

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, September 4, 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 (arrived late)
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Bob Pash	District 9

Others Present

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Ms. Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Mark Austin, Economic Development Officer

Presentations

Municipal Implications of Cannabis Legalization

Presenters: Mark Austin, Economic Development Officer

Shali Manuel, Health Promoter with Public Health

James Shedden, Mental Health and Addictions

Mark Austin appeared before Council along with representatives from Public Health, to present a Public Health approach to cannabis legalization and discuss how the Municipality may chose to move forward with regulations for cannabis.

Included in the presentation from Public Health representatives was an overview of federal and provincial legislation as well as a Nova Scotia cannabis regulatory framework overview; cannabis use stats; potential public health impacts; the public health approach to a cannabis policy; and key considerations for municipalities.

Considerable discussion was held on the topic and included concerns such as children being exposed to cannabis; the possible need for an ad-hoc committee to protect and educate citizens; the proximity of stores that sell cannabis or cannabis related items to public spaces such as school and playgrounds; potential enforcement issues; and the number of components that have been downloaded to the municipalities from provincial and federal government.

Mark Austin then presented on Colchester's readiness for legalized cannabis and more discussion was had on potential issues and outcomes.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:35 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary