

## **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, September 3, 2013 at 6:00 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 Michael 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 Karen MacKenzie	District #6
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### **Purpose of Meeting/ Hilden Interchange**

Although the main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Five-Year Capital Budget Plan, Mayor Taylor provided an update on the proposed Hilden Interchange project.

Mayor Taylor indicated that he had recently received an email from Chief Bob Gloade saying that he would like to have a meeting on going forward with this project. Given that the Municipality is not prepared to commit any funding to this project at this time, Mayor Taylor asked for direction from Council on whether it was appropriate for him to be at this meeting.

Following a brief discussion, Council recommended that Mayor Taylor attend this meeting and report back.

### **Five-Year Capital Budget Plan**

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, advised that staff will provide two powerpoint presentations. He will begin with an overview of Schedule 'B' (Capital Reserve Funds) of the Capital Budget Plan, followed by Michelle Newell, Acting Director of Public Works, on Schedule 'A' (Capital Projects).

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Schedule ‘B’ of the Five-Year Capital Budget Plan be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Ms. Newell began her presentation on Schedule ‘A’.

With respect to the Water Tower Replacement project in Debert, Council indicated they would like to see staff look into clarifying whether the former Colchester Park Development Society (CPDS) properties fall under the archaeological requirements of other land sales in the Debert area. Council also reiterated their desire to have the water tower project added to the list of projects that have to be done.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded Councillor MacInnes

“That staff be directed to obtain clarification from the municipal Solicitor on whether the former Colchester Park Development Society properties fall under the archaeological requirements as other land sales in the Debert area; and, that this clarification be supported by documentation when it is brought forward to Council in closed session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That staff look very strongly at adding the Debert Water Tower Replacement to the capital budget list of projects that needs to be completed.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

During a discussion on future paving projects, Council agreed that the Ventura Drive Repaving project (all three phases) be scheduled for 2015-16 rather than spreading the phases over a number of years. Council also agreed that the Dieppe Avenue Repaving project be moved up to 2014-15. Earlier this evening, Committee made a recommendation to Council that Schedule ‘B’ be approved as presented. Because these repaving projects will be paid through the Street Repaving Reserve (Schedule ‘B’), staff will now forward to September Council with a recommendation that Schedule ‘B’ be approved with amendments.

While discussing sidewalks, Council agreed that the Mingo's Corner project should stop at the top of the hill rather than go to McWilliam Road.

Also on sidewalks, Deputy Mayor Masters indicated that, because of a safety issue, he would prefer to see the Robie Street Roundabout to Truro Heights Road project postponed and have all of the McClure's Mills sidewalk project done rather than spreading over two years. He also suggested moving the streetlights at the same time as the sidewalk construction.

Councillor Stewart indicated that the Hilden #2 sidewalk should be looked at because of a safety issue.

Councillor Gibbs raised a safety issue regarding a section of sidewalk from Brunswick Street to Birch Street. Staff advised that this section is beyond repair and has to be replaced.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That staff look into the costing and financing for the replacement of the section of sidewalk from Brunswick Street to Birch Street and whether the project could be moved from Schedule ‘C’ to Schedule ‘A’.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That staff look into the costing and financing of having the McClures Mills sidewalk/overpass sidewalk project undertaken in one phase in fiscal year 2015-16.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor Gregory left the meeting and did not return until after the following motion was voted on.*

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Carter Road sidewalk project be moved to Schedule ‘C’ and replaced with the Hilden #2 sidewalk on Schedule ‘A’ for 2015-16.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Next Steps**

As next steps, Mr. Purchase indicated that the amendments to Schedule 'B' would go forward for approval at September Council, the amendments to Schedule 'A' would be made and brought forward at a future Council Committee meeting for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary