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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 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor, Chair	
Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Gerald Buott	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for February 24, 2011 be approved with the following additions:

- add to Item #14, Closed Session: minutes of Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on February 10, 2011
- add Item #12b: Media Coverage
- add Item #12c: Canada Games Award
- add Item #12d: Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2011 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising From Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2011.

Presentations

Northumberland Arts Council

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Representing the Northumberland Arts Council (NAC) were Sharron Byers and Chuck Cassidy. It was noted that this presentation would cover off the two funding requests from the NAC; one for capital funding in the amount of \$25,000 for improvements to the Fraser Cultural Centre building and one for a non-profit grant of \$1,000 for a variety of activities.

In the presentation, Ms. Byers indicated that the mandate for the NAC is to promote the arts, crafts, and cultural activities along the North Shore and to assist in the preservation and presentation of the heritage of the area. Ms. Byers then read a fax received from Raymond Ross, a member of the Fund Raising Committee for the NAC. Mr. Ross was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Ms. Byers stressed that Council's support is needed for this capital funding request as the NAC cannot take on this project with an existing annual budget of \$20,000. It is important that the NAC have the support of the Municipality in order to access federal and provincial funding.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the presentation from the Northumberland Arts Council be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented a report from the Council Committee meeting held on February 10, 2011:

**Property Tax
Write-Offs**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That Council approves that property taxes and interest totalling \$7,938.77, as detailed on the listing attached to an Action Item dated February 10, 2011, be written off."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sale of Lands to
Home Hardware**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

"That Council authorizes staff to enter into an agreement, as presented to Council Committee on February 10, 2011, between the

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Municipality of the County of Colchester and the Colchester Regional Development Agency, for the sale of lands in Debert identified as PID's 20153540, 20153557, 20153565 and 20153573."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Executive and Audit Committee

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2011.

ACTION ITEMS

Second Reading - False Alarm By-law

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council hereby approves Second Reading of the revised False Alarm By-law, as presented."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff agreed to follow up on an inquiry from Councillor Taggart on whether a business owner is charged for a false alarm call if the owner or alarm company cancels the call and the RCMP is called off.

First Reading - Garbage Collection and Disposal By-law Amendment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That Council approves by way of First Reading, Chapter 33 - Garbage Collection and Disposal By-law, as presented, for an increase from \$75.00 to \$95.00 per tonne for the residual garbage tipping fee, effective May 1, 2011."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

ACTION

**Gary Higgins, Chair,
Colchester Branch
#26 Legion Building
Society**

A letter to the Mayor dated January 25, 2011 from **Gary Higgins, Chair, Colchester Branch #26 Legion Building Society**, requesting funding support for a new building.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

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“That the letter from the Colchester Branch #26 Legion Building Society requesting funding support for a new building be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Scott Annand &
William Kaulbach,
CEC**

A letter to the Mayor dated January 31, 2011 from **Scott Annand and William Kaulbach, Cobequid Educational Centre**, requesting funding support for the multi-purpose indoor sports complex.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from the Cobequid Educational Centre requesting funding support for the multi-purpose indoor sports complex be received for information as Council is not prepared to financially support the project at this time.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of January 2011. Council agreed to receive this report for information.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of January 2011. Council agreed to receive this report for information.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Household Hazardous Waste (Staff Presentation)

Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste

Mr. Wamboldt provided a powerpoint presentation on the diversion of household batteries.

Mr. Wamboldt indicated that dry cell batteries currently account for over 80% of the total mercury and approximately 50% of the cadmium in the municipal solid waste stream in the United States. Two commercial enterprises within the Municipality have taken it upon themselves to provide a collection station/bins for the deposit of used household batteries. This service is being provided free of charge to the general public. One of these companies approached the Solid Waste Department for help and the Municipality responded by partnering with a number of retail outlets within the Municipality to provide this service.

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Councillor Masters reported that he had attended a Civic Centre meeting where a tender was approved for waterproofing the foundation (successful bidder was under budget).

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended an RRFB meeting on March 3, a Library Board meeting on March 16th and a Brookfield Community Association meeting on Monday night.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended the Upper Stewiacke Fire Brigade Awards night.

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended a CNTA meeting last Thursday and the Mayors' Breakfast on February 16th. Councillor Edwards noted that CNTA will be making a presentation to Council on March 31st.

Councillor LeFresne reported that the tenders on the new library close on March 17th. Councillor LeFresne indicated that he had attended the RCMP Town Hall meeting in Tatamagouche last night.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the Valley-Kemptown Fire Brigade annual banquet on January 29th, the North River Fire Brigade banquet on February 5th, the Tatamagouche Fire Brigade banquet on February 19th and the Mayors' Breakfast on February 16th.

Councillor White reported that he had attended the Mayors' Breakfast, the 50th anniversary event for the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade, the CoRDA Industrial Parks Sub-Committee and CoRDA budget meetings. Councillor White indicated the annual banquet for the Debert Fire Brigade is March 12th.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the 50th anniversary event for the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade and the Open House for the Home Hardware expansion project.

Councillor McKenna reported that the next Lawn Bowling Committee meeting is tomorrow morning. Councillor McKenna also reported that he had attended the Valley-Kemptown Fire Brigade annual banquet.

Mayor Taylor presented his written report, a copy of which was circulated in the package for this evening's meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

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“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:52 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:23 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary