - Bass River and District Volunteer Fire Brigade

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves that the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a “letter of intent” in support of the loan of \$150,000 for the Bass River and District Volunteer Fire Brigade for the expansion and restructuring of their existing fire hall and in the event that this is not satisfactory to the lending institution, that the Municipality provide a loan guarantee for this amount.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Toll Free Phone Number

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approve that the Municipality establish a toll free phone number for our taxpayers who live in Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed)*

**Executive  
Committee Report**

There was no business arising from the Executive Committee meetings held on June 4 and June 17, 2004

**Tatamagouche  
Water Utility  
Committee**

Councillor LeFresne provided a brief overview of the proposal by the River Restoration Project to undertake the fencing project. The Province will contribute 40 percent of the costs of the fencing and the Water Utility could share in the remaining 60 percent of the costs.

**Planning Advisory  
Committee**

The report from the June 4, 2004, Planning Advisory Committee meeting was addressed through the public hearing.

Action Items

**Discussion Paper -  
Long Range  
Planning Wrap-up**

Mr. MacIsaac reported that Council is nearing completion of its long range planning process and will be moving forward to the implementation phase. In the form of a PowerPoint Presentation, Mr. MacIsaac walked Council through the following:

Municipal Infrastructure Program - The recommendation is that Council approve in principle, the creation of a Municipal Infrastructure Fund that will cost share projects between the general rate and area tax rates. Future actions would be a report with an outline of the program to August 2004 Council Committee.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council approve in principle, the creation of a Municipal infrastructure fund that will cost share projects between the general rate and area tax rates.

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed)*

Establish Target for Closing Gap Between Residential and Commercial Tax Rates - There was no formal consensus on this matter. However, it was agreed to recommend that a review of the County’s tax structure should be undertaken and the possibility explored of eliminating some area rates and replacing them with an urban, suburban and rural tax rate or some other variation. An Action Item for the September Council Committee is being prepared.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That a review of the County’s tax structure be undertaken and the possibility explored of eliminating area rates and replacing them with an urban, suburban and rural tax rate, or some other variation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Capital Budget - It was stated that this is linked to the Municipal Infrastructure Program. Future actions include an action item to Council setting out time lines no later than September Committee.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Municipality initiate a 5 year capital budget which is approved annually at budget time.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Funding for Recreation Programs and Services - The recommendation is that all County recreation operations and capital be funded through the general rate.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That all County recreation operations and capital be funded through the general rate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. MacIsaac indicated that Playgrounds was omitted in error on the discussion paper. Council agreed that this be put in writing and presented at the August Committee meeting.

Fire Services-Minimum Levels - The recommendation for this issue was that the Municipality is in favour of establishing minimum levels of service by having discussions with the CFFA to determine what the minimum levels of service are. Future action includes staff to meet with CFFA and follow up with an Action Item for Council.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality is in favour of establishing minimum levels of fire brigade service by holding discussions with the CFFA to identify what the minimum service levels are.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Trails Development - Council had previously agreed, in principle, that the Municipality would take a lead role in trail coordination and development. Staff will provide a presentation on trail development in the fall and an action plan by the end of 2004.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality take a lead role in trail coordination and development.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Active Living-Healthy Kids and Community Access to Schools - Future actions include a pilot project at South Colchester to begin in September.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality identify Active Living - Healthy Kids as an area of responsibility of the Recreation Department and that the Municipality prepare a program(s) to address youth health and safety and that as part of this directive, that the Municipality work in partnership with schools, community groups and other agencies; and

That the Municipality identify Community Access to Schools as an area of responsibility for the Recreation Department and that South Colchester High School be used as a pilot and that existing vacant position in the Recreation Department be assigned to this initiative.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

General Community Support - Council had previously agreed, in principle, to identify volunteer support as one of its core functions.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality identify volunteer support as one of its core functions.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Stormwater Management - Council had previously agreed that stormwater management for future developments be revised and incorporated into planning/public works documents. Future actions include an Action Item within 1 year to Council recommending new standards.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the standards for stormwater management for future developments be revised and incorporated into planning/public works documents.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Central Water Distribution - Council had previously agreed, in

principle, to expand water services in growth areas.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality expand water services in growth areas; and that the Municipality take a leadership role through the development of a master plan; and that water services be eligible for Municipal infrastructure cost sharing.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Community Finish - There were no recommendations forthcoming as Council had previously expressed satisfaction with the present situation.

Municipal Road Standards - Council had previously agreed that the current standards are adequate and should be retained.

Provincially Owned Class J Roads - Council had previously agreed that the County would not be involved in Provincially owned roads except through the cost shared program.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Council not be involved in repair or upgrade of Provincially owned roads, except through participation in the existing cost shared paving program with the Province.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Exiting Class J Roads Where Portion is Owned by County and Portion is Owned by the Province - It was recommended that the Municipality meet with the Department of Transportation and Public Works to discuss the potential for improving service delivery in this area.

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Municipality approach the Province and pursue possible trades in order to alleviate existing inefficiency and confusion.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Participation in Regional Roads - Based on previous Council discussion, it was recommended that a formal policy not be adopted and requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Municipality not adopt a formal policy on this matter except to state requests for financial participation will be considered on a case by case basis.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Repaving and Capital Expenditures on County Streets - The Action Item indicated that when this went to vote at a previous meeting, it was a tie vote and Council was not able to gain consensus. There are two points of view; one being that paving and capital repairs should be paid for by the property owners who receive the service and the second is that the roads are County-owned infrastructure and should be funded as a general rate expenditure.

Mr. MacIsaac stated that staff believe that the issue of primary importance is ensuring that County-owned infrastructure is well maintained and it is recommended that this be funded through the general rate and that a reserve be created to fund these repaving and capital costs in future.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That street repaving and capital work on County owned roads be funded through the general rate; and that a reserve be created to fund the future costs of repaving and other capital work on County owned roads.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Elliott opposed)*

**Cumberland  
Leachate Agreement**

The Action Item before Council recommended a two-year extension of the existing leachate agreement.

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the Municipality of Colchester enter into a two year extension of the Landfill Leachate Agreement with Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority and Cumberland Municipalities and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute the agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Public Works  
Garage**

The Municipality issued a Request for Proposals for a Design/Build building in March, 2004.

The original site for the building was in Kemptown. There were geo-technical issues with this site so it was agreed that staff would look at alternative sites. A parcel of land in Truro Heights was acquired.

Three proposals were received; Joneljim Construction, L & R Construction and Lindsay Enterprises. These proposals were evaluated and Lindsay Enterprises offered the best proposal.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That staff negotiate with Lindsay Enterprises as the preferred bidder and when negotiations are complete, report back at a Special Council meeting in July with final costs.”

amended

Moved by Councillor McKenna (in amendment)  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the motion be amended to specify that the Special July Council session be held in-camera.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The motion to amend having carried the main motion was put and carried with Deputy Mayor Matheson opposed.

**Paving Agreement -  
Macland Drive**

*Mayor Smith declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table. Deputy Mayor Matheson acted as Chair during this part of the meeting.*

The Municipality had previously applied to the Province for cost shared paving for Macland Drive. The Department of Transportation and Public Works requirement is that a contract be signed through a formal resolution from Council.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign Construction Agreement No. 2004-014 dated June 3, 2004, for the paving of a

Class J Street, Macland Drive.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Mayor Smith returned to the table and resumed position as Chair.*

**Summer and Fall Meeting Schedule**

Staff are proposing the fall meeting dates be August 12th, September 16th, November 9th and December 9th for Council Committee and August 26th, September 30th, October 29th and November 25th for Council.

It was noted that October 29th is on a Friday and questioned if this should be October 28th.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approve the following meeting schedule: August 12 - Council Committee, August 26 - Council, September 16 - Council Committee, September 30 - Council, October 28 - Council (Inaugural Meeting), November 9 (Tuesday) - Council Committee, November 25 - Council, and December 9, Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Awarding of Emergency Dispatch Services Contract - Power to Award**

The Municipality has engaged Oldham Engineers Inc. and this is currently under review. Staff is requesting that Council Committee be given authority to award the Contract at the August 12, 2004 Council Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council gives Council Committee the authority to award the Contract for the Emergency Dispatch Services at the August 12, 2004, Council Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Fence Arbitration Committee Appointment**

Mr. MacIsaac advised that Council must appoint a member to the Fence Arbitration Committee and previously, the Animal Control Officer has acted in this capacity.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council appoint Elsie DeBay as the Municipal representative

on the Fence Arbitration Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Appointment - By-law Enforcement Officer**

It was reported that Elsie DeBay has recently been hired as the Animal Control Officer and in order for the Animal Control Officer to issue Summary Offence Tickets, she must be appointed as a By-law Enforcement Officer by Council.

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council appoint Elsie DeBay as a By-law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality of Colchester and that a letter, stating the same, be sent to the Solicitor General for approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A revised copy of the Day Care Commercial Tax Reduction By-law was distributed on table.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council hereby approve by way of First Reading, the Day Care Commercial Tax Reduction By-law, as circulated on table.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**John Coleman Property**

Mr. MacIsaac reported that work had been done on the Coleman property in 1997. The issue was brought to Council in June of 1998 and Councillors were invited to look at the property. It was estimated that this work could be done at a cost of \$800. A waiver was forwarded regarding this but the waiver was not signed and the work did not get done.

Mr. Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works presented photos of the property showing what the property was like in 1997 and what it looks like today. In 1994, there was some construction activity done on this property. In June of 2004, the property appears to be in better shape than pre-construction conditions. There has been an additional culvert put in. There is a low in the property and is not even all along.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That staff write to Mr. Coleman inviting him to make a

presentation to Council at the August Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Spencer Property in Londonderry**

Councillor Cooke advised that he has received a number of calls of complaint about the Department of Transportation dumping five loads of material at the Spencer property in Londonderry earlier that day.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works in Bible Hill expressing the Municipality’s concerns and displeasure with this issue.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Position Vacancy**

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, reported that Mr. Dave McElhinney, Deputy Building Inspector has resigned effective next Friday.

Council authorization is sought to proceed with the recruitment process for this position.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council authorize Administration to open competition for the position of Deputy Building Inspector in accordance with the County’s Personnel Policies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Information Items**

**Active Communities Coordinator Position**

Council had previously authorized Administration to open competition for the position of Active Communities Coordinator.

The competition for the position closed on May 21, 2004 and nineteen applications were received. Four applicants were interviewed and after completion of reference checking, an offer was made to Greg MacRae. Greg accepted the offer and commenced duties on June 21, 2004.

**FCM Conference Reports**

Reports from the CAO and Councillor Baas regarding the FCM Conference in Edmonton were distributed.

**Correspondence**

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

- No. 7: Letter dated June 3, 2004 to the Mayor regarding Bible Hill Water Distribution System.
- No. 8: Letter dated June 3, 2004 to the Mayor regarding live adult entertainment in the Village of Bible Hill.
- No. 9: Copy of a letter dated June 6 and copy of the response letter from Ms. Jo Ann Fewer regarding the sale of the houses owned by CPDS.
- No. 20: Letter dated June 15, 2004 to the Mayor regarding construction of sidewalks on Highway #2 in Hilden.
- No. 24: Copy of a letter expressing concerns regarding the biosolids in the lagoons on the Cutten farm and requesting action to remove the biosolids from the lagoons.

**Constable Guylain  
Bergeron, Parrsboro  
D.A.R.E. Officer**

Letter to Councillor Cooke requesting funding for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That this matter be referred to Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ms. Megan Lane,  
Projects Assistant,  
The Nature  
Conservancy of  
Canada**

Letter dated June 15, 2004 to Kim Paterson requesting a tax exemption for a property owned by The Nature Conservancy of Canada in the County of Colchester.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That this letter be referred to Committee.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson opposed.)*

**Mr. J.K. Langille,  
CAO, Town of  
Truro**

Letter to the CAO dated June 18, 2004 requesting that Council provide maintenance to the Truro Dyke Land Park Marsh outside Truro boundaries.

Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Diana Read -  
Miedema, CEC**

Email to County Council, the Mayor and the CAO requesting funding for the Canadian National Table Tennis Championships,

**Table Tennis  
Club/Nova Scotia  
Table Tennis  
Association**

July 12-18, 2004 which are being hosted in Truro.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Taylor

“That the Municipality donate \$500 for the Canadian National Table Tennis Championships, funds to come from economic development grants.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor LeFresne opposed)*

**Ms. Sharon McLean,  
Commissioner, The  
Village of Bible Hill**

Letter dated June 8, 2004 to the Mayor requesting that Council investigate the possibility of adopting an engine break by-law for the Village of Bible Hill.

Councillor Taylor stated that this matter has been brought up in the past and was turned down.

Councillor LeFresne indicated that this issue came up in the Tatamagouche area. The Province put up signs and the problem stopped.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That a response letter be written stating that this is a Provincial matter and that they should contact their MLA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mr. K. Wayne  
McCormick,  
Chairman, The  
Village of Bible Hill**

Letter to the Mayor dated June 3, 2004 regarding Bible Hill Water Distribution System.

The CAO reported that The Village of Bible Hill had previously asked for the fall meeting schedule. This information has been provided to The Village of Bible Hill and they will be making a presentation at the September 30th Council Session.

**Mr. K. Wayne  
McCormick,  
Chairman, The  
Village of Bible Hill**

Letter to the Mayor regarding live adult entertainment in the Village of Bible Hill.

This matter had been previously referred to the Planning Advisory Committee. Staff will follow up on this issue and report back to Council accordingly.

**Mrs. Trinkie Coffin,  
Vice Chair,  
Colchester  
Anti-Poverty**

Copy of a letter dated July 6, 2004 from Mrs. Coffin expressing concerns regarding the sale of houses owned by the CPDS and a copy of the response letter from Ms. Fewer dated June 11, 2004.

**Network and Ms. Jo Ann Fewer, Executive Director, Colchester Park Development Society**

Councillor Baas stated that a number of families are quite upset about the price of the CPDS housing.

**Mr. Bill Casey, Member of Parliament, Cumberland - Colchester**

Letter to the Mayor dated June 15, 2004 regarding construction of sidewalks on Highway # 2 in Hilden.

Deputy Mayor Matheson inquired as to whether the Municipality made a commitment to extend the sidewalk in this area.

Mr. MacIsaac stated that this matter would be looked into further and the information would be reported back to Council.

**George and Barbara Rockwell, Concerned Citizens Committee of RR#1 Truro**

Copy of a letter addressed to Premier Hamm expressing concerns regarding the biosolids in the lagoons on the Cutten farm and requesting action to remove the biosolids from the lagoons.

Mayor Smith stated that a letter would be written indicating that the County is not interested in having a by-law at this time and they should continue to take the matter up with the Province.

**Mr. Dwight Bishop, Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman**

Letter to the Mayor dated May 21, 2004 with a copy of the Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report (report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mr. Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasure, The Village of Bible Hill**

Letter to the CAO dated May 25, 2004 regarding the audit statements for the Village of Bible Hill (report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**The Honourable Ronald S. Russell, CD, Minister**

Letter to the Mayor dated May 28, 2004 regarding the approval for paving of Macland Drive. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mr. Louis A. Digout**

Copy of a memo dated May 31, 2004, with minutes of the April 29, 2004 Rural Caucus Meeting. Council agreed to receive this memo for information purposes.

**Mr. Jeff Monty, President, Tree Canada Foundation**

Copy of a letter dated June 2, 2004 regarding funding for this spring from the Maritime Hurricane Relief Program. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**The Honourable Angus MacIsaac, Chairperson, Senior Citizens' Secretariat**

Memo to the Mayor regarding Senior Citizens' Week. Council agreed to receive this memo for information purposes.

<b>Ms. Pam MacIntosh, Development Officer</b>	Development Activity Report for the month of May 2004. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this for information purposes.
<b>Mr. Mannie Withrow, Building Inspector</b>	Building Permit Statistics for the month of May 2004. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this for information purposes.
<b>L. Crozier, Administrator, Farm Practices Board</b>	Letter to the CAO dated June 3, 2004 with a application by Mr. Cutten for Determination of a Complaint of Nuisance or Negligence under the Farm Practices Act. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
<b>Ms. Leanne Hachey, Director of Provincial Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business</b>	Letter to the Mayor dated June 9, 2004 concerning property taxation for commercial day care operators, elimination of the Business Occupancy Tax and the need for a property tax policy for the Province. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
<b>Federation of Canadian Municipalities</b>	Election Alert to all Members of Council dated June 11, 2004 regarding the FCM Election Platform calling for a new deal built around improved working relations between the federal government and the municipal sectors. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this for information purposes.
<b>Mr. Kenneth R.B. Simpson, Executive Director, UNSM</b>	Memo dated June 11, 2004 to Mayors/Wardens concerning 2004 UNSM Conference Resolutions. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this memo for information purposes.
<b>Federation of Canadian Municipalities</b>	Election Alert to all Members of Council dated June 15, 2004 concerning the importance of Municipal issues to Canada's future and the federal election. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this for information purposes.
<b>Mr. James Knight, Chief Executive Officer, FCM</b>	Letter to the Mayor and Council Members dated June 8, 2004 thanking the Municipality for the membership renewal. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
<b>Mr. Peter MacKinnon, CEO, Colchester East Hants Health Authority</b>	Letter dated June 7, 2004 with a copy of their 2004 Report to Our Community (report on file in Clerk's office.) <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information purposes.
<b>Mr. Jamie Muir, Minister of Education</b>	Copy of a letter to the Mayor dated June 10, 2004 concerning the provincial operating grants for regional libraries for the 2004-05 fiscal year. <u>Council agreed</u> to receive this letter for information

purposes.

**Homeowners and  
Cottage Owners  
living near  
Stewiacke River  
Park**

Letter dated June 14, 2004 expressing concerns about potential fires in the Stewiacke River Park due to dead trees and brush piles. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Kathy and Shane  
Richard**

Letter to the CAO and Council dated June 17, 2004, regarding the taxation rate of private day care centres. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mr. Paul Legere,  
CA, Director of  
Finance,  
Chignecto-Central  
Regional School  
Board**

Letter dated June 17, 2004 to the CAO regarding the 2004-05 Budget for Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (budget on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**UNSM**

Copy of an email dated June 22, 2004 and summary report regarding upcoming information sessions on Business Occupancy Tax hosted by SNS&MR and UNSM. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

**Nova Scotia  
Environment and  
Labour**

Notice to All Nova Scotians dated June 18, 2004 concerning guidelines for potable water haulers. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

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

Councillor Edwards reported on the proposed new tourism visitor information centre. The new building is very futuristic. The top of the building is like a glass dome and will be lit at night. The cost of the project is approximately \$2 million.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 12:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12:54 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:56 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Gary MacIsaac  
Chief Administrative Officer

