

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, September 7, 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 Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

Others Present

Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Paul Smith, Acting Director of Community Development
 Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
 Devin Trefry, Research, Policy and Community Engagement
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst (for Technical Support)

Regrets

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Presentations

Finding the Path: Trauma and Grief in Colchester **Presenters: Serena Lewis and Dr. Karen Ewing**

Ms. Lewis and Ms. Ewing appeared before Council to present the idea of creating a trauma centre in Colchester and having the County's support of that vision.

Included in the presentation was a recap of the traumatic and tragic events that have taken place in the area over the last couple years and information on re-traumatization; the need for trauma informed professionals; the need for collaboration on a project of this magnitude; the lack of coordinated leadership; and the danger of being grief avoidant. The proposed plan is for a healing centre, perhaps located at MacElmons Pond, that would serve the surrounding communities.

Discussion was held on the proposed building being owned by the province and currently slotted for demolition; the need for involvement from other organizations, including all levels of government; and other options for trauma and grief support.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
 Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That staff investigate the status of the building located at MacElmons Pond and that the presentation be referred to the next Council Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Benoit
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:09 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary

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