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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, May 26, 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 Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the agenda for May 26, 2011 be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #9b: NHL
- add Item #11b: Thirsty Church
- add Item #9c: Street Paving Petition - Sunnybrook Drive (on table)
- add Item #12b: Waste Management Master Plan - Component 2 (Phase 2) Leachate Pre-Treatment.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Appointment of Solicitor

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council waives policy and appoints Patterson Law as the Municipality’s Solicitor for fiscal year 2011-12.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooper

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Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 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 April 28, 2011.

Presentations

Ms. Kendra Arsenault, Grant Thornton - County Consolidated Financial Statements and Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services - Treasurer’s Statement

Ms. Arsenault presented the 2010-11 Consolidated Financial Statements to Council and provided a brief report on the audit of the Municipality. A more detailed briefing was provided to the Executive and Audit Committee prior to this Council Session. The first paragraph of the Auditor’s Report stated that Grant Thornton had audited the financial statements. The second paragraph indicated the audit was conducted in accordance with the Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The third paragraph stated that Grant Thornton had provided a clean opinion on the financial results.

Copies of all statements presented were circulated to Council. Councillors were encouraged to read these statements and direct any questions to Mr. Purchase.

Mr. Purchase provided a brief presentation on the Treasurer’s Statement.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council receives and accepts the financial statements as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the necessary documents associated with the 2010/11 financial audit.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair

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Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council receives and accepts the Treasurer’s Statement as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented a report from the Council Committee meeting held on May 17, 2011:

**Municipal Signage
for Private Roads
Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the adoption of the Municipal Signage for Private Roads Policy as attached to an Action Item dated May 17, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Scholarship Request
- École acadienne de
Truro**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves a scholarship for an eligible Colchester County student in the amount of \$1,000 for the École acadienne de Truro, beginning in fiscal year 2011-12.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper and Taggart opposed)*

**Funding Request -
2011 4-H Provincial
Show**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves a donation of \$1,000 in support of the 2011 4-H Provincial Show being held at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds, September 30-October 2, 2011, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Eagle Drive
Sidewalk**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“Council approves the project of construction of a sidewalk on Eagle Drive being carried out in conjunction with the project of repaving of Eagle Drive being executed by the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, with the Municipality of the County of Colchester bearing the cost of the sidewalk portion of the combined project, including construction supervision and contract

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administration costs associated with the sidewalk construction; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign Construction Agreement number 2011-002 (installation of a concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and curb under-drainage on the north side of Eagle Drive) with the Province of Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Loan Guarantee -
Hilden Fire Brigade**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves that the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a ‘letter of intent’ in support of a loan of \$155,000 for the Hilden Fire Brigade for the purchase of a new Rescue Unit; 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.

Area Rate Budgets

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves the 2011/12 Area Rate Budgets as presented on May 17, 2011, with an amendment that the sewer maintenance rate remains at .08 cents; and,

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” and as amended;

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 11th day of August, 2011;

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 15% per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 11th day of August, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2011.

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**Nominating
Committee**

A meeting of the Nominating Committee took place earlier this evening regarding Action Item #9 on the agenda, Appointment of Citizen Representatives to the CoRDA Board of Directors.

ACTION ITEMS

**Appointment of
Citizen
Representatives to
CoRDA Board of
Directors**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the appointment of Laurie Jennings and Doug MacInnes as voting members to the Colchester Regional Development Agency Board of Directors for a three-year term.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Amendment to
Purchasing and
Tendering Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council approves the County Policy on Purchasing and Tendering as presented.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Blair opposed)*

NHL

Councillor Cooper asked Council to consider sending a letter of congratulations to a resident in his district, Zack Sill, who recently signed a two-year contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That a letter be sent to Mr. Zack Sill congratulating him on signing a two-year contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Street Paving
Petition -
Sunnybrook Drive**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves two sections of Sunnybrook Drive (West Section and East Section), as shown on the map attached to an Action Item dated May 26, 2011, being placed on the priority list for paving under the cost-shared agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia; and,

That correspondence be sent to the Province of Nova Scotia confirming the commitment of the Municipality of Colchester to the paving project as per the terms of Agreement #2009-008.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

ACTION

**County Recreation
Office**

Correspondence received from the **Recreation Office** requesting that May 28-June 4, 2011 be proclaimed Colchester Bike Week.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the week of May 28-June 4, 2011 be proclaimed Colchester Bike Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Noah Tremblay,
Bass River**

A letter to Council dated May 16, 2011 from **Noah Tremblay, Bass River**, requesting financial support for a monument for the Bass River Memorial Park. Council agreed to receive this letter for information.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

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

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

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

Councillor Blair presented her written report, a copy of which was circulated on table for this evening’s meeting.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended a PAC meeting and a Civic Centre Project Steering Committee meeting.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended the Hilden Fire Brigade annual banquet, a joint library meeting for the new library, the Brookfield Fire Brigade annual banquet, an RRFB meeting and an

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urban transit meeting.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended an Executive and Audit Committee meeting and a Nominating Committee meeting earlier this evening, the Brookfield Fire Brigade annual banquet, a Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee meeting, a Flood Advisory Committee meeting and a School Advisory Council meeting.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she had attended a joint library meeting for the new library. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 14th.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended a Flood Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday.

Councillor White reported that he had attended a Big Brothers/Big Sisters' awards night, a 90+ birthday party in Economy and a CoRDA meeting on Wednesday.

Referring to the CoRDA meeting on Wednesday evening and comments from the Board Chair on the length of time it took for the Debert land transfer to take place, Council agreed that a safeguard be included in the transfer agreement that, should CoRDA not continue to represent the goals and objectives of the Municipality of Colchester, that the land involved in this transfer revert back to the Municipality.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the 90+ birthday party in Economy, the UNSM spring conference and the Flood Advisory Committee meeting.

Councillor McKenna reported that the next Lawn Bowling Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday. A public meeting was held in early May with 35 people in attendance, ten of which were Committee members.

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

Thirsty Church

Councillor Taggart indicated that the Thirsty Church group are having an Open House on Sunday, May 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in appreciation of those who have contributed to the success of the Thirsty Church project.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:10 p.m.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:35 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management
Master Plan -
Component 2
(Phase 2)**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the award of the Waste Management Master Plan, Component 2 (Phase 2), Leachate Pre-Treatment System project, to S.W. Weeks Construction Limited at a bid price of \$1,393,605, plus applicable taxes; and,

That the Municipality of the County of Colchester carry an internal contingency amount of \$155,858 for the construction project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary