

March 14, 2013

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, March 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor	
Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
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:

Deputy Mayor Bill Masters	District #2
---------------------------	-------------

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

- add Item #7b: Scotia Pool
- add to Item #8, Closed Session: two additional ‘Negotiations’ items
- add Item #7c: Illegal Dumping
- add Item #7d: Sewer Use By-law.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2013 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2013.

March 14, 2013

Presentations

There were no public presentations received for this evening's meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Scotia Pool

Mayor Taylor asked Council to consider providing funds to Scotia Pool in this current fiscal year in the amount of \$25,000, given that the pool at the new community centre will not be opening until later in the spring.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a donation to Scotia Pool be approved in the amount of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2012-13, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Blair asked Council to consider a further motion to continue support to Scotia Pool in fiscal year 2013-14.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester financially support Scotia Pool in fiscal year 2013-14, amount to be determined at budget deliberations on March 25, 2013; and, that this issue be reviewed again in 2014-15.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Spring 2013
Debenture Funding**

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate Resolution, as presented for Phase 3B1 and 3B2 of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC), with borrowing by blended debenture, for a period of 15 years, not to exceed 5.5% for \$1,650,000 on Phase 3B1 and with borrowing by blended debenture, for a period of 15 years, not to exceed 5.5% for \$1,020,000 on Phase 3B2.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

March 14, 2013

**Council Committee
and Council Meeting
Dates for 2013-14**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the attached schedule of Council and Council Committee regular sessions for the 2013-14 fiscal year be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Illegal Dumping

Councillor Gibbs indicated that the problem of illegal dumping has been exacerbated in his area in the last couple of months. He specifically mentioned 15 bags of garbage in Camden which was eventually cleaned up by the people who put it there. A property owner also gave him a tour of his blueberry fields that had three different locations where dumping had occurred. Councillor Gibbs made contact with the RCMP but was informed that there was nothing they could do unless someone was caught in the act. Councillor Gibbs felt that the issue should be referred to the Police Advisory Board to look at stronger enforcement measures to deter illegal dumping.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That staff be directed to review existing enforcement measures and penalties for illegal dumping and report back to Council at a future meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the issue of illegal dumping be discussed with the RCMP representative at a future Police Advisory Board meeting.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Taylor opposed)*

Sewer Use By-law

Councillor Taggart made reference to the recently revised Sewer Use By-law and his concern with a posting on the Facebook website and subsequent emails he received discrediting him and Council. The Facebook posting and emails related to disposal of treated fracking wastewater into the Bay of Fundy. Councillor Taggart asked if staff could review all pertinent correspondence and consult with the County’s Solicitor on whether something could be done to address this issue.

March 14, 2013

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That staff be directed to seek legal advice on dealing with public communications that may be factually incorrect or slanderous to the extent of tarnishing the reputation of the Council, specifically as related to the issue of wastewater from the hydraulic fracturing process.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the meeting go into closed session at 8:44 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester
Park/Debert Air
Industrial Park**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That staff be directed to look at matters related to the maintenance and operations of properties within Colchester Park area; those properties maintained previously by the Colchester Regional Development Agency (CoRDA) within the Debert Air Industrial Park; and, promotions and sales services related to all properties previously managed by CoRDA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Council
Remuneration**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That staff be directed to hire a consultant firm to look at Council remuneration.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

March 14, 2013

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary