

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, June 16, 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 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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Staff Present

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste
 Ms. Kim Pochini, Municipal Solicitor
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gregory
 Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- Item#13b, RECC World Junior A Challenge;
- Item#13c, Funding Application–Clean Water & Wastewater Fund;
- Item#13d, Canadian Business Aviation Association Conference;
- Item#13e, High Speed Internet;
- Item#13f, Blue Flag Designation on Beaches;
- Item#13g, Burris Drive;
- Item#16b, UNSM Resolutions;
- Item#16c, Canada Post Boxes
- Item#16d, Chamber Dinner;
- Item#16e, Vote for Truro;
- Item#16f, Announcement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes from the meeting held on May 12, 2016, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes from the meeting held on May 12, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS**Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee (BEDAC) Update Presentation**

Mr. Jol Hunter, BEDAC Citizen Representative, was in attendance to provide an update/presentation on economic development. He began his presentation with the following truism:

“An A strategy with B execution gets walloped every time by a B strategy with A execution – we don’t need the perfect plan, we need to execute more quickly and more diligently.”

Mr. Hunter indicated that it is key that continued emphasis be placed on the things that are done on an everyday basis that will have a positive impact. He provided a brief synopsis of activities in play in the County as well as the progress stages for these initiatives. These activities included the mentorship program, Palliser/Bay of Fundy Gateway initiative unified web presence, Debert Airport, agricultural strategy, networking events and population growth.

Additionally, Mr. Hunter concluded with the following suggestions:

- Be proactive with the initiatives that are experiencing success;
- Maintain a tight focus on a few high return activities;
- Immediately and proactively engage the business community for help in at least three ways;
- Be proactive in bringing all stakeholders together to work with us.

A copy of Mr. Hunter’s presentation was distributed for this evening’s meeting.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the presentation from Mr. Jol Hunter on business and economic development be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Regional Economic Development

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That this item be moved to Closed Session as it deals with a personnel matter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy

Staff advised that it is being recommended that an amendment be made to the Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy to include electronic cigarettes.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy be amended to include electronic cigarettes, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2016 Municipal Election – Fee Schedule and Polling Station Locations

Brief discussion was held regarding the fee schedule and Polling Station locations. Concern was expressed regarding the location for Polling Division 10F which would have residents of Lower Debert and Masstown voting at the Debert Legion. Councillor Taggart indicated that he would like to see other location options for Polling Division 10F and that the list of Polling Station locations be brought back to Council at the end of the month for approval.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the following fee schedule be set for the purpose of the 2016 Municipal Election:

Advance Polls (for both days)
Deputy Returning Officer - \$310
Poll Clerk - \$280

Regular Polls
Deputy Returning Officer - \$205

Poll Clerk - \$165

Mobile Poll (If the Mobile Poll team will visit 2 polls)

Deputy Returning Officer - \$205

Poll Clerk - \$165

Mobile Poll (If the Mobile Poll team must visit 3 polls)

Deputy Returning Officer - \$280

Poll Clerk - \$230

Supervising Deputy Returning Officer - \$240

Training - \$30

Mileage - payable at \$0.4231 per kilometre

Polling Stations - \$100 for the first polling station and \$75 for each additional polling station in the same building.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert and Tatamagouche
Source Water Protection
Terms of Reference**

The County operates two water utilities, one in Tatamagouche and one in Debert. The terms of the operating approvals for the utilities includes a requirement to establish a Source Water Protection Advisory Committee for each utility and for each to operate under a Terms of Reference, established by Council. This item deals with proposed changes to the existing Terms of Reference for each Committee.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Debert and French River Source Water Protection Advisory Committees, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Airfield – Private
Hangar Development**

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development, advised that staff recently met with Mr. Val Kyte, President of the Debert Flying Club, regarding opportunities for a new hangar for private aircraft. Recent interest has been expressed from two aircraft owners in constructing hangars.

Archaeology work was completed on the land last summer with no artifacts found, the County is in a position to provide space. A gravel pad 210 ft by 300 ft could provide opportunity for future development.

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Mr. Kyte recommends new multi plane spaces using “T Hangar” configuration. Estimated costs for development of a private hangar is \$150,000 for site preparation (grub, gravel and level). Paving costs which would be phased in as new hangars are constructed, is also in the \$150,000 range.

Total estimated costs for this season would be \$150,000 for site preparation and \$50,000 for pavement with suggested funding for the private hangar expansion project being through the gas tax fund.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff proceed with the preparations of a gravel pad and necessary pavement to accommodate new aircraft hangar space, to a maximum of \$200,000, with source of funds being Gas Tax.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tour of Perennia
Innovation Centre and
Review of Completed
Business Venture Park
Plan**

Council had previously approved to fund a joint study to investigate the possibility of creating a food based business venture park in conjunction with Perennia Innovation Centre. The report is now complete and staff is recommending that Council consider a date for a tour of Perennia and a presentation of the report.

Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council agrees that the date for the tour of Perennia and presentation of the final report be June 23rd beginning at 6:30 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was agreed that the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee citizen representatives be invited to attend the Perennia tour and presentation.

Animals At-Large By-law

Councillor Taggart advised Council of a situation where farm animals are not being properly fenced in. The livestock at large is causing damage to neighbouring properties and creating safety concerns. The Animal Control Officer has been called out on several occasions to handle the situation. The Provincial Act does not allow staff to effectively deal with these situations.

Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, advised of a recent situation where the Animal Control Officer seized an animal and the owner was charged associated costs. However, under the current provincial legislation,

we have no authority to do this and the animal had to be returned and the resident reimbursed. A by-law is currently being developed, for Council consideration, that will enable the County to deal with these types of instances more effectively.

**Signage – Public Access
Points at Shortt’s Lake**

Deputy Mayor Masters indicated that he would like to see signage at the two public access points at Shortt’s Lake regarding the contamination issue at many lakes and the possibilities of transferring the contamination if boats are not properly washed. Signage at the access points would help to raise awareness regarding the contamination. It was requested that Nova Scotia Environment be contacted regarding posting applicable signage and if they are not willing to do so, that the County consider having signs erected.

Discussion was held on raising awareness and education regarding transferring the contamination via boats. It is important that the holding tanks are emptied, motors are flushed and the boats are sprayed. It was suggested that the County newsletter could be an avenue to help raise awareness.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That staff investigate having signage erected at the two public access points at Shortt’s Lake regarding the contamination issue at lakes to ensure boats are properly washed before entering the lake.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**RECC - World Junior A
Challenge Cup**

Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, advised that this item relates to the presentation received earlier this week regarding the possibility of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) hosting the World Junior A Challenge Cup in December 2017. The RECC is seeking sponsorship from the Municipality of Colchester and the Town of Truro in the amount of \$25,000 from each to cover the hosting fee which would accompany the bid to host the event.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that funding in the amount of \$25,000 be approved for the RECC’s bid to host the World Junior A Challenge Cup, with source of funds being Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Funding Application –
Clean Water and
Wastewater Fund**

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that the Department of Municipal Affairs recently announced a call for applications under the new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. Applications are due by June 27, 2016 and must be accompanied by a motion of Council. A maximum of three projects can be submitted for consideration and staff are recommending that the Debert Pump Station 30 and Forcemain Replacement, the Tatamagouche Sewer Replacement Phases 3 and 4, and the Debert Gateway – Servicing and Stormwater Management projects be put forth for consideration.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the following projects, listed in order of priority, be submitted for funding consideration to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund: Debert Pump Station 30 and Forcemain Replacement (\$1.3 M), the Tatamagouche Sewer Replacement Phases 3 and 4 (\$500,000), and the Debert Gateway – Servicing and Stormwater Management (\$750,000).

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Canadian Business
Aviation Association
Conference**

Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, advised that the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee recently made a recommendation to Council to have a member of Council attend the Canadian Business Aviation Association Conference, being held in Calgary, Alberta from July 5-7, 2016. Joy O’Neill, Economic Development Officer will also be attending the Conference.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Deputy Mayor Masters attend the Canadian Business Aviation Association Conference, being held in Calgary, Alberta from July 5-7, 2016.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

High Speed Internet

Councillor Gregory advised that high speed internet has been an ongoing issue and was discussed at the UNSM Conferences in Bridgewater and more recently in Wolfville. He has recently received calls from residents experiencing difficulties with high speed internet. Councillor Gregory noted that, from discussions with Councillor Taggart, the broadband initiative was also a topic at the recent FCM Annual Meeting. Many rural municipalities struggle to receive basic broadband services. The minimum service should be 5 MB and this

is required to ensure the health and safety of residents and is critical to rural communities.

Small independent companies providing internet service have stepped up and provided high quality service to the rural communities but received no funding from the recent Canada Connect Funding Program. Councillor Gregory stated that he would like to see a motion of Council in support of the small, local service providers being included in any future government funding for broadband services and recognize that these small companies provide the necessary services at competitive costs.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council supports that small local service providers be included in any future government funding opportunities for broadband services across Canada to ensure their viability and enable these small companies to continue to provide the necessary services at competitive costs.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Blue Flag Designation on Beaches

Councillor Taggart advised that Blue Flag Designation is a certification for beaches and marinas which identifies the beach as clean, accessible, great water quality, meets safety standards and works to protect local shorelines and ecosystems. It takes approximately five years to achieve the designation. The Blue Flag Designation would help to boost tourism and the local economy.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That staff investigate Blue Flag Designation/Certification and report back to Council on the possibility of achieving this status at any of the beaches in the County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Burris Drive

Not having a crosswalk at Burris Drive remains a safety concern for the area. It was suggested that staff investigate costs of a staging area at this location as it might be a starting point in getting a crosswalk.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That staff investigate costs of a staging area at Burris Drive and College Road and report back to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2016 Municipal Election – Polling Districts

The Municipal Elections Act outlines the requirements for establishing polling divisions for municipal elections. Staff reviewed the Polling Divisions from the 2012 Municipal Election, as presented, and are not recommending any changes for the 2016 Municipal Election.

Brian MacLeod Recognition

Council had previously instructed staff to look into ways to honour Brian MacLeod, a local member of the NS Blind Golf Association, who passed away in December 2015.

Several meetings have taken place with the Tournament Committee, the Mountain Golf Course, and with Mrs. MacLeod. The annual tournament is being named after Brian MacLeod with a photo of him being placed in the clubhouse. Additionally, a bench in Brian’s memory, is being placed on the course.

Deputy Mayor Masters and Mr. Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager, have met with Mountain Golf and discussed various ways to honour Mr. MacLeod including promoting junior golf, and having a scholarship in Mr. MacLeod’s name. Mrs. MacLeod suggested that support for junior golf and the development of the sport was of great interest to Brian.

Further meetings will take place with Mountain Golf to continue discussions on some form of support for junior golf. The golf course has expressed interest in partnering with the Municipality on this initiative.

Heritage Items from MRF

Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, advised that on occasion, items come through the MRF that may have historical value. Recently, a number of items have been retrieved including hand written ledgers from the Windsor area dating back to early to mid 1800’s, photographs of an Alaskan Indigenous community from the early 1900’s, and some class photographs from the old Truro Normal College. One MRF staff member with a keen eye, Mr. David Henderson, noticed these items and retrieved them from the sorting lines.

Mr. Henderson, in attendance at this evening’s meeting, was acknowledged and presented with a token of appreciation. All items

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as mentioned above, were on display in the Council Chambers for the meeting.

Discussion was held on what should be done with these items. It was suggested that Mr. Wamboldt contact the local historium to discuss the preservation of the ledgers. The photos of the old Truro Normal College would be presented to the Library.

UNSM Resolutions

Referring to recent emails regarding UNSM Resolutions, concern was expressed about the process and the indication that the UNSM needs to support resolution focussed on the more important municipal issues. Councillor Cooper indicated that he thought all resolutions were important.

The CAO advised that the UNSM is trying to advance only the top two or three priorities and are suggesting that others be held in abeyance until the process can be worked through.

Canada Post Boxes

Councillor Stewart indicated that group mailboxes are being replaced at locations throughout the County and the old boxes are being left behind. Canada Post was called about what to do with the old mailboxes and according to Canada Post, it is a municipal issue.

Staff were directed to contact Canada Post to find out the procedure and who is responsible.

Chamber Dinner

Mayor Taylor advised that the Chamber would be hosting a lunch event on June 23rd which would have a presentation from Mayor Taylor and Mayor Mills on Shared Services. The event will take place at the Farmers Market at 12 noon.

Deputy Mayor Masters indicated that this presentation was made at the UNSM Conference and was very well received.

Vote for Truro

Mayor Taylor reminded Council that Truro has made it to the finals for the "One Horse Town" contest. Staff will forward information on how to vote and encouraged Council members to show their support.

Announcement

Councillor Cavanaugh advised Council members that he would be reoffering in the upcoming Municipal Election.

Directors Report

A report from the Director of Solid Waste was circulated prior to this evening's meeting.

Recess

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting go into closed session at 9:53 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:40 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Regional Economic
Development**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Mayor and CAO be directed to approach the Town of Truro regarding a regional cooperation approach, indicating that the Municipality of Colchester is in favour of hiring a marketing and promotions person.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Parker opposed)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting adjourn at 10:41 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary