

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, January 14, 2016.

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 Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
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Staff Present

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste
 Ms. Tracey Venno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooper
 Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- Item 9b, Police Advisory Board.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stewart
 Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the minutes from the meeting held on December 10, 2015, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2015.

ACTION ITEMS**2016 FCM Conference**

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Councillors Cavanaugh, MacKenzie, and Parker be approved to attend the 2016 FCM Conference, in addition to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Taggart (as FCM Board Member) and the CAO; and,

That Councillor Stewart be the alternate, if necessary.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2016 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That the CAO be approved to attend the 2016 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Councillor Blair be approved to attend the 2016 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro-Colchester Regional Events Committee

The CAO advised that a meeting with the Town of Truro, Municipality of Colchester and RECC staff was held to discuss a proposal to create a Joint Regional Events Committee. At this meeting, a presentation was made by the Host Committee of the recent curling event. The presentation focused on the economic, social and cultural community benefits of attracting major events to the regions. Endorsement is being sought from both Councils for the creation of a Regional Events Committee. If approval is granted, the Committee would develop a strategy and budget for Council’s review and approval.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality endorse the creation of a Regionals Events Committee, subject to approval by the Town of Truro; and,

The Committee be directed to develop an events strategy and budget for presentation to the Councils at a later date.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Noxious Weeds on the Cobequid Trail

As per a previous request of Council, staff carried out work along the Cobequid Trail to remove a noxious weed known as Cow Parsnip.

In November 2015, staff from Parks and Recreation and Public Works, carried out remedial work which included the removal of old fencing and the installation of a new one. The new fencing was moved back away from the trail leaving a wider section that will be maintained and mowed. Additionally, seven one tonne truck loads of weeds and soil were hauled away from the site and taken to the Balefill. Total costs for in-house labour, fencing materials and mini excavator rental fees were in the range of \$3,500. Signs are being developed with pictures of the weed, to be placed along the trail in the Spring.

Quarterly TIR Meeting

The CAO advised that the next Quarterly Meeting with Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is scheduled for January 26th. Any Council members wishing to bring forward items for this meeting are requested to forward to the CAO or Executive Assistant. The following items were requested to be added to the agenda for this meeting:

- LED Crosswalks (Councillor Parker)
- Loch Haven Lane (Deputy Mayor Masters)
- Ditching/culverts by Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade (Councillor MacInnes)
- Ramps on Hwy 311 by North River ballfield (Councillor Cavanaugh).

Police Advisory Board

Councillor Blair advised that both Councils, Town of Stewiacke and Municipality of Colchester, have approved forming a joint Police Advisory Board, consisting of nine members. A letter is being sent to the Department of Justice for final approval.

Directors Report

A report from the Director of Community Development was circulated prior to this evening’s meeting.

Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services advised that the data from the old finance software was successfully implemented into the new Diamond Software. Responding to a query on reporting, Mr.

Fraser indicated that training on report building has been completed and staff will be able to build reports in the near future.

Recess

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting go into closed session at 7:40 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 8:58 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sale of Land to Home Hardware

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to proceed with the sale of lot 230 to Home Hardware as outlined in the discussed Purchase and Sale Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting adjourn at 9:00 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary