

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Bill Masters	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District 5
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Bob Pash	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6

Others Present

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ms. Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Mr. Craig Burgess, Manager of Recreation Services

Presentations

Jeux de l'Acadie

Presenters: Students of Ecole acadienne de Truro

Students from Ecole acadienne de Truro appeared before Council to request a Community Events Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the upcoming Jeux de l'Acadie which will be held from May 16-18, 2019.

Included in the presentation was a description and history of the games; a budget for the 2019 games; sponsorship perks; testimonials from former participants; benefits for students who participate and economic benefits.

Moved by Mayor Blair
 Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the presentation be accepted."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
 Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That staff investigate the County's contribution to the 2009 and 2012 Jeux de l'Acadie;

And,

That the matter be referred to February Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Annual NS Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Festival
Presenter: John Simms, Chair

Mr. Simms appeared before Council to request a Community Events Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the upcoming NS Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Festival which will be held from July 22-28, 2019.

Included in the presentation was a description of the Festival as well as the Downeast Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Society; Festival financial statements and a budget for this year's event; examples of the Festival's economic development contributions and how the Festival's location is determined.

Discussion was held on the reason why the Community Events Grants was needed this year. Mr. Simms explained that the rental fee for the NSPE grounds increased from \$13,000 + tax in previous years to \$22,000 + tax this year. Suggestions were made on other locations within the County where the Festival could be held. Mr. Simms reminded Council that the location is decided by a Board of Directors vote and with only 2 Board members from the Colchester area, a change of location will most likely mean the festival would move back to Hants or Annapolis County.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
 Seconded by Mayor Blair

"That the presentation be accepted."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
 Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the matter be referred to January Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was then held on moving the Jeax de l'Acadie item to the January Committee meeting instead of the February Committee meeting. Council agreed to this change.

NS Fire Dispatch Standards
Presenter: Terry Canning

Mr. Canning appeared before Council to present the Fire Service Association of NS (FSANS) Fire Dispatch Standards and to request that the County adopt and endorse these standards.

Included in the presentation was a background on the NS Fire Dispatch Standards Committee and their Terms of Reference; the current state of NS Fire Dispatch; and the benefits of adopting a set of standards.

Discussion was held on how many facilities in the province meet the standards the FSANS are proposing. Mr. Canning informed Council that there are currently no facilities in Nova Scotia that meet the FSANS standards.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that letters be written to the Department of Municipal Affairs, NS Federation of Municipalities and Association of Municipal Administrators to endorse the NS Fire Dispatch Standards;

And,

That the matter be referred to staff to complete an analysis of how the County’s current provider meets the Fire Service Association of NS standards.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:55 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary