

## 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 Tuesday May 25, 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 Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
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### Service Recognition Awards

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

### Public Hearings

#### **Zoning Amendment - Reg Pauley, Wright Avenue**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for rezoning involving two properties on the east side of Wright Avenue near its intersection with Pictou Road for which Mr. Reg Pauley has requested the zoning be changed from R-2 Residential Double Unit to C-1 Commercial for the purposes of establishing a car wash on the site. 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 is 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. Mr. Smith indicated that the application was received from Mr. Reg Pauley to rezone two properties on Wright Ave. The two lots are located behind Tim Horton's and are approximately 30,000 square feet. The application is for establishing a car wash, dog wash, vacuum and ATM. The proposed car wash will be of a similar design as the one on Main Street. The property is currently zoned R-2 Residential Double Unit and requires to be changed to C-1 General Commercial.

The Application is made under IMP-8 of the Municipal Planning Strategy. Policy IMP-5 of the strategy applies and this provides guidance and considerations applicable to such rezoning applications and must meet all applicable requirements of the Land Use and Building By-laws. All changes must be consistent with overall community development objectives.

Mr. Smith stated that there would be no added public costs associated with the proposed application and environmental impacts would be minimal. The site is physically suitable for this type of use and the applicant has indicated that traffic would not be an issue. The proposed building style is intended to be sensitive to neighbouring properties. The Municipal Planning Strategy strives to protect existing residential areas from incompatible development and establishes where commercial growth is intended to occur.

Mr. Smith stated that staff does not recommend this rezoning change. The proposed site is a predominantly residential area and the introduction of new commercial uses could adversely impact the residents.

Councillor Masters stated that the Planning Advisory Committee met regarding this application on May 6, 2004 and a recommendation was put forth to facilitate the rezoning change from R-2 to C-1.

Three written submissions regarding the rezoning application were received and read into the record. These submissions were received from Helen M. McCully of 59 Wright Avenue, K. Wayne McCormick of the Village of Bible Hill and Connie Strang of 28 Wright Avenue, all opposing the rezoning application.

In response to Mayor Smith's call for public presentations, the following were received:

Mr. Ross King, 40-42 Wright Avenue: Mr. King indicated that he was opposed to the rezoning application and stated that traffic would be a concern. With the existing mini mall, Tim Horton's, the new farm market and at least 2 dozen family residents, the car wash could only add to the traffic problem. Mr. King stated that water would be an issue as it already lays on the lot and the water from the car wash would

run off onto Johnson and Wright Avenue. A petition from concerned residents was submitted.

Mr. Gary Betts: Mr. Betts stated that he was there as a concerned resident and was opposed to the rezoning application. Mr. Betts inquired about how many car washes are necessary in the area and stated that the proposed sites are residential properties.

Mr. George Murray, 36-38 Wright Avenue: Mr. Murray stated that a concern that the car wash will increase criminal activity. He also stated that there is a water problem on the proposed site. There is always a pool of water that lays there until it evaporates.

Ms. Carly Pederson, Wright Avenue/College Road: Ms. Pederson opposed the application and expressed concern about children riding bikes in the area due to traffic. Most of the time, the children end up walking the bikes instead of riding them. The traffic in the area is constant and continues through until 4:00 a.m.

Ms. Cindy Cavanaugh, 393 College Road: Ms. Cavanaugh stated that the traffic in the area is already very heavy and she is concerned that more traffic will be converted to College Road. The traffic moves very fast and she has already been hit by an oncoming car.

Mr. Egon Pederson, 9 Wright Avenue: Mr. Pederson stated that his biggest concern is traffic. The area is not peaceful due to the amount of traffic.

Ms. Christine Blair, Village of Bible Hill: Ms. Blair stated that the integrity of the residential area needs to be maintained. Ms. Blair indicated that the applicant, Mr. Pauley, is not the owner of the properties and inquired as to how he could make the application. Mr. Paul Smith advised that Mr. Pauley received written authorization from the land owner, Mr. Stone.

Regarding the water issue, Ms. Blair stated that when the Tim Horton's was built, water backed up on surrounding properties. The west side of Wright Avenue is swampy and water retention is a concern.

Mr. John Burton, 53 Wright Avenue: Mr. Burton indicated that he lives right across the road from the proposed site and inquired as to where the water would come from. He stated that he has had water problems in the past and when his well goes dry because of the car wash, who would be paying for it. Mr. Burton stated that he is also concerned with increased traffic and crime in the area.

Mr. Gary MacPherson, 29 Wright Avenue: Mr. MacPherson stated that his biggest concern is water. There has been problems with drainage in this area and his basement has flooded in the past and

thousands of dollars were already spent on this.

Mr. Floyd Langille, 42 Wright Ave: Mr. Langille stated that there has been an increase in traffic and foot traffic is 24 hours a day. Mr. Langille indicated that he has had to call the police at least 6 times. The main concern is the traffic and children.

Mayor Smith encouraged the applicant, Mr. Pauley, to come forth to address the concerns of the residents.

Mr. Pauley stated that in January and February, he circulated letters to the community and wished that he had received more feedback. He would not have come this far if he had known there would be so much opposition.

The concerns regarding excess water have been incorporated into the design of the car wash. Water supply will be from a drilled well and the estimated usage per day would be 5000 gallons. This amount is not a big issue and if water supply was a concern, he would not want to do this.

Regarding the concern about the number of car washes in the area, Mr. Pauley indicated that this proposed car wash would be set up to properly handle water. The water needs to be looked at in the other car washes.

The vacant lots are an eyesore and do not promote Bible Hill and these lots are priced too high for residential use.

Mr. Pauley stated that he does live in the area, travels the area everyday and the car wash would be kept clean.

Regarding the concerns about criminal activity, Mr. Pauley stated that there has been little to no criminal activity at the Main Street location in the last 10 years and indicated that he plans to equip the car wash with video equipment for security purposes.

There were discussions about storm water and Mr. Pauley indicated that the bulk of this can be controlled by taking it out underground under Wright Avenue.

As Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Masters placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the Planning Advisory Committee move that Council approve the zoning change from R-2 Residential Double Unit to C-1 General

Commercial to establish a commercial car wash.”

**Motion Defeated.**

(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Taylor, Masters, Elliot, Edwards, Cavanaugh, LeFresne, Baas, Cooke and McKenna opposed.)

As there was not further business, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentations be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Zoning Amendment - Jan and Carolyn van der Leest, 53 Farnham Road**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for rezoning involving a property located at 53 Farnham Road in Bible Hill owned by Jan and Carolyn van der Leest who have requested the zoning of their property be changed from R-2 Residential to C-1 General Commercial. The text for the application and 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 and that 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, Planner, indicated that the property currently operates a Bed and Breakfast and the applicants wish to open a tea room and gift shop as an expansion to Bed and Breakfast.

Land uses in the immediate area are mainly residential. The entire area along Main Street up to Farnham Road are zoned for commercial use. The van der Leest property is zoned residential. The application is consistent with the Municipal strategy.

The proposed tea room and gift shop would occupy an area of approximately 360 square feet and would be within the existing

organery. Provisions have been made for additional parking. The proposed rezoning would have little consequence on the future development in the Farnham Road area now and in the future. Mr. Paul Smith stated that staff is recommending that the rezoning be approved.

The applicant, Mr. van der Leest gave an overview of the proposed rezoning and Mrs. van der Leest distributed a hand out to Councillors. Mr. van der Leest stated that they own a 4 ½ star Bed and Breakfast in Colchester County and they are ambassadors of the tourism industry for this community.

In 1975, a collection of reed organs was started and in 1978, a organery was opened. Mr. van der Leest stated that they would like to open a tea room and gift shop as an expansion to the existing business. The tea room would offer light lunches to guests of the organery and Bed and Breakfast.

Parking space of approximately 38'x50' is needed and Mr. van der Leest plans to make the northeast end of his property into a parking area. The plan is to create a 6 to 10 vehicle parking area. He proposed to put up a concrete barrier or chain link fence between the neighboring property so parking won't be a problem.

Councillor Bill Masters, Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, stated that the Committee met on May 6 and recommends that the rezoning change be approved.

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, stated that no written submissions have been received regarding this rezoning application.

In response to Mayor Smith's call for public presentations, the following were received:

Mr. Charlie Wilson, Farnham Road: Mr. Wilson indicated that he is not opposing the application however, the only concern is with parking. As parking was addressed, Mr. Wilson stated that he thought parking in the back of the property would be fine and that the van der Leest's do not have to put up concrete or fencing.

Ms. Christine Blair, Village of Bible Hill: Ms. Blair indicated that the Village of Bible Hill has no objection.

As Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Masters placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the Planning Advisory Committee move that Council approve the zoning change from R-2 Residential Double Unit to C-1 General Commercial to establish a tea room and gift shop.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith advised that this is a by-law 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.

### **Surplus School Property - Middle Stewiacke Elementary School**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting the sale of surplus school property for less than the market value to a non-profit organization.

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 sale of the property when it is eventually considered by Council. This public hearing is Council’s opportunity to hear the perspective purchasers’ and any concerns of are residents. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of the sale when the motion is presented to Council and that a motion to sell property at less than market value shall be passed by at least a two thirds majority of the Council present and voting.

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, gave an overview on this issue. The Chignecto-Central School Board declared this property as surplus and Council has previously approved accepting ownership of the property. The Municipality received two (2) proposals to purchase the land and building. Mr. MacIsaac stated that the Municipal Government Act states that a property must sell at market value or, if sold for less than market value, must be to a non-profit organization. The property is valued at more than \$10,000. Executive Committee and the area Councillor reviewed the proposals and it is being recommended that the school be conveyed to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association for a fee of \$1.

In response to Mayor Smith’s call for public presentations, the following were received:

Ms. Sandra Chaplin, Vice President, Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association: Ms. Chaplin stated that the Recreation Association is very community oriented and the future is for the community. The property is already being used by the Recreation Association.

Ms. Marilyn Morel: Ms. Morel stated that they enjoy the school holding dances, card parties and courses.

Mr. Kent McAloon, Pastor: Mr. MacAloon stated that his group currently uses the school for Sunday school, boys clubs, etc. and he has no objection to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association acquiring the school.

Ms. Michelle Wilson: Ms. Wilson stated that the rural areas are faced with many challenges and the Recreation Association has something for all age groups.

Mr. Dave Wilson: Mrs. Wilson stated that a monument of the first settler, Mr. Kennedy is on this site. The facilities are used for good purposes. After Hurricane Juan, the community got together and used this property to have a big barbeque to help those who needed it.

Mr. Brooke Taylor, MLA: Mr. Taylor stated that he is very supportive of the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association acquiring the property. It would be a great asset to the community. A number of activities are hosted there covering all demographics. The school provided education to the children and remains part of the spirit and soul of the community.

Edison Neil: Mr. Neil stated that he does not live in the area but his children went to school there. He indicated that he is in support of the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association acquiring the property. The Recreation Association is very well organized with a list of events up to August 15. Mr. Neil stated that he MC's for the Sunday dances and these dances are well attended with good musicians.

Brenda Simm, Central North River: Ms. Simm stated that the people running the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association are not only good organizers but are also good listeners. They are very supportive of everybody, especially those in the community.

Sandra Chaplin: Ms. Chaplin took the opportunity to thank Council for their consideration and indicated that the Recreation Association plans to be around for a long time.

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO stated that no written submissions other than the original proposals were received.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approve the sale of the surplus school property - Middle Stewiacke Elementary School, to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association for the price of \$1.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

**Appointment of Solicitor**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the legal firm of Patterson Palmer be appointed as solicitors for the Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2005.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda for May 25, 2004 be approved with the following amendments:

move: item # 11 to follow item # 8; and  
delete: the second presentation, Gerry Hutchings - Grant Thornton; and  
add: 15b Water in Bible Hill.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 29, 2004, be approved as circulated with the following amendment:

On page 56, the amount under Award of Tender - Truro Heights Sidewalk be changed from \$485,515 to the correct amount of \$485,565.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Councillor Taylor inquired about the handling of scrap glass, as mentioned on page 60 of the April 29, 2004 minutes. Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO indicated that a response had previously been put in Councillor Taylor’s mailbox regarding this issue.

## Presentations

### **Ms. Pearl Joyce, Manager - Northumberland Fisheries Museum**

Ms. Pearl Joyce, Mr. Bill Henderson and Ms. Lauren Hopkins, Public Relations and Marketing student appeared before Council on behalf of the Northumberland Fisheries Museum.

Ms. Joyce stated that the museum is a non-profit organization and has been operating since 1978 and have 17 board members. They have grown over the years from 60 artifacts to approximately 2700 artifacts. The museum is currently located in the Town of Pictou in the restored CN building.

Ms. Joyce indicated that some of the reasons for building a new museum are that there would be more space for exhibiting artifacts, the museum is a place where history and culture can be preserved, within the next couple of years the existing location will no longer be available for the museum and a new museum would enhance tourism.

Location of the new museum will be on the Pictou waterfront. The cost of the project is \$1,793,620 and Ms. Joyce indicated that the Northumberland Fisheries Museum and Heritage Association is approaching 8 municipalities for financial support.

Ms. Joyce stated that the Northumberland Fisheries Museum and Heritage Association is requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000 over a 2 year period.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That this presentation be received and referred to Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Surplus School Property - Brookfield Memorial School**

Mr. Rod Nielson, Fire Chief, Mr. Blaise Watson, and Mr. Terry Canning appeared before Council, on behalf of the Brookfield Fire Brigade, regarding the sale of the surplus school property, Brookfield Memorial School. Mr. Nielson indicated that they are looking for property to build a new fire hall. Direction from the community was to make sure the purchase of the school property was viable. Mr. Nielson stated that testing was done on the property for oil spillage, PCB's, lead paint and asbestos. There was no contamination from oil spillage, there was little PCB's in the fixtures, small traces of lead in the paint and small amounts of asbestos in the gyproc but not in the plaster. The Fire Brigade/Fire Commission will take charge of demolishing the building and it will not be done by burning. Mr. Nielson indicated that costs of disposal of debris have been considered.

Mr. Watson stated that the Fire Brigade/Fire Commission have the complete support of the community regarding the purchase of the school property.

Discussion regarding what would be done with the property if the costs to demolish were too high or the asbestos was a problem. Mr. Nielson stated that they have done investigations and are reasonably sure this is feasible.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approve the sale of the surplus school property - Brookfield Memorial School, to the Brookfield Fire Brigade/Fire Commission for the price of \$1.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee**  
**Reports and**  
**Recommendations**

**Council Committee**  
**Report**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on May 13, 2004:

Area Rates and Budgets 2004-05

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the area rates, as presented, for 2004-05.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Solid Waste Manager

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that the position of Solid Waste Manager be approved for Range 9 on the salary scales.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Balefill Reserve Funds

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that the reserve schedules and allocation of the tipping fee for the Balefill Liner Reserve Fund, Balefill Closure Reserve Fund, Balefill Equipment Reserve Fund and Balefill Ponding Project Reserve Fund be approved, as presented, and that these schedules continue to be reviewed annually.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Contract for Paint and Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves a contract extension with Clean Harbours Environmental Services Inc. for a 4 year term effective April 1, 2004, and that additional mobile events be held each year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive Committee  
Report**

There was no business arising from the Executive Committee meeting held on April 26 and May 5, 2004. However, it was noted that Councillor McKenna was present at the meeting held on May 5, 2004.

**Tatamagouche  
Water Utility  
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on March 17, 2004. The next meeting of the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee will be held on June 10, 2004.

**Planning Advisory  
Committee**

The report from the May 6 Planning Advisory Committee meeting was addressed through the public hearings.

**Action Items**

**Resolution Re: Area  
Rates**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the following resolution on area rates be approved:

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the County of Colchester is required to levy rates which it deems sufficient for an area or for the benefit of an area for the current twelve month fiscal period;

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 75 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester authorizes the levying and collection of the area rates as per attached Schedule”A”;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Tax Collector or Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004;

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 15% per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Information Items**

#### **Legislative Changes for the 2004 Municipal Election**

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, stated that staff attended a training session regarding the upcoming Municipal Election and received a copy of the Municipal Elections Act, which includes all amendments to March 31, 2004 and wanted to put this in writing prior to the election so that any questions Councillors may have could be answered.

#### **Revisions to County Organizational Structure**

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, stated that all positions and changes within the organization have been previously approved and the organization chart is for information purposes.

Deputy Mayor Matheson made the request that employee names be listed on the organization chart. Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO stated that this would be done and distributed in Councillors mailboxes.

#### **Parks and Trails Coordinator Position**

Mr. Crawford MacPherson, Director of Community Development, stated that this position was previously approved by Council. The competition was posted and twenty-nine applications were received. Three applicants were interviewed and an offer was made to Ms. Hilary Paquet. Ms. Paquet accepted the offer and commences duties on June 1, 2004.

#### **Group Insurance Renewal**

Colchester has renewed the group benefits package for Life, LTD, AD & D, Medical and Dental, effective June 1, 2004. The changes in premium costs were hi-lighted.

#### **Water in Bible Hill**

Councillor Taylor stated that he had meeting with the Village of Bible Hill two week ago and received an update on the activities. He stated that he was disappointed that the Village had not contacted the County.

Councillor Taylor indicated that he approached the Village regarding plans and there are no plans for this year or next year. A letter was sent to the Village two weeks ago inquiring about their plans and to date there has been no response.

### **Correspondence**

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

- No. 5: Email dated May 13, 2004 to the CAO regarding Municipal Mandatory Education Tax Rates.
- No. 7: Email dated May 14, 2004 to the CAO with a presentation made by Mr. John Morgan, President, opposing

Bill 40 which caps property assessments.

- No. 11: Letter dated May 13, 2004 to Councillors Taylor and Edwards regarding an update on the status of the Vernon Bridge Replacement, at Murray Siding over Salmon River.

**Lillian Orr, Valerie Hughes, Disabled Consumers Society of Colchester**

Letter requesting the Proclamation of Access Awareness Week, May 30 to June 6, 2004.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the Municipality proclaim May 30 to June 6, 2004 as Access Awareness Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Residents of Woodlea Drive**

A petition requesting cost shared paving for Woodlea Drive was submitted.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the petition for paving of road from the residents of Woodlea Drive be referred to Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Morgan Hicks, Child Care Awareness Days Coordinator, Child Care Connections**

Letter to Mayor Smith dated May 20, 2004 requesting that the Municipality of Colchester proclaim the month of June 2004 as Child Care Awareness Days.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the month of June 2004 be proclaimed Child Care Awareness Days.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Kathy and Shane Richard, Little Wonders Child Care Centre**

Letter to the Mayor, County Council and the CAO requesting Council’s consideration that licensed commercial day care centres rate of taxation be changed from commercial rate to a residential rate.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter requesting Council’s consideration that licensed commercial day care centres rate of taxation be changed from commercial rate to a residential rate be referred to Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ms. Sue Burley,  
Manager of  
Recreational  
Services**

Memo dated May 25, 2004 to the CAO requesting that June 2004 be proclaimed Recreation Month.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the month of June 2004 be proclaimed Recreation Month.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**UNSM**

Email dated May 13, 2004 to the CAO regarding Municipal Mandatory Education Tax Rate.

Deputy Mayor Matheson inquired about the impact on our Municipal education costs.

**UNSM**

Email dated May 14, 2004 to the CAO with a presentation made by Mr. John Morgan, President, UNSM, opposing Bill 40, which caps property assessments.

Deputy Mayor Matheson inquired as to the Municipality’s position on Bill 40. Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, stated that there have not been any discussions on this particular bill. The AMA went forward with this and it was adopted by UNSM. This bill affects areas such as the South Shore, Victoria and Shortt’s Lake.

**Mr. Mark Pertus, P.  
Eng., Manager  
Structural  
Engineering,  
Department of  
Transportation and  
Public Works**

Letter dated May 13, 2004 to Councillors Taylor and Edwards regarding an update on the status of the Vernon Bridge Replacement at Murray Siding over Salmon River.

Councillor Edwards stated that approximately one month ago, he met with Bill Langille who informed him that the people of Salmon River were quite upset due to the detour. Councillor Edwards stated that there would be no detour as the new bridge is going to be located further down the river.

The May 13, 2004 from Mr. Pertus states that the bridge will remain at the present location. Councillor Edwards stated that he called Mr. Wayne Franklin, Mr. Jamie Muir and Mr. Brooke Taylor and they were not aware of the this change and that the Fire Chief was also not aware of this change.

Councillor Edwards stated that he had a call from Mr. Bill Langille this morning and was informed that this is a ‘done deal’.

Councillor Taylor stated that he spoke with Mr. Wayne Franklin regarding this issue. There are safety concerns with leaving the bridge at

the current location, there will be a disruption of traffic and emergency services will be affected by the detour.

Councillor Taylor stated that the location of this bridge borders on Jamie Muir and Brooke Taylor and neither party was aware of the change in plans.

Councillor Edwards stated that he was informed by Mr. Wayne Franklin there would be a cost savings of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Discussion was held regarding the Municipality's concerns and objections about this issue. It was suggested that the Municipality should not let this go without strongly opposing this and that a letter should be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works Minister expressing the Municipality's concerns. However, prior to doing so, it was agreed that Councillor Edwards would investigate this matter further.

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That Council agrees that in one week, pending response to Councillor Edwards, that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works Minister expressing Council's objection and concerns to the change in plan of the Vernon Bridge location.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lubin Bourque,  
Director, Public  
Health Services**

Letter and report dated April 19, 2004 to the Mayor regarding results of the survey "Second Hand Smoke at Work in Northern Nova Scotia". Council agreed to receive this letter and report for information purposes.

**Mr. Basil Ryan,  
Chief Operating  
Officer, Atlantic  
Association of  
Community Business  
Development  
Corporations**

Letter dated April 30, 2004 to the Mayor regarding the Proclamation of CBDC Day. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mr. Stephen Nielson,  
President, Colchester  
County Federation of  
Agriculture**

Letter to Council Members regarding the recent decision on Land Application of Noxious Biosolids. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mr. Peter  
Henderson,  
President, Mr. Bob  
Williams, Managing**

Letter dated May 4, 2004 to the Mayor expressing concerns regarding comments made in the Truro Daily News article of Saturday April 24, 2004. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Director, Truro and  
District Chamber of  
Commerce**

**Mr. John Perkins  
(for Minister  
Morash),  
Department of  
Environment and  
Labour**

Fax dated May 13, 2004 to the Mayor with notification of the announcement 'Government Approves Tough New Biosolids Rules'. Council agreed to receive this fax for information purposes.

**Mr. Rodney  
MacDonald,  
Minister, Tourism  
and Culture**

Letter dated May 12, 2004 to the Mayor regarding tourism in Nova Scotia. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Ms. Pam MacIntosh,  
Development Officer**

Development Activity Report for the month of April 2004. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Mr. Mannie  
Withrow, Building  
Inspector**

Building Permit stats for the month of April 2004. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

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

Letter to the Mayor dated May 21, 2004 responding to the May 12 meeting with the Mayor and Executive Committee regarding the issue of land application of biosolids. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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

Councillor Taylor indicated that there would be a CoRDA/CPDS meeting on May 26 and he would report on this at the next meeting.

Councillor LeFresne stated that the Truro and Area Chamber of Commerces' Annual General Meeting is on June 11.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 10:48 pm and reconvened at 11:11 pm.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:12 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Gary MacIsaac  
Chief Administrative Officer