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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, January 26, 2012, 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 (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)
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

For the next two items, Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes, Councillor MacKenzie had not yet arrived at the meeting; therefore, was not available to vote.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for January 26, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- Item #5: presentation from Big Brothers/Big Sisters postponed to February Council
- Delete Item #8, Former Maple Leaf School
- Item #13, Closed Session: delete Personnel Matter

- Add Item #7b: Reclaiming of Cement from Work Sites
- Add Item #7c: Chronicle Herald Survey.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of the meeting held on November 24, 2011 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

Referring to the presentation from the Central Nova Tourist Association (CNTA), Councillor LeFresne inquired as to whether any further communication had been received from CNTA on marketing levies. The CAO, Dan McDougall, reported that nothing has been received as yet.

Presentations

Village of Bible Hill

Representing the Village of Bible Hill was the Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Bob Christianson. Accompanying Mr. Christianson was Mr. Mark Adams, Engineer from CBCL, the consultant hired to review and analyse the existing condition of the stormwater system within the Bible Hill Recreation Park and provide a detailed design for improvements.

Mr. Adams provided details of the project and circulated copies of associated drawings and analysis. It is expected that the project will take 16 weeks to complete.

Mr. Christianson indicated that the Village has received funding approval from the Build Canada Fund for this project, the total cost of which is \$725,000. The federal/provincial share is \$483,334 and the municipal share is \$241,666. The Village of Bible Hill is looking to the County for cost sharing the municipal component of this project through federal gas tax funds, 50% of which would be \$120,833. The project is expected to go to tender in February.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the presentation from the Village of Bible Hill on the upgrades to the storm drainage system project at the Bible Hill Recreation Park be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That authority be given to February Council Committee to make a final decision on the request from the Village of Bible Hill for the Municipality of Colchester to provide 50% of the municipal component of the upgrades to the storm drainage system project at the Bible Hill Recreation Park.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dalhousie Mountain Wind Energy Inc.

Mr. Reuben Burge and Ms. Lisa Fulton requested this presentation to Council in order to provide an overview of the company and an outline of the proposed Clydesdale Ridge Wind Project which is Phase 2 of the existing Dalhousie Mountain Wind Farm. Phase 1 of the Dalhousie project is currently located in Pictou County with 34 windmills totalling 51 megawatts of renewable power production. Phase 2 of the project would see an expansion between 20 and 30 machines erected on lands in both Pictou and Colchester Counties.

Mr. Burge circulated a copy of the outline and encouraged Council to follow up with them if, after reading the document, they had any questions or comments.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from Dalhousie Mountain Wind Energy Inc. be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club

In his presentation, Mr. Ted Lohnes, President of the Club and Chair of the Construction Committee, made reference to the Club's first appearance before Council in January 2011 which resulted in the County's \$75,000 grant to the new lawn bowling facility. As of January 1, 2012, the Club has confirmed funding of \$265,000 plus an outstanding federal grant in the amount of \$25,000 which should be received shortly. The Club has also received smaller amounts of funding from various organizations for a total of \$7,000.

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Referring to correspondence from the Construction Committee, Mr. Lohnes indicated that the project needs an additional \$70,000 to complete Phase 1 of the facility; therefore, they are asking for \$30,000 from both the County and the Town of Truro. The shortfall in funding was the result of the tendered bids for the project being higher than expected.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from the Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club be received; and, the request for an additional \$30,000 grant to the lawn bowling facility be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Layton’s Taxi

Mr. George MacDonald, owner of Layton’s Taxi, indicated that he had asked to make a presentation to Council as he had heard that the County was considering adopting a taxi by-law similar to that of the Town of Truro. He feels that a by-law is necessary for the safety of citizens in the Town and County and that such a by-law would make it easier for an Enforcement Officer or RCMP to police. In his opinion, all those involved in the taxi industry should be on a level playing field.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the presentation from Layton’s Taxi be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented reports from Council Committee meetings held on December 8, 2011 and January 12, 2012:

Amendment to Purchasing and Tendering for Goods, Services and Construction Projects Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves the policy entitled Purchasing and Tendering for Goods, Services and Construction Projects, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Colchester Historical
Society**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That, in fiscal year 2012-13, Council approves the contribution to the Colchester Historical Society in the amount of \$10,000 be included in the budget; and, starting in 2013-14, funding for the Colchester Historical Society be included in the maintenance budget; and, that the group be requested to provide a report to Council on an annual basis.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Active
Transportation
Strategy Public
Meeting Follow-Up -
Brookfield**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves the Brookfield Taxation Boundary as shown on the attached map; and,

That the area rate for active transportation projects, currently the sidewalk portion of the Urban Service Rate, be phased in equally over three years beginning in 2012-13 with a 6-cent rate, followed in 2013-14 by a 12-cent rate and finally, the full rate in 2014-15.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Active
Transportation
Strategy Public
Meeting Follow-Up -
Debert**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the creation of an area rate for the Debert Taxation Boundary for the Existing Sidewalk, as shown on the attached map, equivalent to the maintenance and operating portion of the sidewalk portion of the Urban Service Rate; and,

That the area rate begin in fiscal year 2012-13.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Post Election Review
Follow-Up**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves the use of the provincial voters’ list by the Municipality of Colchester as the basis for creating the voters’ lists for the 2012 Election, subject to a staff review.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Acquisition of Land -
Debert**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council authorizes staff to advance an estimated \$70,000 as a required refundable deposit for the acquisition of land in Debert.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee Meeting**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meetings held on November 30 and December 22, 2011.

ACTION ITEMS

**Meeting Date for
Grants to Non-Profit
Organizations
Presentations**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves Tuesday, March 6, 2012 as the meeting date for organizations to make a presentation in support of their application to the Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Reclaiming of
Cement from Work
Sites**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh indicated that he is interested in having the County look at reclaiming of cement and other products from work sites that has not been used and allowing the Flood Committee to use it for embankment work.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the issue of reclaiming of cement and other products from work sites for use by the Flood Committee be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Chronicle-Herald
Survey**

Mayor Taylor expressed his concern with the email from the Chronicle-Herald regarding an online municipal officials survey; specifically, the purpose for such a survey and how the information collected would be used. The County will be sending an email to the UNSM to see if they are going to respond collectively on behalf of municipalities.

Correspondence

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ACTION

There was no action correspondence received for this evening's meeting.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of November and December 2011. Council agreed to receive these reports for information.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Reports received from the **Development Officer** for the months of November and December 2011. Council agreed to receive these reports for information.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

**Public Works
Winter Maintenance
Position**

Ten applications were received and three applicants were interviewed for this position. Robert MacLean was offered and accepted the position starting on January 9, 2012.

**Balefill Position
Vacancies**

The following positions have been filled at the Balefill facility:

- Equipment Operator: Phillip MacBurnie starting on November 29, 2011
- Traffic Controller/Utility Worker: James Cook starting on December 9, 2011

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

Councillor Blair reported that she had attended a meeting of the Police Advisory Board (next meeting set for April 16, 2012); participated in a tour of the new hospital organized by the Community Health Advisory Committee (expected to open Fall 2012), attended two meetings of the Village of Bible Hill Commission and several other events during the months of December and January.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended a meeting for Councillors on hydraulic fracturing, an Interim Board meeting for the civic centre, and participated in the interviews for the civic centre general manager position.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended meetings of the Hilden Community Association, the Brookfield Senior Citizens, the Library Board, and participated in a tour of the new building at Agri-Tech Park.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended meetings on hydraulic fracturing, the Executive and Audit Committee, St. Andrew's Watershed Committee and the Regional Emergency

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Management Advisory Committee.

At this point (10:05 p.m.), Councillor McKenna left the meeting.

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended five New Year's levees, the Salmon River Fire Brigade annual banquet and a meeting with MLA Gary Burrill regarding Greg Road.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she had attended a meeting with MLA Gary Burrill on Greg Road, a meeting on hydraulic fracturing, a Library Board meeting, and plans to attend the Valley-Kemptown Fire Brigade annual banquet this coming Saturday.

Councillor LeFresne reported that he had toured the new library facility in Tatamagouche yesterday which is near completion.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade annual banquet, meetings regarding Granville Drive, hydraulic fracturing, Flood Advisory Committee, and participated in a tour of the new building at Agri-Tech Park.

Councillor White reported that he had attended meetings of the Industrial Parks Committee and the CoRDA Board.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended meetings in Bass River on parks and recreation and one in Five Islands on restoring the rink as well as a fundraising event for a resident of Bass River who was involved in a car accident on New Year's Eve.

Mayor Taylor presented his written reports for activities he was involved in during the months of December and January. Copies of these reports were circulated.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That the meeting go into closed session at 10:32 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:45 p.m."

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:46 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary