

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters	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
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Presentations

Truro Horsemen's Club

Presenters: Mr. Glen Porter, Mr. Robbie Hodges

Mr. Porter and Mr. Hodges appeared before Council to request Council consideration in reducing the County commercial tax rate to be more aligned with the commercial rate of the Village of Bible Hill for the Truro Horsemen's Club.

Included in their presentation was information on the Club's membership, activities and functions, number of staff employed, and their volunteer efforts. The Club is very community oriented, providing a facility for a variety of events and functions to the community, mostly free of charge.

Council discussion included the Club's registered status, requirements for membership, and budgets/financial statements. Mr. Porter advised that monthly in-house financial statements could be provided to Council.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the presentation from the Truro Horsemen's Club be received and referred to Council Committee for discussion and directive to staff."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Biosolids

Presenter: Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works

Ms. Newell advised that the purpose of her presentation was to provide Council with an update on the status of biosolids.

Included in her presentation was information on what biosolids are; a brief history of where Colchester biosolids go, past and present; information on Envirem, the facility where Colchester biosolids are currently being trucked; regulatory bodies; stabilization requirements; jurisdictional review; options going forward; and other considerations.

Discussion on costs for the various options was held, with a suggestion being made for reconsidering the option of handling in-house. Additional discussion was held on Nova Scotia Environment regulations and the possibility of revisiting making an application to use the biosolids as a daily cover in a closed loop system.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the presentation from the Director of Public Works on the topic of biosolids be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That staff be instructed to report back to Council with cost information on building a clay pad.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That a letter be written to the Minister of Environment requesting their staff meet with municipal staff to discuss revisiting the idea of using biosolids as a daily cover in closed loop system.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That staff proceed with a request for expressions of interest for parties to secure Colchester biosolids for treatment and disposal.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary