

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 Monday, April 16, and continued on Monday, April 23, 2018.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1 (April 23 rd only)
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 Bob Pash	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
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr. Mark Austin, Economic Development Officer
 Mr. Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager
 Mr. Tim Smith, IT Manager (April 16th only)
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Recording Secretary
 Mr. Devin Trefry, Acting Research, Policy and Community Engagement Officer
 Ms. Jill Guinan, Recreation Support Clerk (April 16th only)

Process Overview

Council Committee met on April 9, 2018 to review the 2018-19 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 as a whole.

Non-Profit Grant Applications

Prior to discussion on individual requests from the various organizations, Councillor Stewart stressed the importance of following policy. Additionally, it was noted that with an amount of \$80,000 set aside in the maintenance budget for grants to non-profits, and almost \$400,000 in requests, Council must be mindful when deciding on funding.

Debert & Area Community Association

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the request for a grant from the Debert & Area Community Association be denied."

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Mayor Blair, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Gibbs, MacKenzie, Gregory, Cavanaugh, Pash, and Taggart)*

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Pash

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Debert & Area Community Association."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Cooper and Parker)*

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Debert & Area Community Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sunrise Film Festival

Council agreed that this request be considered under Community Event Grants.

Burnside and Pembroke Community & Park Association

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Burnside and Pembroke Community & Park Association."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

"That the Burnside and Pembroke Community & Park Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,421.25."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors MacKenzie and Pash)*

Brule Community Centre Association

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Pash

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Brule Community Centre Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000 plus \$500 for labour costs."

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Mayor Blair, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, MacKenzie, Gregory, Cavanaugh, Pash, and Parker)*

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

MADD Cobequid

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Municipality provide a grant to MADD Cobequid."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That MADD Cobequid receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Parker, Pash, Gregory, and Stewart)*

Colchester Five Islands ATV Club

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Stewart)*

The purpose for this request is to assist the organization with costs to purchase a computer/tablet. Council suggested that the Municipality supply a tablet to the organization in lieu of funding. Concern was expressed with the organization having sufficient funds to cover the costs of purchasing a tablet.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Parker

"That the Colchester Five Islands ATV Club receive a tablet from the Municipality."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Stewart)*

Remembering Canada's
Heroes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Parker

"That the Municipality provide a grant to Remembering Canada's Heroes."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That Remembering Canada's Heroes receive a grant in the amount of \$600."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro Centurions Swim Club

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the request from the Truro Centurions Swim Club be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cobequid Wildlife
Rehabilitation Centre

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$4,000."

Motion DEFEATED. (*opposed by Mayor Blair, Councillors Cooper, MacKenzie, Gibbs, Pash, and Taggart*)

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Parker

"That the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000."

Motion Carried. (*opposed by Councillors Cavanaugh, Cooper and Gibbs*)

Canadian Mental Health
Association-Colchester East
Hants Branch

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Canadian Mental Health Association-Colchester East Hants Branch."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Parker, Pash and Cooper)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Canadian Mental Health Association-Colchester East Hants Branch receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Parker and Cooper)*

At this point, Councillor Taggart returned to the table.

Wayward Cat Society

Brief discussion was held on the difference between Wayward Cat Society and 300 Felines, an organization previously receiving the support of Council. Clarification was also sought on whether there was funding in the budget to deal with feral cats. The Director of Community Development confirmed that there is a small amount in the budget for this.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Wayward Cat Society."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Pash

"That the Wayward Cat Society receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Bass River Community Centre Association/Victoria Hall

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bass River Community Centre Association/Victoria Hall."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Pash
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That the Bass River Community Centre Association/Victoria Hall receive a grant in the amount of \$4,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Third Place Transition House	<p>Moved by Councillor Gibbs Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh</p> <p>“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Third Place Transition House.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Parker Seconded by Councillor Cooper</p> <p>“That the Third Place Transition House receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”</p> <p>Motion Carried. <i>(opposed by Mayor Blair, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Gibbs, Cavanaugh and Gregory)</i></p>
Salmon River Hockey Society	<p><i>Councillor Parker declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table.</i></p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters Seconded by Councillor Gibbs</p> <p>“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Salmon River Hockey Society.”</p> <p>Motion Carried. <i>(opposed by Councillor Cooper)</i></p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters Seconded by Councillor Gibbs</p> <p>“That the Salmon River Hockey Society receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”</p> <p>Motion Carried. <i>(opposed by Councillor Cooper)</i></p> <p><i>At this point, Councillor Parker returned to the table.</i></p>
Truro Tennis Club	<p>Moved by Councillor Gibbs Seconded by Councillor Parker</p> <p>“That the request from the Truro Tennis Club be denied.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p>
Cobequid Interpretive Centre Association	<p>Moved by Councillor Taggart Seconded by Councillor Parker</p> <p>“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Interpretive Centre Association.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Pash</p>

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Cobequid Interpretive Centre Association receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500."

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Mayor Blair, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Cooper, MacKenzie, Gregory, and Parker)*

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That the Cobequid Interpretive Centre Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Gibbs)*

Northumberland Arts Council

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Northumberland Arts Council."

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Cooper, MacKenzie, Pash, and Parker)*

Colchester Food Bank

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the request from the Colchester Food Bank be removed from Grants to Non-Profit Organizations and referred to maintenance budget deliberations."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro Curling Club

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Curling Club."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Cooper, Stewart, MacKenzie, and Parker)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Truro Curling Club receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Cooper, Stewart, MacKenzie, and Parker)*

Given the number of people in attendance for Scotia Pool, Mayor Blair requested that consideration be given to advancing this item on the agenda. Council agreed.

Scotia Pool Society (Capital Request)

A number of Council members expressed concern with the capital request of \$50,000 from Scotia Pool as the building is owned by the Province. Although Scotia Pool has a lease, there is a 60 day 'out clause'; a clause similar to that of another organization in which Council decided not to support for that reason. Mayor Blair noted that Council had previously recommended that Scotia Pool request funding specifically for capital.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

"That the Municipality provide a capital grant to Scotia Pool."

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Cooper, Gibbs, Taggart, Gregory and Cavanaugh)*

Brief discussion was held regarding organizations currently receiving annual grants and whether there were motions on the record approving such grants. Staff advised that this would be looked into and reported back to Council.

Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park Society

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park Society."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park Society receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Central Community Centre

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Central Community Centre."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the Central Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mattatall Lake Stewardship Association

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the request for a grant from the Mattatall Lake Stewardship Association be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

St. James Church of Great
Village Preservation Society

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Parker

"That the request for a grant from the St. James Church of Great Village Preservation Society be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester 4-H
Council – Operational

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the operational request from the Colchester 4-H Council be referred to maintenance budget deliberations."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester County 4-H Council

Brief discussion was held regarding this request being used to offset admission charges to 4-H representatives as a result of recent changes with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor Pash
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Colchester County 4-H Council receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cheer Parent Group

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Pash

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cheer Parent Group."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Cheer Parent Group receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000."

	Motion Carried Unanimously.
First Baptist Girls' Choir	Moved by Councillor Cooper Seconded by Councillor Parker "That the request for funding from the First Baptist Girls' Choir be denied." Motion Carried. <i>(opposed by Councillor Gibbs)</i>
Truro Homeless Outreach Society	Moved by Councillor Parker Seconded by Councillor Taggart "That the request for funding from the Truro Homeless Outreach Society be denied." Motion Carried Unanimously. Council expressed interest in receiving a presentation from the Truro Homeless Outreach Society. It was noted that the organization be advised that funding was not approved as Council felt that not enough information was included in their application.
Alton Community Centre	Moved by Councillor Stewart Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters "That the Municipality provide a grant to the Alton Community Centre." Motion Carried Unanimously. Moved by Councillor Stewart Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters "That the Alton Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000." Motion Carried. <i>(opposed by Councillor Gibbs)</i>
Earlton Community Centre	Moved by Councillor Gregory Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh "That the Municipality provide a grant to the Earlton Community Centre." Motion Carried Unanimously. Moved by Councillor Gregory Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh "That the Earlton Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000." Motion Carried Unanimously.
Village of Tatamagouche	Moved by Councillor Stewart

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the request for funding from the Village of Tatamagouche be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

VON Canada-Colchester East
Hants

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Municipality provide a grant to VON Canada-Colchester East Hants."

Motion Carried. (*opposed by Councillor Parker*)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

"That VON Canada-Colchester East Hants receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Economic Development Grant Applications

Sunrise Film Festival Society

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Sunrise Film Festival Society."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Sunrise Film Festival Society receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000."

Motion Carried. (*opposed by Mayor Blair and Councillor MacKenzie*)

Nova Scotia Blind Golf

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Pash

"That the request for funding from Nova Scotia Blind Golf be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Nova Scotia Women That Hunt

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the Municipality provide a grant to Nova Scotia Women That Hunt."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Nova Scotia Women That Hunt receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro Theatre Society

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the request for funding from the Truro Theatre Society be denied.”

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor MacKenzie)*

Colchester Highland Games & Gathering Society

Mayor Blair advised that an application for a grant was received in November however, due to an oversight, they did not make a presentation. They are tentatively scheduled to make a presentation to Council in May. Concern was expressed about making a decision on this request prior to the presentation being received.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Parker)*

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Parker)*

Not Since Moses Run Incorporated

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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

	Motion Carried Unanimously.
Maritime Junior Limousin Association	<p>Moved by Councillor Taggart Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters</p> <p>“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Maritime Junior Limousin Association.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Taggart Seconded by Councillor Pash</p> <p>“That the Maritime Junior Limousin Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,500.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p>
North Nova Lumberjack Society	<p>Moved by Councillor Stewart Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh</p> <p>“That the request for funding from the North Nova Lumberjack Society be denied.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p>
Community Event Grants	<p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters Seconded by Councillor Stewart</p> <p>“That an additional \$33,500 be included in the budget for requests throughout the fiscal year.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p>
Other Non-Grant Funding	
Branding	<p>The CAO provided a brief overview of the benefits of branding as well as the process for a re-branding exercise which would include an RFP, establishing a small working committee, engaging a 3rd party professional and Council guidance.</p> <p>Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters Seconded by Councillor Cooper</p> <p>“That \$25,000 be included in the 2018-19 budget for branding.”</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p>
Computer & Information Systems – Term Position	Council questioned whether this position should be term or full time permanent. Given the workload being carried by the existing staff and the need for an additional person, it was suggested that this be a full time permanent rather than a term position. Discussion was held regarding a competition for a full time position attracting a higher level of expertise.

The salary range was addressed with Tim Smith, Manager of Computer & Information Systems indicating the amount as presented in the draft budget is not an unfair starting salary.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Municipality support a new Management Information Technology Help Desk full time position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That \$39,272 be included in the 2018-19 budget for a new Management Information Technology Help Desk full time position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Planning Term Position

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That a one year term Planning position be approved; and,

That \$43,736 be included in the 2018-19 budget for this position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Public Works Certified Engineering Technician Position

Brief discussion was held regarding this position being funded through capital projects with no direct impact on the Operating Budget.”

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That an additional Certified Engineering Technician Position be approved; and,

That \$77,147 be funded through capital projects for this position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Flood Advisory Committee

It was noted that \$50,000 was included in the maintenance budget for Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) work. However, the FAC recently recommended that an amount of \$100,000 and a \$25,000 emergency contingency be maintained.

Discussion was held regarding the types of projects funded through FAC and policy concerns regarding consistency in amounts charged to approved applicants for FAC work.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs

Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That \$100,000 plus a \$25,000 emergency contingency be approved for the Flood Advisory Committee."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Taggart)*

Stewiacke Tourism – Visitor Information Centre

The Stewiacke Visitor Information Centre annually receives \$600 for Tourism. In 2017-18, an additional amount of \$1,980 was requested and approved. The same is being requested for 2018-19.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the Stewiacke Visitor Information Centre request for additional funding be approved; and

That an additional \$1,980 be included in the 2018-19 budget."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Position

This position is a seasonal/summer staffing position to assist with the Recreation Department with increased workload in parks and other County owned properties including the Fundy Discovery Site.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Pash

"That a seasonal/summer position for Parks & Recreation be approved; and,

That \$9,125 be included in the 2018-19 budget for this position."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Scotia Pool

Discussion was held regarding the Scotia Pool lease with concern being conveyed regarding the "out clause" and the need to have the Province change this clause.

Concern was expressed regarding a similar request from an organization in 2017-18 who did not receive funding due to their lease with the Province and that all organizations must be treated equally.

Councillor Gibbs removed himself from the table for a short period to attend to a personal matter and was not in attendance for the vote on this motion.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

"That the Municipality continue to support Scotia Pool in 2018-19 in the amount of \$100,000 for operations."

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Cooper, Stewart, Pash, Cavanaugh, Gregory and Taggart)*

Moved by Councillor Pash
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That operating funding in the amount of \$50,000 be approved for Scotia Pool."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Due to the lateness of the meeting, Council discussed reconvening at another time for the completion of budget deliberations. April 23rd was put forth as an option with Councillors Stewart and MacKenzie indicating this date may not work for them.

Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums

Mayor Blair advised that the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000/year for the next three years to assist with their trip to the Netherlands in 2020 for the Celebration of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Council previously funded the organization in 2005, 2010, and 2015.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That funding in the amount \$5,000/year for the next three years be approved for the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums."

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Mayor Blair, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Cooper, MacKenzie, Gregory, Pash, Taggart, and Parker)*

It was suggested that an invitation be extended to the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums to complete a proper application and make a presentation to Council at a later date.

Recess

Again, Council addressed the lateness of the meeting and made the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

"That the meeting recess at 11:55 pm and reconvene on April 23rd at 5:00 pm."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Taggart)*

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 pm on April 23rd for the continuance of budget deliberations.

Approval of Agenda for April 23rd

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the agenda be approved with the addition of one Negotiations item in Closed Session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Scotia Pool

A copy of the revised request from Scotia Pool was circulated in the package for this evening’s meeting. Additionally, Mayor Blair read into the record, a letter of support for Scotia Pool from Ann Smith. A copy of this letter is on file in the Clerk’s Office.

Deputy Mayor expressed concern as the balance sheet, an important part of financial statements, is missing from the information Scotia Pool provided. Council agreed to a verbal update from Glenda Bowers with this information.

Ms. Bowers advised that Scotia Pool currently has \$11,000 in the capital reserve and \$100,000 in an operating reserve. All donations and fundraising monies were transferred to operating, however, to cover costs of necessary roof repairs, \$50,000 must be transferred to capital.

The following comments were made during discussion on this matter:

- Concerns regarding the provincial lease;
- Province’s responsibility to carry out repairs on provincial buildings;
- Funding request changed from \$50,000 each for capital and operating to \$100,000 for operations;
- Providing funding based on need, not capital vs. operating;
- Tax payers being in support of the organization;
- Need for Scotia Pool in community;
- Other situations where area rate is applied within the District;
- Past indications of reducing the annual ask; and,
- Contributions of \$1.5 million since 1999.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council supports an increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for Scotia Pool.”

Motion DEFEATED. *(opposed by Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Cooper, Gibbs, Gregory, Cavanaugh, Pash and Taggart)*

Colchester Food Bank

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Food Bank.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Colchester Food Bank receive a grant in the amount of \$50,000, funded from the Operating Reserve conditional upon staff being satisfied with any and all conditions of building the food bank; and

That this amount be paid back to the Operating Reserve over the next five years.”

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Mayor Blair)*

At this point, Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, advised Council that with all amounts approved thus far, there is a shortfall of \$66,076.

Colchester 4-H Council

Mayor Blair indicated this application is two-fold, requesting \$10,000 this year, and \$10,000 annually on a go forward basis.

Responding to a query on total funding contributions provided to 4-H, Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager, advised that since 2007 they have received \$16,000.

Brief discussion was held regarding the increase in this year’s request compared to previous years. Additionally, concern was expressed regarding this request being in addition to another request for \$5,000 which was previously approved. Clarification was provided regarding the approved \$5,000 which was to help offset admission charges 4-H members are now being required to pay. The request for \$10,000 is to assist with programming costs. Some members of Council indicated support in principle however, noted support of a lesser amount for this year due to the other approved funding.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Pash

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Colchester 4-H Council received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for 2018-19; and,

That this amount be approved annually, to be added as a line item in the budget.”

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Mayor Blair, Councillors Boutilier, Gregory and Parker.*

Colchester Ground Search and Rescue

Brief discussion was held regarding the request for increased funding from \$23,500 to \$34,369. Council agreed that the existing funding amount remain in place and that the group be invited to make a presentation to

Council, providing all necessary information for Council to make an informed decision.

**Civics/Governmental
Training Fund**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That Council approve an amount of \$500 be added to the budget annually for Civics/Governmental Training.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Dalhousie Bicentennial
Gardens**

Council had previously referred this request back to staff to gather more information. Support is being sought for the Botanical Garden for the 200 year anniversary. Since the original request, staff has received additional information from Dr. Gray pertaining to the budget for the project and funding commitments from other sources. The total estimated project cost is \$30,000 with commitments totaling \$20,000.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality support the request from Dalhousie for the Bicentennial Gardens.”

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Taggart and Gregory)*

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That funding in the amount of \$5,000 be approved for the Dalhousie Bicentennial Gardens.”

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Taggart, Stewart and Gregory)*

Colchester Historical Society

Mayor Blair provided a brief overview of the request from the Colchester Historical Society. The request is for an increase in their annual funding from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Brief discussion was held on the current level of funding being sufficient. Council agreed that more information is required and that the Colchester Historical Society be invited to make a presentation to Council. Staff advised that they are tentatively scheduled to make a presentation on May 1st.

**Northumberland Arts
Council**

Councillor Gregory indicated that a request was considered at the meeting on April 16th. Since that time, additional financial information has been provided and it is being requested that Council reconsider the request.

Discussion was held about the need for more than one facility in the area and the two existing facilities being very different and distinct. It was noted that a lot of work has been put into the facility bringing it up to code.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Northumberland Arts Council."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillor Parker)*

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Northumberland Arts Council receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000."

Motion Carried. *(opposed by Councillors Parker and Boutlier)*

Council discussed the need to have balance sheets from organizations with applications for funding and indicated that this should be a mandatory requirement on a go forward basis.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That organizations be required to include balance sheets with all future applications."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motions for Organizations Receiving Annual Grants

Following discussion at the meeting on April 16th, staff investigated whether motions were received into the record for those organizations receiving annual grants. Of the eight organizations, staff was able to find past motions for all groups with the exception of VON and Maggie's Place. Staff is requesting that a motion be made for these two groups as a matter of record.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That VON and Maggie's Place be included as part of the annual grant funding."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Clarification was sought regarding frequency of presentations from organizations receiving annual grants. Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager advised that they are not required to make a presentation every year however, they are required to submit yearly financials. Council can make a request any time to receive updates from these groups.

At this point, Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, provided another update of all amounts approved thus far, noting a deficit of \$86,576.

Council members raised the issue of a number of items which could also affect the budget, such as:

- Doctor Recruitment – the CAO advised that Council previously passed a motion to set up a meeting with the Town of Truro for discussion on this matter and to gauge their interest in working together on this. Deputy Mayor Masters indicated that he feels strongly that this be pursued and it is a good opportunity to show leadership.
- Rural Broadband – Councillor Taggart indicated that he would like to have monies put aside for consultant work. Mr. Austin, Economic Development Officer, advised that some funds have been earmarked for a study in Community Development and Economic Development budgets. Staff is currently working on next steps to gain a better understanding of what is needed.
- Biosolids/Clay Base Application – Referring to a presentation on biosolids previously received from the Director of Public Works, Councillor Cooper asked for an update on handling biosolids via clay base application. Ms. Newell advised that this is still on the roster and an update should be provided in the next couple of months.

Further discussion was held and concern expressed on shortfalls at the MRF. Styrofoam recycling and staffing were a couple of the issues raised. Staff advised that year to year budgets are fairly comparable. However, there are a number of contributing factors for the shortfalls including loss of a regional processing contract; decreased market sales; and, increased cost such as overtime and freight. Most of the operating costs remain fairly static. Price Waterhouse Cooper is currently doing a cost analysis for the Municipality on solid waste and this information will be shared with the EPR Working Committee.

The CAO indicated that the Director of Solid Waste would be best to address some of the concerns being raised. Council suggested that an evening be set aside to have a broader discussion on these issues.

Clarification was sought on how Council would like to deal with the \$86,576 deficit. It was agreed that a transfer be made through the special operating reserve. Tax rates for 2018-19 would remain status-quo with a resolution to this affect to be presented for consideration at the regular April Council meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the meeting go into closed session at 8:40 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:25 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting adjourn at 9:30 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary