

March 12, 2013

SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 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 Geoff Stewart	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper, Chair	District #4
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District #7
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to receive presentations from staff regarding the draft “maintenance” budget. This is part of the budget process for 2013-14.

Acting CAO Presentation

Bruce Purchase, Acting CAO, made a presentation concerning budget impacts and initiatives, the tax base and related calculations, and future issues. A copy of this presentation was circulated on table.

During the presentation, Council raised questions with respect to assessment cap, capital funding of Community Centre, and tax rate comparisons to Cumberland and Pictou Counties. The addition of Scotia Pool to the agenda of the meeting of March 26, 2013 was also discussed.

Senior Accountant Presentation

Stacey Taylor, Senior Accountant/Finance Officer, made a presentation on the budget process, 2012-13 projections, 2013-14 maintenance budget, items of interest by responsibility area, etc. A copy of this presentation was circulated on table.

Questions and Answers/Information Request

The Additions/Deletions list and Debert Archaeology and Fibre Op Projects were added. Council questions and comments included:

- Fibre Op Project;
- Salmon River School Reserve;
- Fire Liaison;

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- Return of Senior Planner to Position;
- Total Revenue change in Budget since 2008;
- Decreased Market Sales for MRF;
- Economic Development (CoRDA).

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Donna Campbell
Finance Manager