

SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, March 25, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor, Chair	
Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Deputy Mayor 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 Mike Gregory	District #7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Process Overview

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2013-14 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions will be considered, including economic development grants and grants to non-profit organizations.

At the conclusion of this meeting, it is expected that the operating budget and general tax rates will be set. The decisions made at this evening's meeting will require Council approval at month end. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at month end, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

Non-Profit Grant Applications

Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economy Recreation
Centre Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Economy Recreation Centre Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Economy Recreation Centre Association receive a grant in the amount of \$2,700.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brule Community
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brule Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Brule Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Elm Lodge

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Elm Lodge.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Elm Lodge receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Barrachois
Community Hall
Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Barrachois Community Hall Association.”

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Barrachois Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$8,000.”

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

**Ron MacKay
Memorial Youth
Band**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant from the Ron MacKay Memorial Youth Band be denied.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters and Councillors Cavanaugh, Gregory, MacKenzie, MacInnes, Parker and Blair opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Ron MacKay Memorial Youth Band.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Taggart and Gibbs opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Ron MacKay Memorial Youth Band receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Taggart and Gibbs opposed)*

**Earlton
Community Centre**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Earlton Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Earlton Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**New Annan Heritage
House**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the New Annan Heritage House.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the New Annan Heritage House receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Stewart, Cavanaugh, Gibbs, MacKenzie, Cooper, MacInnes, Taggart and Parker opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the New Annan Heritage House receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

**Parents Supporting
Parents**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Parents Supporting Parents.”

Motion **Defeated.** *Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Stewart, Cavanaugh, MacInnes, Taggart, Gregory and Parker opposed)*

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. receive funding in the amount of \$5,074 with source of funds as follows:

- \$4,074 from Public Transit Deferred Revenue; and
- \$1,000 from additions/deletions maintenance budget.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Gibbs opposed)*

Maggie’s Place

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Maggie’s Place.”

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Maggie’s Place receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

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

Cobequid Salmon Association

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Salmon Association.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Councillors Cooper, MacKenzie, Stewart, Taggart, MacInnes, and Gibbs opposed)*

**Friendship Club,
Canadian Mental Health Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Friendship Club, Canadian Mental Health Association.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Friendship Club, Canadian Mental Health Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

Tatamagouche In Bloom

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Tatamagouche In Bloom.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Stewart, Cooper, Gibbs, MacKenzie, Cavanaugh, MacInnes, Taggart and Parker)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the request from Tatamagouche In Bloom be deferred pending confirmation of funding from other sources and answers to questions regarding insurance and ownership.”

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

**Alton Recreation
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Alton Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Alton Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Balfron Community
Hall Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Balfron Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Balfron Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Five Fires Ponies
Club**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the request for a grant from the Five Fires Ponies Club be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Five
Islands ATV Club**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Five Islands ATV Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Colchester Five Islands ATV Club receive a grant in the amount of \$4,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Blair and Cavanaugh opposed)*

**Warwick Mountain
Recreation Club**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Middleton
Community Hall
Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middleton Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Middleton Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sunrise Trail
Community
Development**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

Association

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Sunrise Trail Community Development Association.”

Motion **Defeated**.

(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Stewart, Cooper, Gibbs, MacKenzie, Cavanaugh, MacInnes, Taggart and Parker)

**Bayhead
Community Hall**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bayhead Community Hall.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Bayhead Community Hall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Christmas Tree
Council of Nova
Scotia**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for funding from the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia be denied.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

**Economic
Development Grant
Applications**

**Nova Scotia 55+
Senior Games
Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Nova Scotia Senior Games Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Nova Scotia Senior Games Society receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2013 Fred Page Cup

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the 2013 Fred Page Cup.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the 2013 Fred Page Cup receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Creamery Square
Association - Tattoo
Festival**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Creamery Square Association - Tattoo Festival.”

Motion **Defeated**.

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

**Truro Minor
Hockey Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Minor Hockey Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Truro Minor Hockey Association receive a grant in the amount of \$,2000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic
Development Grant
Funding**

Discussion was held regarding what amount should remain in the budget for requests for funding under Economic Development Grants that will be received during the 2013/14 budget year.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the 2013-14 budget for Economic Development Grants be increased by \$9,500 for any requests received during the upcoming fiscal year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Requests for
Non-Grant Funding**

Debert Archaeology

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the \$150,000 allocated in the 2013-14 budget for Debert Archaeology be reduced to \$50,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Municipal Auditor
General Service**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the request for \$20,707 allocated for costs associated with the Municipal Auditor General Service be deleted from the 2013-14 maintenance budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**MIS - Kemptown
FibreOp Project**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the request for \$35,000 allocated for the FibreOp project in Kemptown be deleted from the 2013-14 maintenance budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Scotia Pool

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Scotia Pool be moved forward on the agenda to accommodate those in the audience who are in attendance specifically for this item.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding Scotia Pool’s request for funding in the amount of \$50,000. Following are some of the key points raised during the discussion:

- contributions from other sources both monetary and in-kind;
- services and benefits provided by Scotia Pool to the community;
- history of Colchester's support to Scotia Pool;
- Council's prior decisions of discontinuing funding support to Scotia Pool; and,
- various options and scenarios for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That funding be approved for the Scotia Pool Society in the amount of \$50,000 for the last two quarters of fiscal year 2013-14, with the stipulation that the Society report back to the Municipality of the County of Colchester in September 2013 with financial statements and a viable business plan."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester
Historical Society**

Staff noted that the request received from the Colchester Historical Society is for the amount of \$112,673 for its capital campaign to revitalize their museum and archives.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That the full amount of \$112,673 be approved for the Colchester Historical Society revitalization project; and,

That this funding be provided over a three-year period starting with one third or \$37,558 being allocated in the 2013-14 fiscal year; and,

That this funding be conditional upon other sources of funding being received and if the project proceeds."

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Cooper and Cavanaugh opposed)*

LiDAR Mapping

Staff advised that LiDAR (Laser Imaging Detection and Ranging) Mapping is an optical remote sensing technology that is an effective way of collecting elevation information for the purpose of generating detailed accurate contour mapping.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That \$80,000 be approved in the 2013-14 maintenance budget to cover costs of the Laser Imaging Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)

Mapping project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Nova Scotia
Provincial
Exhibition**

Mayor Taylor advised that at this point, there is not enough information for Council consideration on this matter. It was agreed that this issue be tabled for further discussion when more information is available.

**Colchester Regional
Development
Agency**

Staff reported that \$313,186 was already in the budget consisting of \$175,846 for core RDA funding and \$137,340 for regional promotions (Debert).

Council agreed that the budgeted amount of \$313,186 remain the same.

**Northumberland
Arts Council**

Staff noted that the Northumberland Arts Council is requesting \$15,845 for maintenance to the historic building and for marketing purposes. Staff also advised Council that a fire inspection of the building was carried out on March 19, 2013 resulting in several deficiencies. Discussion was held with concerns being raised about the deficiencies and as to whether the building was of sound structure.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Northumberland Arts Council be invited back to make a presentation to Council regarding the Fire Marshal’s report.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Creamery Square
Association**

Staff reported that the Creamery Square Association is requesting \$40,000 as a capital contribution towards Phase 3B, the completion of the Centre for the Arts.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That funding in the amount of \$24,000 be approved for the Creamery Square Association Phase 3B/Centre for the Arts completion project.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Councillors Stewart, Gibbs, Cooper,
Taggart, MacInnes and MacKenzie
opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That funding in the amount of \$20,000 be approved for the Creamery Square Association Phase 3B/Centre for the Arts completion project.”

Motion **Defeated.** *(Councillors Stewart, Gibbs, Cooper, Taggart, MacInnes and MacKenzie opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality supports the Creamery Square Association’s request for funding for Phase 3B, completion of the Centre for the Arts project.”

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That funding in the amount of \$15,000 be approved for the Creamery Square Association Phase 3B/Centre for the Arts completion project.”

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

Canadian Red Cross

Mayor Taylor advised that the Canadian Red Cross is requesting funding to support its disaster preparedness program. This request was discussed at the Regional Emergency Measures Advisory Committee meeting and the Towns of Stewiacke and Truro were not interested in supporting the request for funding jointly. Having no seconder on the motion to support funding, the motion was not debated or voted on.

Councillor Remuneration

At the March 14, 2013 Council Committee meeting, staff were directed to obtain the services of a consultant to carry out a review of current Council remuneration and report back with recommendations to Council. Staff recommended and Council agreed that the Council Remuneration not be included in the budget at this time and that the matter be discussed when the review is completed.

2012-13 Operating Budget and Tax Rates

Discussion was held about the tax rates for 2013/14. Council expressed that they did not want to see an increase in the tax rate this year and it was agreed that setting the tax rate would be deferred to a later meeting. It was also agreed that setting aside additional funding of \$50,000 for the Flood Advisory Committee be discussed at a future meeting.

Transfer to Operating Reserve

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the transfer of \$252,654 from general operations in 2012-13 to the Operating Reserve

Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary