

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, February 4, 2020.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
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 Bob Pash	District 9 (arrived late)
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10 (arrived late)

Regrets

Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Others Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary

Presentations

Empowering Communities: Public Library Highlights **Presenter: Tiffany Bartlett, CEO**

Ms. Bartlett appeared before Council to provide an update on recent library events and programs happening in Colchester County.

Included in the presentation was a breakdown of library locations and services; the number of active library card holders; the number of physical item and e-checkouts, room bookings, wi-fi connections, programs offered and visitors for the 2018/19 year; an overview of the local Colchester County and Truro library locations; and reasons to visit the library.

Discussion was held on the cost of room bookings and what kind of groups are using them; the cost of new satellite programs or the cost of expanding the current one; and how funding is decided.

Concerns of Commo Road Residents re: Greenwood Plastics **Presenter: Kelly Marcoux**

Ms. Marcoux appeared before Council to express concerns about the disturbances Greenwood Plastics is causing to the residents of Commo Road.

Presented was a list of concerns which included pollution (air, water, noise and light); the lack of zoning; the lack of a noise by-law; increased property taxes; the ruination of the rural environment; and the lack of resident consultation. Also included was a list of what residents want, including noise reduction, some form of zoning in the area, mitigation of the effects on the community, the development of a noise by-law and governance over operating hours.

Discussion was held on Department of Environment regulations, the resident's quality of life being affected, the business being grandfathered even if zoning was introduced, and the uncertainty of what provisions the County has in this situation.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the presentations from the Colchester-East Hants Public Library and the Commo Road residents be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Mayor Blair

"That the presentation from the residents of Commo Road be referred to the February Council Committee meeting."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Hunting Restrictions
Presenter: John Mumford

Mr. Mumford appeared before Council to express concerns with people bird hunting in the Lower Truro marsh area.

Included in the presentation was current regulations for hunting with shotguns, zoning in the area, and safety and noise concerns.

Discussion was held on the County creating regulations around hunting on County trails, whether deer hunting is also a concern and what authority the Municipality has on these types of issues.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Pash

"That the presentation be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Lafarge Brookfield Cement Plant – Tire Derived Fuel Project
Presenters: Rob Cumming and Blair Walker

Mr. Cumming and Mr. Walker appeared before Council to present an update on Lafarge's tire derived fuel project at their Brookfield plant.

Included in the presentation was quick facts on tire derived fuel in Nova Scotia, early emission results for the current project and next steps for Lafarge.

Discussion was held on what sizes of tires are accepted to the project, other fuel sources used by the plant and the possibility of burning single use plastics in the future.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Pash

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:56 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary