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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 29, 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 Geoff Stewart	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District #7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Councillor Recognition Presentation

Mayor Taylor presented awards to the following in recognition of their years of service on Colchester County Council:

- Jimmie LeFresne (2000-2012)
- Glen Edwards (2000-2012)
- Bob White (2004-2012)
- Earl McKenna (2000-04) (2008-12)
- Gerry Buott (2008-12)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the agenda for November 29, 2012 be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #10b: Civic Centre Appointments;
- add Item #10c: Taxi Committee;
- add Item #10d: Bus Stop - Hidden Valley Subdivision;
- add Item #14b: Regional Development Authorities;
- add under Item #16, Closed Session: Negotiations (2);
- move Item #12, Flooding Issues Related to Brook in Murray Siding, to follow Item #7.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes from meetings held on September 27 and October 25, 2012 be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

Referring to the minutes from the September 27th meeting, Councillor Stewart raised concern about the recent flooding in the South Colchester Academy area which continues to be an issue. Councillor Cavanaugh reported that the Flood Advisory Committee has looked at the area; however, no action by the County has been taken at this time. The Director of Public Works met with members of the School Board where it was determined that the flooding is a provincial/School Board issue.

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on October 25, 2012.

Presentations

Vanda Jackson, Executive Director - N.S. Trails Federation and
Garnet McLaughlin - Cobequid Trail Consulting

In a powerpoint presentation, Ms. Jackson provided a brief overview of the Nova Scotia Trails Federation. The Federation is a provincially registered charity that acts as the collective voice for recreational trails in the province. It has been the recognized agent for the Trans-Canada Trail (TCT) in Nova Scotia since its inception. The Federation is committed to connecting the TCT in Nova Scotia by 2017 (Canada’s 150th anniversary and TCT’s 25th anniversary) and is extending an invitation to the Municipality to assist in creating an atmosphere of legacy responsibility in completing this national trail.

Mr. McLaughlin’s company has been hired by Nova Scotia Trails to assist with concept planning and connecting the trail in Nova Scotia. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that he would be more than happy to meet with each member of Council to talk about their district and to get ideas on how the TCT can be enhanced in Colchester County.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the presentation from the Nova Scotia Trails Federation and Cobequid Trails Consulting be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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N.S. Department of Environment (NSE)

Representing the Department of Environment were Jay Brenton, Paula Putnam and Kathleen Johnson. Environment had been invited to make a presentation to Council to explain the approval requirements for treatment of wastewater at Atlantic Industrial Services (AIS) in Debert.

In their powerpoint presentation, NSE indicated that AIS operates under an industrial approval for a wastewater treatment facility. Approvals are issued for the operation of the facility to ensure there is no impact to the environment. NSE does not regulate the transportation of waste material to an approved facility. AIS discharges treated effluent to the municipal sewer which then goes through the sewage treatment plant in Debert. Operating approval for AIS requires that any discharge to the municipal sewer must meet municipal by-laws.

Highlights of NSE's presentation included:

- all wastewater from Kennetcook that was transported to AIS is currently held in isolated holding ponds and no material has been discharged to municipal sewer or to the environment;
- approval process for AIS application in two phases: (1) being pilot approval to treat wastewater for NORMS; and (2) permission from Municipality to discharge treated flow-back wastewater into municipal sewer system;
- NSE monitors project and ensures effluent meets applicable criteria for discharge and disposal; and,
- discharge only approved once requirements are met.

During this presentation, Council requested that NSE provide a list to the Municipality of the products that are accepted by AIS. Council also raised concerns on whether products were tested before being accepted by AIS or being tested before products are transported from one province to another; and, if tests are done, are results known before products are shipped to AIS. Under their operating approval, AIS can only accept certain products; therefore, they have to be aware of what product is coming into their facility as they can only accept what they can treat.

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Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on November 20, 2012:

**Salmon River Hockey
Society - Funding
Request**

Councillor Parker declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves a \$6,000 contribution to the Salmon River Hockey Society to assist with funding Deuville’s Rink for safety deficiencies, subject to an agreement being received from the Society indicating that this funding will be used for the provision of recreational services, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

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

At this point, Councillor Parker returned to the table.

**Public Works Winter
Term Position**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the hiring of a winter term position for the Public Works Department for 18 weeks, starting mid December each year on an ongoing basis.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Road Name Change -
Old Highway 102 to
Commo Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“ That Council approves the renaming of Old Highway 102 to Commo Road; and,

That staff be instructed to forward the appropriate information to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

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regarding this request.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Source Water
Protection Plan for
Debert Drinking Water
Supply - Debert Water
Utility**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council accepts the report entitled ‘Debert Air Industrial Park Well Field - Source Water Protection Plan for Groundwater Management’; and,

That staff be directed to develop and implement a Source Water Protection Plan for the Debert Water Utility based on the recommendations contained in this report and the Nova Scotia Environment document on developing and implementing a Municipal Source Water Protection Plan.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee Report**

Referring to the minutes of the meeting held on October 17, 2012, Councillor Stewart voiced his concern about the Hilden Interchange project and that a public meeting has yet to be organized for residents of the community. He has received a number of calls about this issue and feels that a public meeting must be held as soon as possible. Mayor Taylor indicated that this message was taken to a CoRDA meeting last week.

Councillor Stewart also inquired as to whether the community will have a voice on what option (roundabout or overpass) is chosen for this project to which Mayor Taylor confirmed that they should be.

ACTION ITEMS

**Flooding Issues Related
to Brook in Murray
Siding**

Earlier in the evening when the agenda was approved, this Information Item was moved to fall under Action Items. The Information Item provided an update on the design for dredging/clearing of the brook flow-way across the Old Courthouse Branch Road in Murray Siding. An application is being prepared to the Departments of Environment and Fisheries for approval to carry out the planned clearing operation.

Councillor Gibbs indicated that the reason for his putting this item on the agenda was because of the urgency of the flooding and the remediation of the area. There have been three floods since 2011. The residents in the Murray Siding area need to see that something is being done. Councillor Gibbs asked if the Province would consider doing the same in Murray Siding as was done in North

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That Councillor Cavanaugh be appointed as the Chair of the Flood Advisory Committee; and,

That Councillor Blair be appointed as the Chair of the Dangerous and/or Unsightly Committee; and,

That the current citizen representatives on the various boards and commissions continue until the new appointments are approved; and,

That January 2013 Council Committee be given authority, if necessary, to approve the appointment of citizen representatives to the various boards and commissions as recommended by the Nominating Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Council Appointments
to Civic Centre
Operating Board**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves the appointment of Mayor Taylor and Deputy Mayor Masters to the Civic Centre Operating Board for a four (4) year term.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Taxi By-law Working
Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the appointment of Councillor Blair and Councillor Taggart to the Taxi By-law Working Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bus Stop - Hidden
Valley Subdivision**

Councillor Parker referenced a letter he received from MLA Karen Casey regarding a school bus stop for children living in the Hidden Valley Subdivision. Apparently, the School Board policy does not allow for subdivision pick up; therefore, children living in Hidden Valley must go to the bus stop on College Road. Councillor Parker asked if Council would consider writing a letter to the School Board on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a letter be sent to the Chignecto Central Regional School

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Board requesting that, for the safety of the children, the Board consider the Hidden Valley Subdivision a special circumstance and allow a bus stop to be set up in this area.”

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 Report received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of October 2012. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of October 2012. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Community Park Funding Program - Fall 2012 Applications

Under the Community Park Funding Program, one application was received and approved for the September 14, 2012 deadline for a total amount of \$30,000 for the North Shore Recreation Centre.

Insurance for Not-for- Organizations - Grant Applications

The fall application deadline for the Not-for-Profit Insurance Program was October 12, 2012. The County received 19 applications, 18 of which were approved for a total amount of \$6,898. One application received did not meet the policy - the West New Annan Heritage Church. Under the policy, churches and daycares are not eligible.

Regional Development Authorities

Mayor Taylor referenced a UNSM Board meeting he attended in October where the future of regional development authorities (RDA’s) was discussed. As of May 31, 2013, federal funding will no longer be provided to these agencies throughout the province. With this announcement, the Province of Nova Scotia is proposing to reduce the number to six RDA’s outside of Halifax. For

example, in this region, one agency (Regional Enterprise Network - REN 4) would cover Cumberland, Colchester, East Hants and part of the Musquodoboit Valley to the Eastern Shore.

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Mayor Taylor also referenced a meeting/press conference he attended on November 28th regarding the Province's proposal at which time, copies of a report on this proposal "Renewing Regional Economic Development in Nova Scotia" were distributed. Mayor Taylor agreed to make this report available to Councillors.

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

Councillor Blair reported that she and Councillor MacInnes were judges at the County's Art Show on November 6th. She also attended Remembrance Day ceremonies, the Village of Bible Hill meeting, the North River Fire Brigade and Bible Hill Fire Brigade monthly meetings, took part in the Province's orientation session for new Councillors, and as a volunteer board member for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages, attended a meeting with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding proposed changes to the MGA.

Deputy Mayor Masters reported on a meeting of the Municipal Auditor General Committee he attended. He also attended a civic centre meeting and participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies in Great Village and Five Islands.

Councillor Stewart reported that he had attended the provincial orientation session for new Councillors, met with TIR regarding issues in his area, attended two meetings of the Brookfield Community Association, attended the County Art Show, and the Remembrance Day ceremony in Brookfield.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Springside, as well as a meeting of the Nominating Committee.

Councillor Gibbs reported that he had a meeting with residents in Murray Siding, met with TIR on road safety issues, and attended the annual Salmon River Fire Brigade's annual pig roast.

Councillor Gregory reported that he had met with TIR and resolved a couple of issues.

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that he laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Tatamagouche.

Councillor MacInnes reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Debert on November 11th as well as the Fire Brigade's annual banquet and awards dinner that same evening, submitted an article to the Shoreline Journal this month, attended the monthly Legion meeting and had a tour of the

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Chiganois River, met with residents of Debert regarding water issues and met with residents of Belmont regarding road being graded.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended Remembrance Day ceremonies in Economy, Londonderry and Bass River, meeting of the ATV Club regarding trails, meeting in Londonderry regarding vandalism and a meeting of the Debert Board for the rink.

Councillor Parker reported that he had attended the Village of Bible Hill monthly meeting and monthly meetings of the Valley-Kemptown Fire Brigade and the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

Mayor Taylor presented his written reports of activities and events he had attended during the months of October and November. Copies of these reports were circulated to Council.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the meeting go into closed session at 11:45 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 12:05 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Commercial Blue Bag
Tip Fee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council authorizes December Council Committee to make a final decision on the recyclable contracts for the Materials Recovery Facility; and, authorizes the Mayor and Acting CAO to sign these contracts on behalf of the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:06 a.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary