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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, November 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

Employee Service Recognition Awards

Employees were presented with awards by Council in recognition of their years of service with the Municipality. There were four employees receiving an award for five years of service, one employee for 10 years, four employees for 15 years, and two employees for 20 years.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

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

- Item #8b - Shubenacadie Canal Commission;
- Item #8c - County Newsletter;
- Item #8d - Public Works Winter Term Position (on table);
- Item #10b - Shubenacadie Canal Commission;
- Item #10c - Composting/Recycling;
- Item #10d - Insurance for Not-for-Profit Organizations;
- Item #10e - UNSM Conference Report;
- Item #12(2) - Negotiations (Closed Session).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the minutes of the meeting held on October 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 October 27, 2011.

Presentations

Central Nova Tourist Association (CNTA)

Representing the Central Nova Tourist Association for this presentation were Ms. Joyce Mingo, Executive Director and Mr. Devin Trefry, Director of Sales and Marketing. In an overview of the organization, Ms. Mingo indicated that CNTA has staff at the Glooscap Visitor Information Centre in Millbrook, including five full-time employees and a co-op student from Dalhousie. Colchester along with eight other municipalities have a long standing relationship with CNTA. Ms. Mingo also stated that she may come back to Council at some point in the future to do a presentation on marketing levies to help market and promote the area. Marketing levies are currently being charged in Yarmouth, Halifax and Cape Breton.

Mr. Trefry advised that CNTA has developed a tourism communication website which basically takes the place of their newsletter. Recently, CNTA held four community meetings throughout the region (from Masstown to Amherst) on the role of CNTA in cooperative marketing. He also updated Council on the marketing activities that have taken place in the past year.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the presentation from the Central Nova Tourist Association be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Noah Tremblay

In his presentation, Mr. Tremblay, an 11-year old student from Bass River, advised that he began “Forgotten Heroes” as a heritage project at school. The objective of the project was to obtain enough money to erect a monument for animals at the Bass River Memorial Park. This monument would honour the animals for what they did during

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the war such as delivering messages, finding people at sea, carrying water and supplies, and transportation.

Mr. Tremblay asked Council to remember these animals by making a donation to the project. To date, he has raised \$10,000 of his \$13,000 goal.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the presentation from Mr. Noah Tremblay be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves a donation of \$3,000 in support of the Forgotten Heroes project, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented a report from the Council Committee meeting held on November 15, 2011:

**Small Flood Damage
Reduction Projects
Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy (formerly called the Small Flood Reduction Projects Policy) as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for
Contribution - Ken
Simpson Municipal
Lecture Series Fund**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Ken Simpson Memorial Lecture Series Fund, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Coastal Action
Strategy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council authorizes staff to respond to the Coastal Action Strategy Survey and raise points outlined in the Action Item dated November 15, 2011; and,

That a letter be written to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) to express Council’s desire that any regulations in terms of building setback distances be dealt with through local municipalities; and,

To request that there be UNSM and municipal representation on the Review Committee for the Coastal Acton Strategy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee Meeting**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on November 7, 2011.

ACTION ITEMS

**Five-Year Capital
Budget Plan**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the Five-Year Capital Budget Plan as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Shubenacadie Canal
Commission**

Councillor Cooper indicated that he had been appointed by Council to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission at the beginning of this Council term. Since that time, activities of the Commission have increased significantly, the majority of which are applicable to the Halifax Regional Municipality. Councillor Cooper asked for Council’s direction on resigning his position on the Commission and either not refilling it; or, his preferred choice to have his seat as an inactive position with respect to attending meetings but continue to be kept apprised of any activities that affect Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor Cooper

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Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Shubenacadie Canal Commission be advised of Council’s decision to withdraw its active membership on the Commission at this time but continue to be kept apprised of its activities concerning Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

County Newsletter

Councillor Cooper expressed his concern about the number of calls he receives from residents on the winter maintenance of roads that are the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR). He suggested that the next County newsletter contain contact information for TIR winter road maintenance. Councillor Blair also recommended that TIR’s winter road maintenance schedule be included as well to give residents some idea of when their road would be plowed or salted.

Staff agreed to look into having an insert containing this information placed in the upcoming newsletter.

**Public Works
Winter Term
Position**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the hiring of a term position for Public Works for the winter season of four months, effective December 15, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

ACTION

**Chief Nigel Leggett,
Valley-Kemptown &
District Fire Brigade**

A letter to Council dated November 21, 2011 from **Chief Nigel Leggett, Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade**, requesting a loan guarantee to begin the tendering process for a new aerial platform fire apparatus.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from the Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade requesting a loan guarantee to begin the tendering process for a new aerial platform fire apparatus, be referred to December Council Committee; and,

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That Council authorizes December Council Committee to make a final decision on this matter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

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

INFORMATION
ITEMS

**Senior Accountant/
Finance Officer
Position**

Ms. Stacey Taylor has accepted the offer of Senior Accountant/Finance Officer position and will commence duties on December 12, 2011.

**Shubenacadie Canal
Commission**

Councillor Cooper advised that November 29, 2011 will mark the 150th anniversary of the first complete voyage on the Shubenacadie Canal. In recognition of this anniversary, the Commission is planning an event for a tow boat to retrace the journey down the canal, starting on Sunday from Halifax and ending up in Maitland on Tuesday, the 29th.

**Composting/
Recycling**

Councillor Edwards apologized for a comment he made at the November Council Committee meeting during a discussion on blue bags. The vast majority of residents do a great job with composting and recycling.

**Insurance for Not-
for-Profit
Organizations**

The fall application deadline for the Not-for-Profit Insurance Program was October 14, 2011. The County received 16 applications, 15 of which were approved for a total of \$4,844.

**UNSM Conference
Report**

Mayor Taylor briefed Council on his report from the UNSM Fall Conference in Halifax, November 1-4. Council congratulated Mayor Taylor on becoming a member of the UNSM Rural Caucus.

Reports from

Councillor Blair reported that she had attended the UNSM Fall

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**Councillors
Appointed to
Outside Boards and
Agencies**

Conference in Halifax, including the biosolids presentation, a meeting of the In-Committee of the Village of Bible Hill on November 8th as well as the Colchester Art Show, the open house for the Recreation Park pedestrian entrance off College Road on November 9th, and Remembrance Day services.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended the biosolids presentation at the UNSM Fall Conference and a civic centre meeting at which time it was reported that over \$4 million had been raised so far through fund raising.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended the UNSM Fall Conference, including the biosolids presentation, Remembrance Day services, and a meeting of the Hilden Community Association, along with Mayor Taylor, on the Hilden Interchange project.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day services in Upper Stewiacke, a REMAC meeting on November 21st, and an informal meeting on November 22nd of the Executive and Audit Committee.

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended the UNSM Fall Conference, Remembrance Day services, the County Art Acquisition Show (judging), visited a couple of illegal dump sites and the Spiddle Hill wind farm site.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she had attended a meeting of the Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade regarding plans for a new aerial truck. A meeting of the Library Board has been rescheduled to December 6th.

Councillor LeFresne reported that he had attended Remembrance Day services, the County Art Acquisition Show (judging) and a meeting of the Tatamagouche Library Board Committee regarding furnishings for the new library.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the UNSM Fall Conference, looked at some Flood Advisory Committee projects on November 9th, attended Remembrance Day services, and a meeting of the Valley-Kemptown & District Fire Brigade regarding plans for a new aerial truck.

Councillor White reported that he had attended Remembrance Day services and a meeting of the School Advisory Committee in Debert.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the UNSM Fall Conference and Remembrance Day services in Economy, Great Village and Londonderry.

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Councillor McKenna reported that he had attended the UNSM Fall Conference, including the biosolids presentation.

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

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:22 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:27 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Kemptown Property
- 1320 Riversdale
Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council authorizes the CAO to sign off on the purchase and sale agreement and other legal documentation for property located at 1320 Riversdale Road, Kemptown, source of funds to be the Special Capital Reserve Fund; and,

On disposal of the property, that the CAO be authorized to select a realtor and set the selling price; and,

Should the property remain listed over time, that the CAO be authorized to reduce the selling price, extend the term of the listing or seek authority of the Executive and Audit Committee to sell by tender or auction, with final disposition of the property to come before Council for approval.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White

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Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary