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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, June 28, 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
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

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda for June 28, 2012 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add Item #12b: Emergency Preparedness
- add Item #12c: Provincial Electoral Boundaries
- add Item #12d: Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex Request for Funding (on table)
- add Item #12e: Waste Management Master Plan - Compost and Biosolids Handling (on table)
- move Item #12, Debert Archaeological Budget to Closed Session
- add Item #14b: District 5
- add Item #14c: Masstown Intersection
- delete from Item #5, Presentations: Dutch Mason Blues Festival.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the minutes of the meetings held on May 17 and 30, 2012 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meetings held on May 17 and 30, 2012.

Presentations

Friends of Harmony and Camden - Proposed Installation of Wind Turbines

Representing the Friends of Harmony and Camden were Deborah Smith and Amy Thomas.

The presenters made reference to a meeting held on June 2nd in the community of Harmony and Camden at which time, a developer, Community Wind Farm Inc., informed the local residents that a wind turbine project is proposed for their community in the near future. As a result of this meeting, the community of Harmony and Camden have some concerns regarding the current by-law on wind turbines. They are not against wind turbines and support renewable energy; however, they also support responsible siting of these turbines. The group's concerns focused on setbacks, specifically the proximity of the proposed project to existing homes and possible impacts such as health issues and devaluation of properties.

The group requested that the Municipality halt the granting of any license pursuant to the Wind Turbine Development By-law until such time as their issues have been addressed. They also requested that Council call an immediate emergency meeting as this is a time-sensitive issue.

The group circulated a copy of their presentation as well as a petition in support of their request.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the presentation from the Friends of Harmony and Camden be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from the Friends of Harmony and Camden 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 June 14, 2012:

**Service Extension
Curbside collection -
Non-Profit
Organizations**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves a curbside collection program for non-profit organizations to take place with the residential curbside collection contract for the same cost and quantities as a per residential unit to a maximum of two.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Robie Street
Roundabout and
Sidewalk Project**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council authorizes the Municipality of Colchester to finance, not exceeding \$500,000, the extension of Robie Street Sidewalks (north and south) as part of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal’s roundabout project, subject to a satisfactory review of the final design and tender process by the Director of Public Works; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign a cost-sharing agreement with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, subject to approval by the Director of Public Works of the final detailed design and the completion of a satisfactory tender process.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh opposed)*

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Masters, staff advised that the motion should remain in effect even though the Province has recently announced that the project has been postponed until next fiscal year.

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**Enforcement of
Swimming Pool
Standards Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council adopts the Enforcement of Swimming Pool Standards Policy, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Inter-Municipal
Emergency Services
Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the amended Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement, as presented, contingent upon approval by the Town of Truro and the Town of Stewiacke; and, any minor amendments to be reviewed and approved by the CAO.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Former
Tatamagouche
Branch Library**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council authorizes the Municipality of Colchester to proceed to sell the property of the former Tatamagouche Library by a Request for Proposals process.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh opposed)

**Tax Exemption By-
law - Amendment to
Property List**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the addition of the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association, for property located at 2395 Highway 289, Middle Stewiacke, to the Tax Exemption Property List for fiscal year 2012-13 and beyond; and,

That the following properties be removed from the Tax Exemption Property List:

- Big Brothers/Sisters of Colchester - 109 Shortt’s Lake Road, South Lakeside Club - Property # 02414538;
- Nature Conservancy of Canada - Upper Burnside, 400 acres - Property #09528016.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**2012 Municipal
Election Items**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves the date of Thursday, October 11, 2012 for the first Advance Poll for the 2012 Municipal Election; and,

That the following fee schedule be set for the purpose of the 2012 Municipal Election:

Advance Polls (for both days)

- Deputy Returning Officer \$280
- Poll Clerk \$230
- Training \$30
- Mileage payable at \$0.4287 per kilometre

Regular Polls

- Deputy Returning Officer \$205
- Poll Clerk \$155
- Training \$30
- Mileage payable at \$0.4287 per kilometre

Polling Stations \$100 for the first polling station and \$75 for each polling station in the same building; and,

That the revision period for the preliminary lists of electors commence July 2, 2012 and end August 31, 2012 and that the Final List of Electors be completed by August 31, 2012; and,

That the Advance Polling Station for District 10 be changed from the Great Village Fire Hall to the Bass River Senior Citizens Hall, subject to the Municipal Elections Act and the availability of the facility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Regarding the last part of the above motion, staff advised that the Municipal Elections Act states that the Returning Officer has the authority to make a final decision on this matter which, in this case, means that Great Village Fire Hall will remain as the location for the advance polling station in District 10.

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**Hospital Donor
Recognition and
Way-Finding
Program**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council adopts the Donor Recognition and Way-Finding Program as recommended by the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Queen Elizabeth II
Diamond Jubilee
Medals**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the appointment of Councillor Taggart and Councillor McKenna to the Diamond Jubilee Medal Selection Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Second Reading -
Construction and
Demolition Disposal
By-law**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves by way of Second Reading, Chapter 57 - Construction and Demolition Disposal By-law with one amendment:

- Item #4.2, last sentence should read “monthly reports shall be provided no later than the 15th business day after the end of the month.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Transportation
Infrastructure
Maintenance Policy**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves the adoption of the Municipal Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance Policy, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Granville Drive
Sewer System**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the Municipality of Colchester providing assistance in design and construction of a new sewer system and

connection to properties on Granville Drive, with the provision that

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by providing this assistance, the Municipality does not assume ownership of the system.”

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

**UNSM Resolution -
Water Regulations**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council approves that a resolution, as presented, requesting a reduction in the amount of testing required of small water utilities, be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for consideration at the 2012 Fall Conference.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**N.S. Provincial
Exhibition
Commission
(NSPEC) - Request
for Funding**

Staff advised Council that the NSPEC had not received any response to the Request for Proposals for interested parties to submit formal bids to write the NSPEC Business and Strategic Plan. The NSPEC has requested the Municipality’s financial support in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with the completion of this plan. Similar requests have been made to the Town of Truro, the Village of Bible Hill and the Department of Agriculture. To date, no funding commitments for the Plan have been received.

At staff’s suggestion, Council agreed to not make any decision on this request until additional information is received on other sources of funding.

**Emergency
Preparedness**

Councillor Cooper expressed his concern about an article in the newspaper regarding the federal government’s cut to the funding that supports the Urban Search and Rescue Teams. These teams are used to bring in heavy equipment for disasters such as the collapse of a shopping mall in Elliott Lake, Ontario. There are six of these teams across Canada, one being in Halifax. The federal government has indicated that these disasters can be handled by provincial agencies.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That a letter be written to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and/or the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities expressing Council’s concern with the federal government cut to the funding that supports

the Urban Search and Rescue Teams; and, that a copy of this letter be sent to the local Member of Parliament and the Prime Minister.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Provincial Electoral
Boundaries**

Councillor Taggart expressed his disappointment with the recently announced proposed changes to the provincial electoral boundaries. The proposed changes find nearly half of his district will become part of the Cumberland-Fundy Shore in the next provincial election. The District will lose a number of communities, including Bass River, Economy and Five Islands, to the proposed Cumberland-Fundy Shore District.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter be written to the Electoral Boundaries Commission to ask them to reconsider the proposed change to the Cumberland-Fundy Shore District and keep the boundary as it currently is.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Don Henderson
Memorial Sportsplex**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves a contribution to the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex in the amount of \$41,500, plus HST, to repair the stainless steel evaporative condenser, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management
Master Plan -
Composting &
Biosolids Handling**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes the CAO to award the work of Engineering Services for Component III (Composting and Biosolids Handling) of the Waste Management Master Plan, subject to a price limit of \$155,000, plus HST, and a recommendation made by the Director of Public Works subsequent to the review of the proposals received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

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ACTION

**Cpl. Addie
MacCallum, Bible
Hill RCMP
Detachment**

An email from the **Bible Hill RCMP Detachment** dated June 28, 2012 requesting funding for a speed reader board.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the email from the Bible Hill RCMP Detachment requesting funding for a speed reader board be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of May 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 May 2012. Council agreed to receive this report for information.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

**Systems Analyst -
Management
Information Systems
(MIS) Department**

Following the retirement of Maureen Smith the end of June 2012, a competition was held to fill the position. Twenty applications were received, four candidates were interviewed and the position was offered to and accepted by Jeanette Himmelman who commenced her duties on June 11, 2012.

District 5

Councillor Edwards announced that he would not be running again in the 2012 municipal election.

**Masstown
Intersection**

Councillor LeFresne indicated that rumble strips may be a simple solution to the safety issue at the Masstown Market intersection.

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

Councillor Blair presented her written report of activities and events she had attended in the past month. A copy of her report was circulated on table for tonight's meeting.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended the first UNSM Municipal Auditor General Oversight Committee meeting. Last week, he also attended the Colchester County 4-H Show at the NSAC.

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Councillor Buott reported that he had attended the Hilden Recreation Day event, the CoRDA annual general meeting, a Wind Energy Workshop and a joint library meeting with the Town of Truro.

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended the FCM annual conference, a CNTA meeting and a meeting with the Friends of Harmony and Camden last evening.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she had attended the FCM annual conference and a joint library meeting with the Town of Truro.

Councillor MacKenzie also announced that she would be re-offering for Councillor of District 6 in the 2012 municipal election.

Councillor LeFresne reported that he had attended the FCM annual conference as well as a Heritage Conference.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the FCM annual conference.

Councillor White reported that he had attended the CoRDA annual general meeting.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the Wind Energy Workshop along with Councillor Buott.

Councillor McKenna reported that he had participated in the grand opening of the lawn bowling facility on June 16th.

Mayor Taylor presented his written report of activities and events he had attended the latter part of May and the month of June. A copy of his report was circulated on table for tonight's meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting go into closed session at 10:35 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

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“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 12:07 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Archaeological
Investigations -
Debert**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes the CAO to proceed on archaeological costs in Debert for 2012-13 in the amount of \$300,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:08 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary