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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, April 10, 2014 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
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 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 Tom Taggart	District #10
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Minute of Silence

Council observed a minute of silence for the former Finance Minister, Jim Flaherty, who passed away earlier today.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the agenda for March 13, 2014 be approved with the following addition:

- add Item #11b: Off Hwy Vehicle Use.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2014 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meetings held on March 4 and 13, 2014.

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Presentations

There were no public presentations for this evenings

ACTION ITEMS**Spring Debenture
Borrowing**

In order to meet the April 18, 2014 deadline, at its March 27, 2014 meeting Council gave authority to April Committee to approve the Spring Debenture Borrowing.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to enter into an agreement with the Town of Truro, as presented, for debenture borrowing for upgrades to the Central Wastewater Treatment Facility;
and

That subject to the above, signed agreement, Council Authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Pre-Approval of Debenture issuance subject to interest rate resolution, as presented on behalf of the Town of Truro for the upgrades to the Central Colchester Wastewater Facility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Centurions
Swim Club Request
for Funding**

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, CAO, advised that the Truro Centurions Swim Club held a fundraising event, part of the provincial swim meet, at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC). The facility was well received and they interested in possibly hosting three additional provincial events at the RECC. The first event basically broke even due to the high costs and the Truro Centurions Swim Club is requesting \$4,500, to help offset the costs should the additional three events be hosted at the RECC. The same request for funding was made to the Town of Truro.

Discussion was held with some key points being as follows:

- Good economic spinoff with the event bringing people into the community;
- Approach the RECC Board about possible ways to assist groups with these types of events;
- Organizations such as this should also be approaching local businesses regarding possible funding;
- Support from the Municipality should not be dependant on the Town of Truro support.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council Committee recommends that Council approve funding the

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Provincial Swim events to be hosted at the RECC by Truro Centurions Swim Club to a maximum amount of \$4,500 for the three Provincial swim events subject to the following:

The amount released be limited to \$1,500 per provincial swim event subject to funding to a maximum of 3 provincial swim events, and a maximum total funding amount of \$4,500; and,

The events must be held at the RECC.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)*

Award of Granville Drive Sewer

At its March 27, 2014 meeting, Council gave authority to April Committee to award the tender for the Granville Drive Sewer.

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that four bids were made for this project with Dexter Construction being the lowest at \$3.4 million. \$4.5 million was budgets for the project.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the Award of the Granville Drive Sewer Construction to Dexter Construction for a contract amount of \$3,148,145 excluding HST and that an internal construction contingency of \$300,000 be carried to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Award of Mechanical Tender, Compost Facility

At its March 27, 2014 meeting, Council gave authority to April Committee to award the tender for the Granville Drive Sewer.

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that there were two bids for this project. Flagship Construction was the lowest bid.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the aware of the Mechanical/Electrical tender for the new Compost Facility to Flagship Construction for a contract amount of \$731,943.54 excluding HST and that an internal construction contingency of \$70,000 be carried to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**High School
Scholarship Program
Policy**

The CAO advised that the High School Scholarship Program Policy continues to be worked on to incorporate the desires of Council with regards to criteria for awarding the scholarships. Due to time constraints and possibility of missing awarding scholarships for this school year, staff is suggesting that the scholarships be awarded using the existing criteria

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council to continue to provide five scholarships of \$1,000 each (totalling \$5,000) to students graduating from the identified high schools using the previously approved selection criteria; and,

That three additional scholarships of \$1,000 each (totalling \$3,000) be awarded to graduating students pursuing post-secondary training in a recognized trade school; and,

That if the area councillor desires, he/she be part of the school committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**New Bible Hill
Elementary School,
Funding for a
Proposed New
Sidewalk**

The CAO advised that Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has requested that the County consider cost sharing the new sidewalk for the new elementary school in Bible Hill with the province and the Village of Bible Hill. The site has not been confirmed as yet. In the past, the County has not cost shared on sidewalks for school development projects.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That a letter be written to Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal indicating that the County is not interested in cost sharing on this project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Off Highway Vehicle
Use**

Mayor Taylor indicated that a resolution was put forth by the Municipality of East Hants up at the UNSM Fall Conference regarding off highway vehicles. The resolution which read into the record, was passed and forwarded to the province. There has been no reply from the province as yet.

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Key points discussed included potential for economic spinoff; need for proper signage for the designated routes; and, that this may be a liability.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That a letter be written to the UNSM endorsing the resolution put forth by the Municipality of East Hants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Director’s Report

A report from the Director of Community Development was circulated in the package for this evening’s meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting go into closed session at 8:20 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 8:42 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Processing Centre
Agreement
Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council Committee recommends to Council approval of the Processing Centre Agreement Amendment, with the Resource Recovery Fund Board of Nova Scotia, as presented;

and

That authority be given to the Mayor and CAO to sign said Agreement on behalf of the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That a letter be written to the Minister of Environment and copied to the

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MLA expressing concerns of the loss of revenue due to glass being banned from landfills.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary