

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 Tuesday, April 18, and continued on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	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 (not in attendance on April 20)
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Others Present

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development (not in attendance on April 20)

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works

Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services

Mr. Mark Austin, Research, Policy and Community Engagement Officer

Mr. Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager (not in attendance on April 20)

Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Ms. Heather Maddigan, Finance Manager (not in attendance on April 20)

Process Overview

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2017-18 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions would be considered, including requests for 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 Special Council Committee meeting will require Council approval. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at that meeting, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

Non-Profit Grant Applications

Economy Recreation Centre

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs

Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Economy Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion DEFEATED.

(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Boutilier, Stewart, Cooper, Gregory, and Parker opposed)

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Economy Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Cooper opposed)

Brule Community Centre Association

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Bass River Community Centre

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Bass River Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Red Clay Studio Society

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the request for a grant from the Red Clay Studio Society be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Earltown Community Centre

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester County 4-H Council (Program Request)

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Colchester County 4-H Council receive a grant in the amount of \$6,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester County 4-H Council (Infrastructure Upgrades)

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was held on the funding request being for infrastructure upgrades to the 4-H Barn and concern was expressed about putting money into a building that is not owned by 4-H. Mayor Blair and Mr. Rob Simonds,

CAO, advised that although the ownership of the barn is that of the province, negotiations for a long term lease for 4-H have been positive and a lease is currently in the works. The length of lease being discussed is 99 years.

Council indicated that if any funding was approved, a number of conditions would have to be met prior to the release of the funds. Some of the conditions included: having ownership of the building or a long term lease in place; legal review of the lease to ensure it is binding; 4-H to get returns on the building rentals; fundraising campaign efforts; detailed plans for the upgrades; and quotes for materials and work to be carried out.

With the number of requests up for discussion, the fairness of holding funds for a group who may or may not be able to meet the stipulated conditions was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Funding amounts were discussed as well as clarification on how such amounts would be funded. Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, indicated that the amount could be approved over four years and paid out in yearly installments or a cheque could be issued for the full amount and paid back to the operating reserve over four years.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Colchester County 4-H Council receive a grant in the amount of \$25,000 in this fiscal year, conditional upon the following:

- Ownership or long term lease in place;
- Language in the lease which would prohibit the Province from breaking the lease;
- Fundraising campaign and in-kind support information; and,
- Detailed quotes for materials and labour; and,

That once conditions have been met, it be brought back to Council for final approval.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Cooper and MacKenzie opposed)

Harmony Ridge 4-H

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the request for a grant from Harmony Ridge 4-H be denied.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

Canadian Mental Health Association

Councillor Taggart declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Gregory, Parker, and Cooper opposed)

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Canadian Mental Health Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Taggart returned to the table.

Stewiacke Valley Historical Society

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society receive a grant in the amount of \$1,250.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Alton Recreation Centre

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cobequid Arts Council

Councillor Boutilier declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Arts Council.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Gibbs and Taggart opposed)

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Cobequid Arts Council receive a grant in the amount of \$25,000 and that this amount be granted annually, as a line item in the budget.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Gibbs and Taggart opposed)

At this point, Councillor Boutilier returned to the table.

First Baptist Girls' Choir

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the First Baptist Girls' Choir.”

Motion **DEFEATED**.
(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Boutilier, Cooper, MacKenzie, Cavanaugh, MacInnes, Taggart and Parker 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 Cavanaugh

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

Motion Carried.
(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, MacKenzie and Taggart opposed)

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 Taggart

“That the Bayhead Community Hall receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Stewart, MacKenzie, Cavanaugh and Gibbs opposed)

Truro Farmers Market

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Farmers Market.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Truro Farmers Market receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

Debert Family Days Association

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Debert Family Days Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality purchase sound equipment to be leased out to organizations, reserving the equipment one day annually for the Debert Family Days Association; and,

That the Debert Family Days Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for a projector system.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

Third Place Transition House

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Third Place Transition House.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Third Place Transition House receive a grant in the amount of \$5,340.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

S.P.C.A.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant from the S.P.C.A. be denied.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Parker opposed)

300 Felines

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality provide a grant to 300 Felines.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That 300 Felines receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)

Truro Tennis Club

Councillor Boutilier declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for a grant from the Truro Tennis Club be denied.”

Motion **DEFEATED.**
(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Boutilier, Stewart, Cooper, MacKenzie, Gregory, Cavanaugh, MacInnes and Parker opposed)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Tennis Club.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Truro Tennis Club receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Gibbs, Parker and Cavanaugh opposed)

At this point, Councillor Boutilier returned to the table.

MADD Cobequid

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality provide a grant to MADD Cobequid.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That MADD Cobequid receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000; and,

That a laptop be provided to the organization with responsibility of software for the laptop being that of MADD Cobequid.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro Theatre Society (for CEC Production)

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Theatre Society for the CEC production.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors MacKenzie, Cooper and Taggart opposed)

Moved by Councillor Gibbs

Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Truro Theatre Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to assist with the CEC theatre production.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors MacKenzie, Cooper and Taggart opposed)

Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors Cooper, Stewart, MacInnes and Taggart opposed)

Moved by Councillor Parker

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$15,000.”

Motion **DEFEATED.**

(Councillors Stewart, Cooper, Gibbs, Boutilier, Taggart and MacInnes opposed)

Moved by Councillor Boutilier

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion **DEFEATED.**

(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Parker, Gibbs, Cavanaugh, Taggart and MacInnes opposed)

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Central Nova Women’s Resource Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors Gibbs, Taggart, MacInnes and Gregory opposed)

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition

Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, advised that additional information was received from Mr. Joe Nicholson, General Manager of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition (NSPE), offering flexibility with regards to their grant requests for \$200,000. Flexibility could be in-kind support, such as the installation of a water line to the NSPE grounds. Clarification on the costs of such water installation/extension was sought. The CAO advised that due to the lateness of receipt of this information, staff did not have sufficient time to prepare an estimate, however, the engineer suggested that it would be approximately \$500/metre.

A number of concerns were raised by Council members including: investing taxpayers dollars into a facility owned by the Province; the existing governance model; the need for a business plan; if funding is approved, where the monies would be spent; who will look after the current liabilities; the existing debt to the Farm Loan Board; and lack of criminal investigation regarding the misappropriation of funds. Also, Council expressed that the NSPE is the responsibility of the Province and they need to step up and make a commitment as part of the resolution.

Council agreed to allow Mr. Nicholson to come forward to address some questions. Firstly, he advised that in reference to the water line, they wanted to provide some flexibility in the ask of the NSPE. Assistance could also be through other in-kind support such as snow plowing.

Responding to a query on the Province’s decision on the situation regarding liabilities, Mr. Nicholson indicated that this is currently under review and the NSPE is still awaiting a response. He also commented on misunderstandings with the 4-H group having use of the facility for free, as there is no agreement in place.

In response to questions of ownership or long term lease, Mr. Nicholson indicated that there is a lease in place with 90 years remaining. Additionally, there is no debt to the Farm Loan Board with the exception of the lease.

Mr. Nicholson indicated that he could not speak to the issues regarding the “checkered past”, however, they are in a position to move forward, with a good Board and staff in place; and they are willing to work with 4-H regarding revenue sharing possibilities. He also noted that any support from the County would be very helpful and appreciated.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council support the request from the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in principle, with conditions as stipulated throughout the discussion.”

It was suggested that Council members individually and collectively submit areas of concerns and conditions of support with the intent to put forth a motion at the Council meeting at the end of the month.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the discussion on funding the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition be tabled.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Scotia Pool

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Scotia Pool.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Scotia Pool receive a grant in the amount of \$100,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Cooper and Gregory opposed)

Economic Development Grant Applications

North Nova Lumberjacks Society

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the North Nova Lumberjacks Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker

Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the North Nova Lumberjacks Society receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Taggart opposed)

A suggestion was made that the group consider relocating the venue from the Cat Shack to the Provincial Exhibition property. It was noted however, that the venue location has more to do with sponsorship than the location.

Truro Tennis Club Motorcycle Poker Rally

Councillor Boutilier declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant for the Truro Tennis Club Motorcycle Poker Rally be denied.”

Motion Carried.
(Deputy Mayor Masters and Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)

At this point, Councillor Boutilier returned to the table.

Colchester Five Islands ATV Club

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Parker

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Colchester Five Islands ATV Club receive a grant in the amount of \$1,200.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)

Colchester Highland Games & Gathering Society

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Highland Games & Gathering Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the Colchester Highland Games & Gathering Society receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Association of Nova Scotia Geocaching

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Association of Nova Scotia Geocaching.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Association of Nova Scotia Geocaching received a grant in the amount of \$4,000.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)

Truro Theatre Society – Shakespeare in the Park

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the request for a grant from the Truro Theatre Society for Shakespeare in the Park be denied.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

Not Since Moses

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Not Since Moses.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Not Since Moses receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Other Non-Grant Funding

Lower Truro Water Parking Lot (Public Works)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the \$20,000 earmarked for the Lower Truro Water Parking Lot be changed to the tidal viewing parking area.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

By-law Enforcement/Animal Control

Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development, advised that there are a number of areas related to Animal Control that are being addressed including the dog pound operations and staffing.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That \$50,369 be included in the budget to maintain the present level of service provided for Animal Control.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Taggart and Parker opposed)

Discussion was held on the need for maintaining the level vs. reducing the service, as well as whether there is need for another full time staff person. Mr. Macpherson indicated that a full service review is being done that will assess staffing needs and options for the dog pound. Responding to a request of what is currently being paid for the dog pound annually, Mr. Scott Fraser advised that he thought it was in the \$7,000-\$10,000 range but would confirm this number.

Wastewater Technician FTE

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that there are currently five municipal treatment plants and 29 pumping stations. This position will assist with monitoring wastewater quality. Councillor Taggart inquired about the possibility of reallocating time of existing staff to do this without hiring additional staff.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That \$41,865 be approved for the Wastewater Technician FTE.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillor Taggart opposed)

Events Attraction Committee

Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, advised that a presentation was recently received from the Events Attraction Committee. This Committee works to bring events to the region, which in turn, provides economic spinoff. The request is for three years with \$48,000 being the Municipality's portion for this fiscal year.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Municipality fund the Events Attraction Committee in the amount of \$48,000 for this fiscal year."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Rink Deficit Funding

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That \$40,000 be approved for Rink Deficit Funding for 2017-18."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Snow Plowing Reserve

Deputy Mayor Masters suggested that a Snow Plowing Reserve be created with any unused funds designated for winter maintenance be placed in this reserve. Staff were directed to bring back an Action Item for Council consideration and advise the amount of unused funds for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

RECC Capital Reserve

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

"That \$200,000 be approved for a RECC Capital Reserve."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, advised that the total of all funds approved this evening results in a deficit of approximately \$327,498.

Some members of Council expressed a desire to not increase the tax rates while other suggested a possible one cent increase. Either option would require a review and revisions to the amounts approved.

- Recess** Due to the lateness of the meeting, 11:25 pm, Council agreed to recess and reconvene on Thursday, April 20th at 7:30 pm.
- Reconvene** The meeting reconvened at 7:30 pm on April 20th.
- In addition to continued discussions on the 2017-18 budget, Council agreed that a personnel matter in closed session, be added to the agenda.
- 2017-18 Budget** Revised budget documentation was circulated showing all amounts discussed and approved on April 18th. Information on reserve projections for the next five years were also provided.
- Referring to where things were left at the end of the April 18th meeting, discussion was held on possible increases to the tax rates and concerns were expressed with continued trends of not contributing to/building reserves. Of items and amounts previously approved, suggested items for re-consideration included the By-law Enforcement/Animal Control funding; the line item relating to biosolids trucking charges; trails; reducing the Grants to Non-Profit and the Economic Development Grants; and the major flood and County flood funding. Discussion was also held on policing costs and the possibility of reducing the number of officers.
- Mr. Fraser advised that in speaking with the Director of Community Development, it was suggested that the amount for By-law Enforcement/Animal Control be reduced to \$30,000.
- Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier
- “That the Joint Flood funds be reduced by \$100,000.”
- Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Cooper
- “That the County Flood Advisory Committee funding be reduced by \$50,000.”
- Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs and Boutilier opposed)
- Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper
- “That the amount allocated for biosolids trucking charges be reduced by \$150,000.”
- Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That staff investigate the contractual obligations within the policing agreement, to reduce policing costs by \$100,000 and report back to Council with findings.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That one cent be added to both the residential and commercial tax rates and that these funds be transferred to the Operating Reserve.”

Motion **DEFEATED.**
(Councillors Gregory, Taggart, Boutilier, Stewart, MacKenzie and Gibbs opposed)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That half a cent be added to the residential tax rate and that these funds be transferred to the Operating Reserve.”

Motion **DEFEATED.**
(Councillors Gregory, Taggart, Boutilier, Stewart, MacKenzie and Parker opposed)

With discussion on the NSPE funding request being tabled at the April 18th meeting, Council was reminded that a decision still had to be made on this.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the motion from the April 18, 2017 meeting to table discussion on the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition request for funding be lifted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion on the possibility of approving funds conditional upon meeting the requirements as stipulated on April 18th was held. However, although it was recognized that the NSPE is an asset in community, concern was expressed regarding the NSPE being a provincial entity and it not being the responsibility of the Municipality.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the request for a grant from the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition be denied.”

Motion Carried.
(Deputy Mayor Masters opposed)

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That a letter explaining reasons the funding request was denied be sent to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors Boutilier, Parker and MacKenzie opposed).

Other

Mayor Blair advised that the first meeting of this term of Council for the Joint Police Advisory Board (JPAB) was held on April 19th. Councillor Parker was appointed Chair of JPAB.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting go into closed session at 10:13 pm.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:29 pm

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting adjourn at 10:30 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary