

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

### Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Laurie Sandeson	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, Chair	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### Others Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary  
 Tim Smith, Mgr of Computer and Information Systems (for Technical Support)  
 Craig Burgess, Manager of Recreation Services  
 Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development  
 Paul Smith, Senior Planner

### Regrets

Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
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### Presentations

#### **Shubenacadie Canal Waterway – Transitions Project Presenter – Claire Halpern and Brad Hodgins**

Mr. Halpern and Mr. Hodgins appeared before Council to talk about the Shubenacadie Canal Commission's (SCC) new project, Transitions.

Included in the presentation was a history of the SCC; an overview of their mission, which is to preserve the historic features of the Shubenacadie Canal Waterway and to provide access to the waterway for the education and enjoyment of the public; a summary of the waterway area and past projects the SCC has completed with other municipalities; an overview of the Transitions project which is a three year research and planning project to increase awareness, access and usage of the Shubenacadie Canal Waterway as a natural and cultural resource; supporters of the project, which include the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Nova Scotia Communities, Cultures and Heritage and the Shubenacadie Canal Waterway; the phases and priorities of the project; the plans for an Advisory Committee; and their ask of Colchester, which is to form an ongoing working relationship with staff and Council.

Brief discussion was held on the timeline of forming the Advisory Committee, what type of members they are looking for and clarification on project funding.

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
 Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**A Community Green Space for Salmon River  
Presenter – Scott Hagell and Ginny Hingley**

Mr. Hagell and Ms. Hingley appeared before Council to give an updated presentation on a potential green space for Salmon River.

Included in the presentation was a review of their previous presentation to Council; a history and description of the site; a list of potential uses for the site; a list of upgrades completed by the County after the last presentation; and their ask of Colchester, which is to have the space designated as a permanent municipal park/greenspace.

Discussion was held on the level of support for the project as well as who would provide maintenance; the number of current users; what the financial impact for the County would be; and the potential for the site to be shared by multiple users.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier  
Seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That the presentation be referred to a future Council Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Fundy Discovery Site  
Presenters – Marc Belanger, AldrichPears Associates; Ron Burdock,  
Architecture49; Thomas McGuire, Group ATN**

Mr. Belanger, Mr. Burdock and Mr. McGuire appeared before Council to present the upgraded plan for the Fundy Discovery Site.

Included in the presentation was an overview of the interpretive approach taken with the project; plans for the visitor experience; visitor’s centre concept; architectural concept; business plan; and the goals and objectives of the project which include showcasing the significance of the tidal bore, to develop a space that provides a memorable experience for the public, to establish the site as a gateway experience to the Bay of Fundy region, and to establish a sustainable operating model for the site.

Moved by Mayor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Mayor Blair

“That the presentation from the Shubenacadie Canal Commission be referred to a future Council Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:49 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham  
Recording Secretary