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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor, Chair	
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Gerald Buott	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the agenda for February 26, 2009 be approved with the following amendments:

- delete under No. 5, Presentations: Mr. Travis Decoste - Homeless Shelter
- add to No. 14, In-Camera: Personnel Matter”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of meeting held on January 29, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on January 29, 2009.

Presentations

As indicated earlier in the evening, the presentation from Mr. Travis Decoste was cancelled.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on February 12, 2009:

**Loan Guarantee -
Valley-Kemptown &
District Fire Brigade**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council approves that the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a ‘letter of intent’ in support of a consolidated loan of \$500,000 for the Valley-Kemptown and District Fire Brigade for the purchase of a new tanker truck and the repayment of an existing loan; 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.

**Resolution - Tax
Exemption By-law**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council adopts an option which will permit any additions to the list of exempted properties attached to the Tax Exemption By-law to be made by way of a resolution; thereby eliminating the first and second reading process except where amendments to the text of the By-law itself are necessary.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Laptops for Council

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to purchase laptops, printers and all required accessories for Councillors; and,

That all operating costs be covered, including reimbursement of internet connection fees.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh opposed)

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**N.S. Provincial
Exhibition Antique
Farm Equipment
Museum**

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Taylor declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table. Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh assumed the position of Chair.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves that funding in the amount of \$25,000 be provided to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Antique Farm Equipment Museum to assist with a building addition to the Museum, source of funds to be 2008-09 general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Mayor Taylor returned to the table and resumed the position of Chair.

**2009 Nova Scotia
Regional Acadian
Games**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves that funding in the amount of \$7,000 be provided to the Nova Scotia Regional Acadian Games Committee in support of the Games being hosted in Colchester County, May 15-19, 2009, source of funds to be conditional upon the approval of an amended Economic Development Grants Policy or, that the contribution be sourced through another fund.”

motion amended.

Moved by Councillor Cooper (In
Amendment)
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That once the Regional Acadian Games have taken place, financial statements be provided to the Municipality along with the return of any unused portion of the \$7,000 contribution.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh, Councillors
Masters, Buott, MacKenzie, McKenna,
LeFresne and White opposed)*

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

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Property Tax Write-Offs

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves that property taxes and interest totalling \$5,495,94, as detailed on the attached listings to Action Item dated February 12, 2009, be written off.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Municipal Traffic Authority - Colchester County

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the designation of the Director of Public Works as the Traffic Authority for the Municipality and the Head of Policing for Colchester County as the Deputy Traffic Authority, under section 86, subsections 6 and 7 of the Motor Vehicle Act; and,

That the CAO be authorized to send to the Provincial Traffic Authority this resolution passed under subsections 6 and 7 of the Motor Vehicle Act.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Executive and Audit Committee

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on February 12, 2009.

Planning Advisory Committee

There was no business arising from the February Planning Advisory Committee Report to Council.

Nominating Committee

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the report from the Nominating Committee dated February 12, 2009 be adopted as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

2009 Operating Budget Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves March 17, 2009 for the initial budget meeting and March 19, 2009 for the meeting to discuss additions/deletions.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Spring 2009
Debenture Funding

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance subject to Interest Rate Resolution, as presented, for the Regional Hospital.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tax Exemption
By-law - First
Reading

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council hereby approves First Reading of the Tax Exemption By-law as attached to Action Item dated February 26, 2009.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Wind Turbine
Development By-law

Staff noted that a revised version of the Wind Development By-law has been circulated on table for this evening’s meeting. The revised version replaces the previous by-law that was circulated in the Council package.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council hereby approves First Reading of the ‘revised’ Wind Turbine Development By-law as circulated on February 26, 2009.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

ACTION

Joyce Mingo,
Executive Director,
CNTA

Conflict of Interest

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table.

A letter to Mayor Taylor dated February 19, 2009 from **Joyce Mingo, Executive Director, Central Nova Tourist Association**, requesting funding support for CNTA/Town of Hardisty event taking place at the CNTA annual general meeting.

Staff noted an email on table dated February 24th from Ms. Mingo indicating that this event has been postponed; therefore, the request for funding from CNTA was withdrawn.

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At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

**David Lilly,
President, Comfort
Smart Homes**

A letter to Mayor Taylor dated January 20, 2009 from **David Lilly, President, Comfort Smart Homes**, requesting an amendment to the municipal land-use by-law as it relates to properties located at 65 and 66 Anita Crescent.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the letter from Comfort Smart Homes requesting an amendment to the municipal land-use by-law as it relates to properties located at 65 and 66 Anita Crescent be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Robert Christianson,
Village of Bible Hill**

An email dated February 23, 2009 from **Robert Christianson, Village of Bible Hill**, regarding a pedestrian crossing at the College Road and Osprey Court intersection.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill regarding a pedestrian crossing at the College Road and Osprey Court intersection be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics Report for the month of January 2009 received from the **Building Inspector**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report for the month of January 2009 received from the **Development Officer**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**Community Trail
Funding Program -
Winter 2009
Applications**

Three applications were received and approved for the January 30, 2009 deadline. The three applicants were:

- Cobequid Eco-Trails Society: \$50,000 approved pending fulfilment of funding requirement from NS Health Promotion and Protection

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- Kenomee Trail Society: \$2,000
- North Shore ATV Club: \$11,185 pending fulfilment of funding requirement from NS Off-Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund

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

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the Open House for the North Shore Recreation Centre on February 14th as well as the annual awards banquet for the Tatamagouche Fire Brigade on February 21st.

Councillor Cooper reported that he and Mayor Taylor had attended the Upper Stewiacke Fire Brigade's annual banquet on February 21st.

Council Buott reported on a meeting he attended of the Northern Region Waste Resource Management Committee.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended the Cobequid Fire Brigade's annual banquet on February 21st. He also indicated that the Civic Centre Project Steering Committee is calling for expressions of interest on the design of the facility.

Mayor Taylor reported on various activities he had attended - annual fire brigade banquets, meeting with MLA Karen Casey, meeting with Minister Brooke Taylor on Brookside interchange and land for civic centre.

Recess

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council recess to an in-camera session at 8:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council reconvenes in open session at 8:45 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Position Vacancy -
Small Systems
Treatment Manager**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council authorizes Administration to open competition for the position of Small Systems Treatment Manager in accordance with the County's Personnel Policies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary