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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 Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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| 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 Bob White | District #9 |
| Councillor Tom Taggart | District #10 |
| Councillor Earl McKenna | District #11 |

Regrets:

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| Councillor Jimmie LeFresne | District #7 |
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for May 30, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #9b: Signs
- add Item #9c: Appointment of Citizen Representatives to CoRDA Board (on table)
- add to Item #12, Closed Session: Property Matter and Personnel Matter
- add Item #11b: County Newsletter”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Appointment of Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council waives policy and appoints Patterson Law as the Municipality’s Solicitor for fiscal year 2012-13.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2012 be approved with the following amendments:

- Page 2012-6, Sidewalks in Hilden: line 1 should read ‘asphalt surface’ not ‘asphalt service’;
- Page 2012-6, Sidewalks in Hilden: line 2 should read ‘Truro Road’, not ‘Lower Truro Road.’”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2012.

Presentations

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

Ms. Arsenault presented the 2011-12 Consolidated Financial Statements and 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. In the opinion of the auditor, except for the donations from the public for the civic centre project that could not be satisfactorily verified during the audit, the consolidated financial statements present fairly in all aspects the consolidated financial position of the Municipality of Colchester.

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 White

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the necessary documents associated with the 2011-12 financial audit.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Ms. Sharon Crowe, Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation

The Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation was invited to come before Council in response to their letter of April 17, 2012 regarding a dedication opportunity being offered in appreciation of the donation made by the Municipality to the hospital fund raising campaign.

Ms. Crowe indicated that the Hospital Foundation wanted to combine the municipal donor recognition with their way-finding program. Given the level of support provided by the Municipality, the opportunity to name a specific area incorporating the identity of the municipality is available. The Foundation is recommending that the corridor running in a northerly-southerly direction across the front, windowed portion of the first floor be named the ‘Colchester Connector’. Approval of this name is required by mid July in order to have the signage ready for the opening of the hospital the week of November 19th.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the presentation from the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation be received and the request for approval of the municipal donor recognition be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal - Robie Street Roundabout

At the May 17th Council Committee meeting during discussion on area rates budgets, staff were directed to invite the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to make a presentation to

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Council on the Robie Street Roundabout Project before a final decision is made on funding the sidewalk portion of the roundabout.

Representing Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal were Mr. Keith Boddy and Mr. Jason Rae, both highway design engineers with the Department.

Mr. Boddy indicated that the Robie Street Roundabout has been designed to tie in the ramps from the highway to Robie Street. The new roundabout is opening this Fall and will provide a safe, effective connection between Highway 102 and Highway 2 (Robie Street) at Exit 14. Delays will be reduced at this high traffic intersection and turns in all directions will be safer. The Department is meeting with stakeholders and municipal councils to hear any concerns they may have with the project. Although the Department will not organize any community or public meetings, a commitment was made to participate if invited.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the presentation from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That a decision on funding the sidewalk portion of the Robie Street Roundabout Project be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented reports from the Council Committee meeting held on May 17, 2012:

**Council
Appointments to
Civic Centre
Operating Board**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves the appointment of Mayor Taylor and Councillor Masters to the Civic Centre Operating Board until Council has had an opportunity to consider appointments after the October 2012 election.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Northumberland

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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Arts Council (NAC)

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Northumberland Arts Council for the purpose of renovating the Fraser Cultural Centre where the NAC is located, source of funds to be from general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors MacKenzie, Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

**Truro Minor
Football Association
- ‘Touchdown 50’**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves a contribution in the amount of \$2,000 to the Truro Minor Football Association in support of a ‘Touchdown 50’ celebration event being held at various locations in Colchester County on September 22, 2012, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request of Council
Member to Serve on
NSPEC Board of
Directors**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council approves the appointment of Mayor Taylor to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Board of Directors.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Commercial Blue
Bag Tip Fee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the following tip fee rate structure for commercial haulers in Colchester County, with an implementation date of July 1, 2012:

| <u>Current</u> | <u>July 1/12</u> | <u>April 1/13</u> | <u>April 1/14</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sorted - \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Clean - \$45 | \$65 | \$75 | \$85 |
| Extra - \$100 | \$120 | \$130 | \$140 |

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2012-13 Area Rate

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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Budgets

Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the 2012-13 Area Rate Budgets as presented on May 17, 2012:

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 12-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 9th day of August, 2012;

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 15% per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 9th day of August, 2012.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**First Reading -
Construction &
Demolition Disposal
By-law**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves by way of First Reading, Chapter 57 - Construction and Demolition Disposal By-law, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was noted that Councillor White had stepped away from the meeting temporarily and therefore was not available to vote on the above motion.

At this point in the meeting (8:55 p.m.), Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh left the meeting due to illness.

**Sidewalks & Streets
Inspection and
Maintenance
Criteria**

The Director of Public Works, Ramesh Ummat, provided a presentation on a proposed policy for the maintenance and inspection of existing municipally owned streets and sidewalks or any future sidewalks or streets that may be constructed or extended.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

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“That the development of a municipal sidewalk and street maintenance and inspection policy be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Signs

Councillor Buott reported that the following road signs were missing in his district:

- Kennedy Road at intersection of Whidden and Carter Roads
- West Brookfield Cemetery Road
- Highland Avenue (off Densmore Lane)
- Riverside Road
- Whidden Road - sign not missing but one end reads ‘Road’ and the other reads ‘Drive’

**Appointment of
Citizen
Representatives to
CoRDA Board**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the re-appointment of Ann Marie Beals, Mark Wood and Laurie Sandeson to the Colchester Regional Development Agency Board of Directors for a three-year term ending 2015.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

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 month of April 2012. 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 2012. Council agreed to receive this report for information.

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Newsletter

As an employee of a local car dealership, Councillor Cooper pointed out jokingly that the picture of a volkswagen as an example of a 'derelict vehicle' in the current County newsletter might be misleading to the public.

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

Councillor Blair presented her written report of activities and events she attended in the past month.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended several civic centre meetings in the last few weeks.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended a Joint Library meeting, the UNSM Spring Workshop, participated in a tour of the construction site at the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Palliser property, attended a meeting of Colchester Next, a meeting of the Library Board, took part in a diversity training course, attended an event at the Stewiacke River Park regarding non-smoking signage and a meeting of the Brookfield Citizens Association.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended meetings earlier this evening of the Executive and Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee. He also reported on a community meeting held in his area hosted by MP Scott Armstrong.

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended the Colchester Next meeting, a Battle of Britain service, the CNTA annual general meeting, a Lions Club Charter Night dinner and the non-smoking signage event at Stewiacke River Park.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she had attended a Joint Library meeting on May 1st.

Councillor White reported that he had attended the UNSM Spring Workshop, toured the construction site at the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility, attended a meeting of Colchester Next, the 90+ birthday celebration in Economy, the CoRDA monthly meeting, a DND-UXO briefing in Debert and the annual opening of the Debert Military Museum.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the UNSM Spring Workshop, the Colchester Next meeting, the 90+ birthday celebration in Economy and the Veterans Memorial Park and International

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Peacekeepers event in Bass River.

Councillor McKenna reported that he had participated in the tour of the construction site at the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility and the official opening of the new lawn bowling facility.

Mayor Taylor presented his written report of activities and events he had attended during the month of May. A copy of his report was circulated in the package for tonight's meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That the meeting go into closed session at 10:25 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:12 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**CAO Contract
Renewal**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the Mayor be authorized to approve an amended CAO contract consistent with the Action Item presented."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary