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**COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

The Regular Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor	
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters, Chair	District #2
Councillor Geoff Stewart	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Mike Gregory	District #7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Regrets:

Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
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**Special Presentation**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented Mayor Taylor with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Mayor Taylor was selected by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to receive this prestigious award in honour of the contributions he has made to his community.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for February 14, 2013 be approved with the following additions:

- add under Item #5, Presentations: Miller Waste Systems
- add under Item #10, Closed Session: Negotiations (2)
- add Item #8b: Truro Music Heritage Society (on table)
- add Item #9b: Staff Presentation - Sewer Use Policy
- add Item #9c: REN Proposal
- add Item #9d: Village of Bible Hill
- add Item #8c: Great Village River
- add Item #8d: International Driver’s License for State of Florida
- add Item #8e: Council Meeting Times.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

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Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the minutes of the meeting held on January 17, 2013 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising  
from Minutes**

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Cooper on the clearing of land in Crowes Mills, Councillor MacInnes reported that he had spoken with the property owner who has indicated he wants to retain as much water as he can with stumping, tile drainage and holding ponds.

**Presentations**

**Miller Waste Systems**

Representing Miller Waste were Mr. Jeff Traver, Regional Manager and Mr. Kevin Matheson, Operational Manager.

The purpose of this presentation was to request that Council consider a proposal to change the curbside waste collection schedule. With the proposed new schedule, the County would be divided into eight geographical zones along community lines and postal codes. The “A” zones would be serviced Tuesday to Friday of one week and the “B” zones Tuesday and Friday of the alternate week. There would be no collection on Mondays. All materials (garbage, recyclables and organics) will be placed at the curb for collection on the same day and picked up once every two weeks.

If approved by Council, Miller Waste is hoping to implement this schedule change the first part of May.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the presentation from Miller Waste Systems be received and that the proposed schedule change in curbside waste collection be referred to February Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Request for Funding  
- Central Nova  
Tourist Association**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a contribution of \$1,500 to the Central Nova Tourist Association in support of their annual tourism conference and awards luncheon being held in

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Colchester County, February 28-March 1, 2013, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item; and,

That the Central Nova Tourist Association be invited to make a presentation to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Proposed Changes to  
Statement of  
Provincial Interest  
in Agriculture**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the comments regarding proposed changes to the Statement of Provincial Interest in Agriculture be supported as presented; and, that these same comments be included in the Municipality’s response back to the Province of Nova Scotia; and,

That an additional comment be included in the Municipality’s response regarding a strategy to protect the land investment of farmers; and,

That the possible potential impact of agricultural zoning, particularly in the outlying areas where the soil classification is Class 2, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**March Meeting Dates**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee approves Tuesday, March 12, 2013 for the maintenance budget meeting; Monday, March 25, 2013 for the additions/deletions meeting; and the date for a capital budget meeting to be determined sometime in April.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Music  
Heritage Society**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of a support letter and contribution of \$1,000 to the Truro Music Heritage Society for the Truro and Area Band Reunion being held in August 2014; and, that this financial assistance is subject to Council budget approval for the fiscal year 2014-15.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Great Village River**

Councillor Taggart expressed his concern with the build up of ice under

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the bridge in Great Village. He asked whether it was possible for the Flood Advisory Committee or EMO to get an excavator in the river to break up the ice in preparation for the heavy rains that are forecast for the weekend. Councillor Cavanaugh agreed to touch base with EMO.

**International  
Driver's Licence -  
State of Florida**

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that, effective January 1, 2013, an international driver's license is required in the state of Florida for all non-USA citizens, even for a rental car. Councillor Gregory advised that he had heard earlier today that enforcement of this new law has been deferred.

Councillor Cavanaugh requested that Council consider writing a letter to voice concern with this new regulation.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter be written to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Premier of Nova Scotia, expressing Council's concern with the new law that requires all Canadians and other non-USA citizens to have an international license when driving a vehicle in the state of Florida.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Council Meeting  
Times**

Councillor MacInnes voiced his concern with having Council meetings run until 11:00 p.m. or later and decisions being made that late in the evening. During discussion on this issue, the following suggestions were made:

- public/staff presentations received on a separate night
- start meetings earlier
- meetings every two weeks rather than twice a month
- revamp presentations policy

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the issue of Council meeting times be referred to staff and the Executive and Audit Committee to review and report back to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

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Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That all Council meetings end at 11:00 p.m.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Cooper, Gibbs, MacKenzie, Gregory, MacInnes, Taggart and Parker opposed)*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Administrative Support Clerk - Solid Waste Department**

Thirty-two applications were received for this position. Three candidates were short listed and interviewed. Ms. Vicki Goodwin was offered and accepted the position and commenced her duties on February 4, 2013.

### **Sewer Use Policy - Staff Presentation**

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of the draft Sewer Use Policy which will be brought forward to Council at the end of the month.

In the powerpoint presentation, Mr. Ummat indicated that the second reading of the Sewer Use By-law will take place at the Council meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The Sewer Use Policy is required to ensure compliance of the revised By-law; therefore, the Policy should come into force at the same time as the By-law.

The major issues addressed by the proposed Policy include:

- decision making procedure of the engineer;
- establishment of standing committee of Council to hear appeals filed under Section 2 of the Sewer Use By-law;
- implementation of charges related to sewer permits, sewer service laterals, new connections, etc. under Section 4 of the By-law;
- parameters on limits of various substances permitted to be discharged into the sewer system under Section 5 of the By-law;
- authority to deal with discharge of wastewater containing hazardous substances, prohibited/limited substances or other substances of concern.

### **REN Proposal**

Mayor Taylor read into the minutes an email he had sent to the Mayors of the Towns of Stewiacke/Truro and the Chief of Millbrook First Nation. The purpose of the email was to receive feedback on the REN proposal and to get their thoughts on moving forward with economic development in this region. In responses received, Stewiacke indicated that they are quite interested in a local model, Truro is interested in meeting with Cumberland County and Millbrook has not responded at this point.

Mayor Taylor asked Council to give him further direction on where he should go from here.

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Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester not support or be involved in the provincial Regional Enterprise Network (REN) proposal in its present form; and,

On behalf of Council and the Municipality, that the Mayor continue discussions with the Town of Stewiacke, Town of Truro and Millbrook First Nation on options for this region only, either through the existing regional development agency or through a new organization.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Village of Bible Hill**

Mayor Taylor expressed his concern with some misinformation that was in the Truro Daily News recently from the Village of Bible Hill. He intends on providing additional information to the newspaper to remedy the situation.

**Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting go into closed session at 11:25 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Community Centre  
Management  
Operating Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of the Community Centre Management Operating Agreement, as presented; and, that the Mayor and Acting CAO be authorized to sign the agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Miller Waste Systems  
Proposal**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

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“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and Acting CAO be authorized to enter into a contract between the Municipality of Colchester and Miller Waste Systems, where the Municipality will accept construction and demolition waste at the Balefill Facility in Kemptown at a price of \$25 per tonne; and,

That Miller Waste Systems will accept the Municipality’s recycled glass at its Glass Processing Facility in Kemptown at \$12.50 per tonne; and,

That the contract be for a five-year term with an option to extend it for an additional five years.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary