

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The Regular Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

### Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
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 Wade Parker	District 11

### Regrets

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Bill Masters	District 2
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Bob Pash	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

### Others Present

Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development  
 Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
 Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- Item 7b, Social Media.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Parker  
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of meetings held on February 5 and 14, 2019 be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meetings held on February 5 and 14, 2019.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### Harmony Road Sidewalk

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works advised that the roundabout project in Debert originally approved in the capital budget for fiscal 2018/19 and 2019/20 has been delayed due to lack of archaeological clearance. As a

result, staff is recommending that the construction of the Harmony Road sidewalk be moved forward from 2020/21 to 2019/20.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the construction of the Harmony Road Sidewalk, as included in Council’s approved 5-year capital budget, be moved ahead from fiscal 2020/21 to fiscal 2019/20.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Annual Account Write Offs**

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, advised that this item relates to annual write offs. There are two write offs being recommended for this year, one for property taxes and one for a Tatamagouche Water Utility account. The total amount recommended for write off in 2018/19 is \$3,577.11.

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the property taxes and interest totaling \$3577.11 be written off.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Homestead/College Road Crosswalk**

Councillor Parker advised that about a year and a half ago, Council discussed a crosswalk for Burriss Drive and that he feels there is also a need, for safety reasons, for a crosswalk at the intersection on College Road and Homestead Drive. Area residents are also in favour of a crosswalk at this location. Councillor Parker indicated that he is in favour of the crosswalk with LED lighting. Included in the package for tonight’s meeting were letters from Valley Elementary and Redcliff Middle Schools, as well as a petition.

Brief discussion was held on the petition that was circulated and the process for requesting a crosswalk according to Council’s current policy.

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the request for a crosswalk at the intersection on College Road and Homestead Drive be referred to staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Social Media**

Councillor Boutilier expressed concern regarding the lack of presence on social media and inquired about the status of the Community Engagement Strategy. Staff advised that the Strategy has been completed and will be coming forward to Council either at the end of month meeting or at April Committee.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Kennel By-law Process Update**

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development, provided a brief overview on the status of the Kennel By-law with the timeline for bringing

the draft By-law forward to Council. The following timeline was presented to the Executive Committee, with agreement that it be provided to Council:

- Regular Council Meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> – presentation of draft By-law to Council for initial discussion;
- Special Council Meeting immediately before April 11th Committee meeting – First Reading; and,
- Special Council Meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Second Reading and Public Hearing.

Due to advertising requirements of Second Reading and Public Hearing for the By-law, there is insufficient time between the Regular Committee meeting and the Regular Council meeting in April. The above timeline would avoid extensive delays to the original proposed timelines.

It was noted that Council would receive a copy of the draft By-law for the meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, a copy of the By-law would be made available to the public and stakeholders following the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Director's Report**

A Report from the Director of Community Development was circulated in the package for this evening's meeting.

Brief discussion was held on funding applications for the Debert Airport, the status of the Fundy Discovery Site development, and archaeology processes. Responding to a query on funding applications for the Debert Airport, Mr. Macpherson noted that it would not interfere with funding opportunities concerning rural internet.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the meeting adjourn at 7:41 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary