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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, January 27, 2005 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 Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
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**Public Hearing -
Rezoning - College
Road, Bible Hill**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for rezoning involving a property located at 815 College Road known as Little Wonders Child Care Centre who have applied to rezone their property from R2-C Residential to C-4 Local Commercial for the purposes of expanding the current facility. The text for the application and a related staff report had been circulated to Council members and have been made available to the public.

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

Mayor Smith reminded Council that only those Councillors present throughout the public hearing can vote on the amendment when it is eventually considered by Council. This is Council's opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors will have the 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.

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Mr. Paul Smith, County Planner, presented members with an overview of the application. The application is from Kathy and Shane Richard for land-use by-law amendments that would allow for an expansion of their day-care facility, Little Wonders Child Care Centre, located at 815 College Road in Bible Hill. The applicants wish to increase the license of their present facility from 45 child care spaces to 55 which is intended to be accommodated within the confines of the existing structure. The subject property is located on the north side of College Road in the Bible Hill Growth Centre, one lot west of its intersection with Fenwood Drive.

Mr. Smith indicated that the request could be accommodated by either an amendment to the land-use by-law or by rezoning. It is staff's opinion that rezoning would have little consequence on the surrounding land uses as they exist today and are therefore recommending that the zoning for 815 College Road be changed from R2-C Residential Double Unit Conversion to C-4 Local Commercial.

Mr. Shane Richard, the applicant, indicated that he did not intend to increase the size of the building at 815 College Road; however, if he did so, the playground space would have to be looked at as regulations require that it be a certain size.

Councillor Masters presented a report from the Planning Advisory Committee. The application was reviewed at a Committee meeting on December 7th. The Committee discussed the merits of both options and decided to recommend a change to the maximum number of children permitted to occupy these facilities from 45 to 60. They had concerns with the possibility of a convenience store being established on the site in the future should the property be rezoned to local commercial and felt better control would result if the maximum number of children was increased.

Mr. MacIsaac advised that no written submissions had been received regarding this application.

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

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Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council amend Section 9.6.3.3 of the Central Colchester Land-Use By-law by replacing the limit of children who may attend a commercial daycare facility in a residential zone from 45 to 60.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

(Councillor Mingo was excluded from voting due to arriving after the public hearing had commenced.)

Mayor Smith advised that this is a land-use by-law amendment 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 Taylor
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the agenda for January 27, 2005 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- delete No. 6, Presentations: Stewiacke Valley Farmers Market - Mr. Arlen Kennedy
- add 16b: C/Supt. Tom Bennett, RCMP “H” Division
- add 16c: Public Meeting, Inglewood Farms
- add 14b: County Flag
- add 14c: Municipal Infrastructure Program Specific to Bible Hill
- add 14d: Request for Funding from Five Islands Fire Brigade”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the minutes of meetings held on November 9, November 25 and December 9, 2004 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on November 9, November 25 and December 9, 2004.

Staff Presentations

Road Swap - Department of Transportation and Public Works

Mr. MacIsaac indicated that this exercise arose from Council's long-range planning discussion in 2004 when staff were given direction to approach the Department of Transportation and Public Works concerning the exchange of isolated County roads with DOT roads in Central Colchester.

In an overhead presentation, Mr. Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works, stated that the basic philosophy behind this exercise is that the County can provide improved services to its residents by:

- eliminating a situation where a road is partially owned by the County; and,
- concentrating its resources in a smaller geographic area.

Based on ownership and maintenance in the County, there are public roads which are either DOT owned and maintained (total 1,645 kms.); County-owned and maintained (total 14 kms/55 roads); or private roads.

Council direction was being sought on the following issues: exchange of roads, whether County should have full ownership of exchanged roads or maintenance agreement only; and does Council agree with concentrating their service area in the Valley.

Council agreed to have staff contact the Department of Transportation and Public Works regarding a maintenance agreement at a minimum of the 14 County streets that are extensions of existing provincial streets throughout the County.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented reports from Council Committee meetings held on December 9-20, 2004 and January 13, 2005:

**Trail Strategy for
Colchester County -
Part I**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the adoption of the Trail Strategy for Colchester County - Part I.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Revised Playground
Funding Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the adoption of the new Municipal Funding for Community Parks Policy to replace Council’s policy on School Playground Development.”

motion amended.

Moved by Councillor Cooper (In
Amendment)
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the new Municipal Funding for Community Parks Policy be amended under the ‘Scope’ section to change the date of eligibility from September 2004 to July 2004.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The motion to amend having carried, the main motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

**Investment and
Internet Banking
Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves the adoption of the Investment and Internet Banking Policy and authorizes the referral of the Policy to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations for approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Implementation of
Fire Safety
Inspection Program**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the implementation of the following three recommendations:

1. Council write the Minister of Environment and Labour to outline Colchester’s concerns with:
 - a. the shortcomings of the existing legislation and express support for the proposed amendments creating options, or trade offs, when dealing with old structures such as apartments, community halls, and churches;

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- b. the inability to prosecute under the current legislation and urge a quick remedy; and,
 - c. the general ineffective manner in which the process works. The current system with municipal fire inspectors, provincial Fire Marshal, and provincial prosecution is cumbersome and unworkable.
2. The Municipality should place the inspection program on hold for apartments, community halls and churches until the provincial regulations are amended. Inspections would be conducted on a complaints basis only. Council should be advised that implementation of this recommendation will be contrary to the time frame adopted as part of the municipal policy.
 3. The Municipality should retain the Fire Safety Inspection term position, but not fill the position until changes are made to the regulations and the municipal inspection program is restarted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Access to Schools Agreement

Councillor Mingo declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed herself from the table.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the Joint-Use Agreement for South Colchester Academy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The CAO will be contacting the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board regarding similar agreements with other schools.

At this point, Councillor Mingo returned to the table.

Black Bags versus Clear Bags

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to retain the present black bag system for residual garbage collection.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Edwards and Lynds opposed)

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**Scotia Pines
Campground**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the request by Scotia Pines Campground to connect into the Hilden Sewer System through a private lateral as shown on the attached map, subject to the design approval by the Director of Public Works and to the application obtaining all necessary permits from regulatory agencies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Scotia Pool Funding
Request**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council agrees to enter into a three-year funding agreement with Scotia Pool commencing in fiscal year 2005-06; and,

Council approves funding support to Scotia Pool over the next three fiscal years as follows:

2005-06	\$91,048
2006-07	\$93,779
2007-08	\$96,593”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed)*

**Grant Request -
Colchester Legion
Pipes and Drums**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves funding support to the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums up to a maximum of \$8,000, less any monies received by this organization from the Town of Truro and/or the Province of Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The CAO advised that he had spoken to Mr. Elroy Geddes today who indicated that their funding request had been turned down by the Province and that he is still waiting to hear from the Town of Truro.

**Bass River House -
County-Owned
Property**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves that the property at 181 Maple Avenue, Bass River, be listed for sale with a real estate firm; and,

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That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign and execute the purchase and sale agreement, and other documentation related to the sale of the property.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were requested to look at the possibility of using the revenue received from the sale of the property for specific projects in the community or as a protocol for a number of years.

**2005 FCM Delegates
- Conference in St.
John’s, Nfld.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council authorizes Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor, Masters and Cavanaugh, and the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the 2005 FCM Conference in St. John’s, Newfoundland.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Evaluation of
Balefill versus
Landfill - Request
for Proposals**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves the issuance of a Request for Proposals regarding evaluation of Balefill versus Landfill and a budget of \$15,000, source of funds to be landfill operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

Regarding the item on Compost Facilities, Councillor Taylor asked where the new pad would go if there was a need to have one. The CAO reported that the length of time compost should be held on a pad is currently under review by the National Compost Council.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

There was no further business arising from the December report of the Planning Advisory Committee other than what was reported earlier this evening during the public hearing.

Nominating Committee

Mayor Smith reported that a Nominating Committee meeting was not held earlier this evening as there were no expressions of interest for the position of Council’s representative on the Board of the Central Nova Tourist Association. Councillor Edwards agreed to resume his seat on the Board with the provision that an alternative be appointed as well. Councillor Mingo agreed to act as alternate.

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Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council approve the appointment of Councillor Glen Edwards to the Board of the Central Nova Tourist Association and that Councillor Terri Mingo be designated as an alternate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Nelson Memorial Park
Development Plan**

Councillor LeFresne reported on the public meeting held in Tatamagouche on January 18, 2005 regarding the future of Nelson Park. The community sees the Park as an asset but agreed that it is in great need of upgrading. To bring it up to standards, \$350,000 to \$400,000 would be required. Councillor LeFresne indicated that he could not support a motion to spend \$20,000 for a consultant study and that he did not believe the Municipality should be in the campground business. He recommended that the Municipality put forward a request for proposals for the operations of the Park. Council agreed in part with this recommendation but following a debate, felt that the RFP should be open to all options, including selling the Park, and in the interim, that the Municipality continue with the operations of the park and campground for the 2005 season provided that the upgrading required to do so is kept to a minimum.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality assume responsibility for the operation of Nelson Memorial Park and Campground for 2005, with minimal upgrades, and proceed with a Request for Proposals that considers all options.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Lynds opposed)*

**First Reading - Tax
Exemption By-law
Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Second Reading - Adult
Entertainment
Establishment By-law**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Adult Entertainment Establishment By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Cost Shared Paving of
Subdivision Streets**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor White

“That correspondence dated January 4, 2005 be received for information and that the Department of Transportation and Public Works be advised that the Municipality has no projects at this time for 2005-06.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Televising Council
Meetings**

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the issue of televised Council meetings be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Cooke, Lynds and LeFresne opposed)*

Staff were asked to put together a budget for this item in preparation for when it goes to Committee.

County Facility Tour

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council set the date of Monday, February 28, 2005 for a tour of County facilities.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

There was some interest expressed in taking another tour in the summer time to gain a better view of these facilities when the snow is gone.

County Flag

Due to several requests received for the purchase of the new County flag, Council agreed to have staff look at the pricing of these flags for resale purposes.

**Municipal
Infrastructure Program
Specific to Bible Hill**

Councillor Taylor asked that two letters from the Village of Bible Hill dated January 19, 2005 concerning the Municipal Infrastructure Program and Expansion of Water System in Bible Hill be put on record and that the Municipal Infrastructure Program and how it works for the two villages (Bible Hill and Tatamagouche) and the Capital Funding Program be placed on a future Committee agenda.

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Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Municipal Infrastructure Program be referred to Council Committee, specifically how it relates to villages and the Capital Funding Program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Funding Request from
Five Islands Fire
Brigade**

Councillor Cooke asked that the “on table” item from the Five Islands and District Fire Brigade be referred to Committee. The Brigade is asking for financial assistance toward the purchase of a small marine rescue unit that would respond to emergencies.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the request for financial assistance from the Five Islands and District Fire Brigade for a small marine rescue unit be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

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

- No. 9: e-mail from Municipality of Guysborough dated December 10, 2004 concerning FCM’s statement on distribution formula for federal fuel tax
- No. 11: letter from Transportation and Public Works dated December 13, 2004 regarding culvert on Old Courthouse Branch Road
- No. 15: letter dated December 2, 2004 from George and Donna MacNeil, 1366 Onslow Mountain Road, Truro, concerning green cart program and Mayor Smith’s response dated December 20, 2004
- No. 23: letter from Environment and Labour dated December 6, 2004 concerning sewage disposal systems on Carter Road and John Bell Road, Brookfield

ACTION

**Colleen Hunt, Program
Officer, Dept. of
Canadian Heritage**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 4, 2005 from **Colleen Hunt, Program Officer, Department of Canadian Heritage**, requesting February 15, 2005 be proclaimed National Flag of Canada Day.

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Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That February 15, 2005 be proclaimed National Flag Day.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Fonda Smyth, CoRDA

A copy of an e-mail dated January 18, 2005 from **Fonda Smyth, CoRDA**, regarding a Regional Strategic Plan meeting with Councillors.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council attend the CoRDA meeting on February 8, 2005 regarding a Regional Strategic Plan.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lloyd Hines, Warden,
Municipality of
Guysborough**

A copy of an e-mail dated December 10, 2004 from **Lloyd Hines, Warden, Municipality of Guysborough**, concerning FCM’s statement on the distribution formula for the federal fuel tax.

Deputy Mayor Matheson asked if any information had been received on when this distribution formula would come about and whether it is going to be on a per capita basis and if so, how would this affect Colchester County.

It was staff’s understanding that no written communication has been received as yet from the federal government and that a distribution formula has not been established provincially.

**Wayne Franklin, Area
Manager-Colchester,
Transportation &
Public Works**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 13, 2004 from **Wayne Franklin, Area Manager-Colchester, Transportation and Public Works**, regarding the culvert on Old Courthouse Branch Road.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Public Works to thank them for their attention to this file and to request that the Municipality be kept apprised of their plan to contact the property owner downstream concerning removal of the ridge of gravel.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Council asked that a copy of the letter to Transportation and Public Works be copied to Mr. Stephen Brown, the property owner experiencing the flooding.

George and Donna MacNeil, 1366 Onslow Mountain Road, Truro

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 2, 2004 from **George and Donna MacNeil, 1366 Onslow Mountain Road, Truro**, concerning the green cart program and Mayor Smith's response dated December 20, 2004.

Deputy Mayor Matheson indicated that he had received the same letter and asked how many similar complaints have been received on this same issue. Staff reported that although difficult to track, there are probably less than five cases where the resident is requesting exemption from paying for the green cart program on his/her tax bill.

Wayne Faulkner District Manager, Northern Region, Dept. of Environment & Labour

A letter to Deputy Mayor Matheson dated December 6, 2004 from **Wayne Faulkner, District Manager, Northern Region, Department of Environment and Labour**, concerning sewage disposal systems on Carter Road and John Bell Road, Brookfield.

Deputy Mayor Matheson pointed out that this communication from the Department of Environment and Labour could make it difficult if they decide to deal with the issue of inadequate sewage disposal systems in these areas.

INFORMATION

Michael Baker, Minister of Justice

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 24, 2004 from **Michael Baker, Minister of Justice**, concerning the Sunday Shopping plebiscite. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of Building Permit Statistics from the **Building Inspector** for the months of November and December 2004. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of Development Activity Report from the **Development Officer** for the months of November and December 2004. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Raymond Ivany & Chuck Hartlen, N.S. Community College

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 29, 2004 from **Raymond Ivany and Chuck Hartlen, N.S. Community College**, enclosing a copy of 2003-04 annual report (copy of report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 29, 2004 from **Peter Doig, Director, Government Relations, N.S. Power**, enclosing a copy of report from Customer Energy Forum (copy of report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Peter Newton,
Warden, Municipality
of Annapolis County**

A copy of a letter to Minister Barry Barnett dated December 3, 2004 from **Peter Newton, Warden, Municipality of Annapolis County**, regarding in-camera discussions of Municipal Council. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Bill Langille, MLA,
Colchester North**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 7, 2004 from **Bill Langille, MLA, Colchester North**, concerning the installation of traffic lights at the Valley Crossroads intersection. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members' Advisory dated December 9, 2004 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** regarding FCM's position on fuel tax. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Mayor Charles
Crosby, President,
UNSM**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 13, 2004 from **Mayor Charles Crosby, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, regarding UNSM's 2004 accomplishments and 2005 priorities. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Liz Pace, Sport
Consultant, N.S. Sport
& Recreation**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 17, 2004 from **Liz Pace, Sport Consultant, N.S. Sport and Recreation**, concerning the process for hosting the 2011 Canada Games. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Kerry Morash,
Minister of
Environment &
Labour**

A copy of a letter dated December 17, 2004 from **Kerry Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour**, regarding a water sample collected in Lower Truro. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Leanne Hachey,
Canadian Federation
of Independent
Business**

A letter to Council dated December 17, 2004 from **Leanne Hachey, Canadian Federation of Independent Business**, enclosing a "small business package". Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

John Henry

An e-mail to Mayor Smith dated December 4, 2004 from **John Henry** regarding Nelson Park. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

**Eben Ellis, 73 East
Court Road, Bible Hill**

A letter to the County dated November 22, 2004 from **Eben Ellis, 73 East Court Road, Bible Hill**, concerning various issues (zoning, noise by-law, permits) and the CAO's response dated January 7, 2005. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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Colchester Working Group for Youth Homelessness

A copy of a letter dated January 12, 2005 from the **Colchester Working Group for Youth Homelessness**, regarding the Youth Homelessness Initiative due to expire in February 2005. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Fred Blois, Concerned Citizens of R.R. #1, Truro

A copy of a letter to Bill Casey dated January 15, 2005 from **Fred Blois, Concerned Citizens of R.R. #1, Truro**, concerning public discussion on January 22, 2005 regarding the land application of industrial sludges at Inglewood Farms. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Paul Glover, Health Canada & Cynthia Wright, Environment Canada

A copy of a letter received January 20, 2005 from **Paul Glover, Health Canada and Cynthia Wright, Environment Canada**, enclosing a report on the review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (copy of report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Jennifer Spencer, 461 Great Village-Lornevale Road

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 17, 2005 from **Jennifer Spencer, 461 Great Village-Lornevale Road**, requesting an extension of the sewer line in Great Village and a response from the CAO dated January 20th. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Tender - Balefill Heavy Equipment

The tender for the purchase of a bulldozer and new loader for the Balefill Facility was called and closing date for bids was August 19, 2004. Three bids were received on the dozer and the tender was awarded to Wilson Equipment Ltd. at a price of \$127,500 (before HST). Four bids were received on the loader and the tender was awarded to Wilson Equipment Ltd. at a price of \$44,000 (before HST). The County took possession of both in December 2004.

Staff were asked to place a copy of the other bids received for both pieces of equipment in Councillor mailboxes.

C/Supt. Tom Bennett, RCMP "H" Division

Referring to the recent articles in the media regarding the future of the RCMP drug enforcement unit in Truro, Mayor Smith indicated that he has asked C/Supt. Tom Bennett, RCMP "H" Division, to attend a meeting of Council on February 10th regarding this issue. Both the Town of Truro and the Town of Stewiacke will be invited to the session. Once confirmation of the date is received, a notice will be placed in Councillor mailboxes.

Public Meeting - Inglewood Farms

Councillor Masters indicated that he and Councillor White attended a public meeting on January 22nd at the Cobequid Consolidated Elementary School concerning the appeal by Inglewood Farms of the Department of Environment and Labour's decision to suspend Inglewood's land application approval to spread biosolids in

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Colchester County. Inglewood Farms has stated they have dropped the spreading of human waste from their operation. Councillor Masters reported that the majority of the community are still against it.

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

CoRDA

Councillor Taylor reported on the regular meeting of the CoRDA Board held on January 26th. Eight of the nine ex-officio members were in attendance to present reports as well as the Principals of both the N.S. Agricultural College and the N.S. Community College. The rest of the meeting focused on CoRDA's 2005-06 Business Plan which will be presented to February Committee. The Executive Director has prepared a concept paper on Park lands which will be presented to MLA Bill Langille.

Truro and District Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Edwards reported that the Chamber has suggested changing the name of their Amalgamation Committee to Regional Cooperation Committee. Chairwoman Christine Blair from the Village of Bible Hill has expressed a willingness to join the Committee. Former Councillor from the Town of Truro, Charles MacQuarrie and Councillor Terri Mingo from the County will be asked to join.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera session at 11:05 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:35 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Deputy Clerk