

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, October 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Attendance

The following Councillors were in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Bill Masters	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, Chair	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

Also Present

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Recording Secretary
 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
 Mr. Devin Trefry, Research, Policy and Communications Officer
 Mr. Mark Austin, Economic Development Officer

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to complete the review the Municipality's Strategic Priorities.

Other

Moved by Councillor Masters
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That a media release be issued regarding the new Deputy Mayor and Alternate Chair, as a result of the election carried out at the October 25, 2018 Council meeting."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Strategic Priorities Review

Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, provided a brief overview of the process for this evening's meeting indicating that Council will go through a dialog process identifying topics/possibilities for consideration, with a maximum of three to five priorities in total. Discussion should include what topics are most urgent and why, and what are most realistic and why. There may be some priorities that will not be completed in this term of Council and those should be broken down into phases. At the same time, Council should identify and agree on any items on the current list that have been completed and should be removed from the list.

The following items, listed in random order, were identified by Council as potential priorities:

1. Policing
2. Cannabis
3. Internet Improvement
4. Physician Recruitment
5. Community Engagement
6. County Office Infrastructure/Building
7. Transportation Infrastructure/Safety
8. Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) Review
9. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
10. Assessment CAP
11. Small Project Performance

After considerable discussion on the listed priorities, Council decided on a number of changes, including items being removed and added to the Strategic Priorities Chart. The CAO advised that he would like to have these changes in the form of motions of Council. It was agreed that the Service Capacity Review be removed from the list as this item is complete.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Internet Improvement be moved to # 1 on the Strategic Priorities Chart.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommend to Council that Policing be added to the top five priorities on the Strategic Priorities Chart.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council Committee recommend to Council that Physician Recruitment be added under Advocacy on the Strategic Priorities Chart.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council Committee recommend to Council that the Fundy Discovery Site be moved to ‘Now’ and Debert Airport be moved to ‘Next’ on the Strategic Priorities Chart.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council Committee recommend to Council that Biosolids and Waste to Energy be combined as one item on the plan; and

That Economic Development be moved to a ‘Now’ priority on the Strategic Priorities Chart.”

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

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Internet Improvement, Policing, Fundy Discovery Site, Waste to Energy, and Biosolids be accepted as the five Corporate Strategic Priorities.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Gibbs opposed)*

Mr. Mark Austin, Economic Development Officer, advised Council of an upcoming Anti-Poverty Luncheon and inquired about the Municipality providing a funding contribution in the amount of \$250 towards the luncheon, with funds coming from the Economic Development budget. Council agreed to contribute funding in the amount of \$250.

Adjournment

It was agreed that the meeting adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary