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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, October 27, 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
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Bob White	District #9

Election of Alternate Council Committee Chair

Mayor Taylor called for nominations for the position of Alternate Council Committee Chair.

Councillor Masters moved and Councillor Buott seconded the nomination of Councillor Cooper.

Mayor Taylor called three times for further nominations and on hearing none, a motion was put on the floor to cease nominations:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That nominations for Alternate Council Committee Chair cease.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

By acclamation, Councillor Cooper was declared Alternate Council Committee Chair for a one-year term.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the agenda for October 27, 2011 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

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- Item #6, Presentations: delete Gary Burrill, MLA, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley
- Item #6, Presentations: add Spiddle Hill Residents' Group."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the minutes of the meeting held on September 29, 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 September 29, 2011.

Presentations

Colchester-East Hants Public Library Board

Ms. Janet Pelley, Library Director and Secretary to the Colchester-East Hants Public Library Board, presented a powerpoint presentation on the services provided and programs offered by the Colchester-East Hants Public Library. Accompanying Ms. Pelley were Ruby McDorman, Chair of the Library Board and staff members Lesley Brann and Linda Marsh.

As a people-centered front-line service open to everyone, the public library is a unique agent of positive change and growth through its five branches in Elmsdale, Mount Uniacke, Stewiacke, Tatamagouche and Truro. Transactions in 2010-11 amounted to 311,842 through borrowing and 35,455 hours in booking time on a computer or using the wireless network.

A copy of the Library Board's presentation and annual report were circulated to Council.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That the presentation from the Colchester-East Hants Public Library Board be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester Regional Development Agency

Mr. Ron Smith, Executive Director, Colchester Regional Development Agency, provided a powerpoint presentation on the

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organization's 2011-12 Mid-Year Review. Topics covered during his presentation included: review of mid-year review process changes, second quarter financial statements, funding agreements, organizational review, highlights on strategic initiatives and the Hilden Interchange Conceptualization.

A copy of the CoRDA presentation and financial statements were circulated to Council.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That the presentation from the Colchester Regional Development Agency be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Spiddle Hill Residents' Group

Representing the Spiddle Hill Residents' Group were Mr. Wayne Edgar and Mr. Peter Lavell. Mr. Edgar read into the minutes a copy of a letter from the group dated October 24th. A copy of this letter was circulated on table for this evening's meeting as well as copies of two other letters from residents of Spiddle Hill.

The correspondence from the Spiddle Hill Residents' Group expressed concerns of the owners of homes and properties on Spiddle Hill about the current wind turbine and proposed second wind turbine on Spiddle Hill. The group is asking for Council's support in making certain that the company building the wind turbines, Cumberland-Colchester Wind Field Inc., consults with the group to ensure that there will be no additional noise disturbance from the proposed second turbine. The group is also asking Council to consider amending the Wind Turbine By-law to increase the setback distance from residences for medium and large turbines. The current setback is 700 meters and the group is requesting an increase of up to 2 kms.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the presentation from the Spiddle Hill Residents' Group be received; and,

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That the requests contained in the letter from the Spiddle Hill Residents' Group dated October 24, 2011 be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented a report from the Council Committee meeting held on October 13, 2011:

**Returning Officer
for 2012 Election**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council authorizes staff to retain the services of a Returning Officer who will coordinate all aspects of the 2012 Election with a base salary of \$20,000; and,

That space be made available in either the County Courthouse building or the Special Hazards Response Unit building for election purposes; and,

That the Returning Officer be authorized to hire an Assistant Returning Officer at an hourly rate of \$12.00."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lawn Bowling
Facility**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That Council approves the release of funding for the Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club facility without the requirement for federal/provincial funding."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Public Transit
Feasibility Study -
Final Report**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That Council considers the establishment of a public transit system to serve the Central Colchester area, based upon the recommendations of the Public Transit Feasibility Study; and, that Council's final decision on going forward with this project be dependent upon the results of the following:

- a) Confirmation that the Town of Truro is also interested in advancing public transit;
- b) Source of municipal funding contribution; and,
- c) Consultant study being conducted on design and detail of

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transit network, including routes, stops and frequency of service.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor McKenna opposed)*

Cost-Shared Paving Programs

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign a three-year agreement with the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (Construction Agreement Number 2012-008) for the paving of subdivision streets in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Correspondence

ACTION

Mayor Billy Joe MacLean, President, UNSM

A letter to the Mayor dated October 4, 2011 from **Billy Joe MacLean, President, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, requesting a contribution to the Ken Simpson Municipal Lecture Series Fund.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the letter from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting a contribution to the Ken Simpson Municipal Lecture Series Fund be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

Don Head, Commissioner, Correctional Service Canada

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the week of November 13-20, 2011 be proclaimed Restorative Justice Week in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

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Building Inspector

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

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

Councillor Blair reported on a Police Advisory Board meeting held on October 17th. Meetings of the Board will be on a quarterly basis with the next one scheduled for January 16, 2012. Councillor Blair also reported that she had attended the FCM-CIPP (Community Infrastructure Partnership Project) workshop on October 4th, Police Advisory Board training on October 4th, a Village of Bible Hill meeting on October 11th, as well as a meeting with the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on village governance, an Open House for Fire Prevention Week and a memorial service for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended meetings of the Civic Centre Fundraising Committee, the Project Steering Committee and a Joint Council meeting and site tour of the civic centre.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended the CIPP workshop on October 4th, a Council capital budget meeting on October 18th, a meeting of the Library Board on October 19th, the civic centre Joint Council meeting and site tour on October 25th and a meeting of the Brookfield Community Association on October 24th.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended the civic centre Joint Council meeting and site tour on October 25th, a Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee meeting on October 17th, two community water meetings - one regarding the Gays River Road spring and the other regarding the St. Andrews Watershed, and a School Advisory Council meeting at CEC.

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended a Portraits of Honour tour event, a CNTA meeting, a public transit study meeting and the civic centre Joint Council meeting and tour.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had represented the County at the Colchester-Cumberland Wind Field celebration event on October 22nd.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the Small Business Week Awards event at the Glengarry, the Pearl & Daisy Soap Company Open House, and a meeting of the UNSM

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Sustainable Practices Committee via webinar.

Councillor McKenna reported that he had attended the meeting of the Police Advisory Board on October 17th.

Mayor Taylor presented his written report, a copy of which was circulated on table for this evening's meeting. Not included in the report was a meeting he had with S/Sgt. John Berry on a couple of issues - parking issues at the corn maze in Onslow and charging fees for security events such as the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by D/Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:15 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Kemptown Property
- 1296 Riversdale
Road**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by D/Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes staff to purchase the property located at 1296 Riversdale Road, Kemptown, with source of funds being the Special Capital Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for Power
Line Easement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to enter into a standard easement agreement with Nova Scotia Power, subject to review by the Solicitor, that would permit the installation of a

power line from a pole in the parking lot of the municipal office at 1 Church Street to a pole on the Blaikie's Dodge property for the purpose of serving the paint shop.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:17 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary