

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, May 1, 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 Lloyd Gibbs	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Bob Pash	District 9

Others Present

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development
Ms. Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary

Presentations

Colchester Highland Games and Gathering Presenters: Linda and James Finnie

Mr. and Mrs. Finnie appeared before Council concerning an Economic Development Grant for the 2018 Highland Games and Gathering.

Included in their presentation was a recap of the 2017 Highland Games and Gathering; plans for this year's celebrations which include expanding the Games to a two day event and a change of venue, the addition of several new events and announcing that this years Games will be host to the 2018 Maritime Heavyweight Championships.

Mayor Blair informed Mr. and Mrs. Finnie that their request for funding was approved during the budget process. Council took the time to commend all the people who make the Games possible. Discussion was also held on purchasing another kilt made from the Colchester tartan, to have on display in the Courthouse. It was decided this issue would be taken to the next Council meeting.

Nature Conservancy of Canada/Shorebirds of Cobequid Bay Presenter: Kerry Lee Morris-Cormier

Ms. Morris-Cormier appeared before Council to request a letter of support to have the Bay of Fundy included as part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN).

Shorebirds use the mudflats of the Bay as a migratory stopover each year. The WHSRN is a non-regulatory organization, looking for support to add

the Bay of Fundy to a network of key sites of hemispheric importance. across both North and South America.

Colchester Historical Society

Presenters: Margaret Mulrooney and Ashley Sutherland

Ms. Mulrooney and Ms. Sutherland appeared before Council to request that the annual grant given to the Colchester Historical Society be increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for the foreseeable future.

The additional funds will be used to hire a third employee to help manage the increased activity anticipated from implementing a five-year Fund Development Strategy. This employee would be responsible for administrative duties, as well as fund development, and would allow the two current full-time staff to focus on their curatorial and archival duties.

Wood Energy for Central Nova

Presenters: Greg Watson, Ian Ripley and Ed MacDonell

Mr. Watson, Mr. Ripley and Mr. MacDonell appeared before Council to present information on wood energy.

Included in the presentation were: the benefits of partnerships; information on current wood markets and potential new markets; and a look at similar projects taking place on PEI.

Questions from Council included the costs of converting a facility to wood energy; where the wood supply would come from; and what exactly was the group asking for. The group indicated that a letter of support from Council to the Province would be helpful.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That tonight’s presentations be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council agreed to the following outcomes from this meeting:

The matter concerning a letter of support be for the Nature Conservancy of Canada/Shorebirds of Cobequid Bay be referred to the next Council meeting;

The matter of the annual grant increase for the Colchester Historical Society be referred to the next Council meeting for consideration;

The Wood Energy for Central Nova be referred to a future Council meeting for further discussion; and,

The purchase of another Colchester tartan kilt to be displayed in the County Courthouse be taken to Council for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary