

## 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, February 1, 2022.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, Deputy Mayor Stewart acknowledged that the Municipality of Colchester is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.

### 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 (arrived at 6:10 pm)
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7 (arrived at 7:06 pm)
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### Regrets

#### Others Present

Rob Simonds, CAO  
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development  
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary  
 Tim Smith, Mgr., Computer and Information Systems (for Technical Support)  
 Jennifer Mantin, Economic Development Officer  
 Joanna Burris, Sustainability Planner

### Presentations

#### **Renewable Energy Systems – Windy Ridge Wind Farm Presenter: Oscar Urbina**

Mr. Urbina appeared before Council to present the details of a potential wind turbine project in Colchester County.

Included in the presentation was:

- Information on Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. and their ties to Nova Scotia
- The companies experience with wind turbines in Canada
- Information on the government RFP including the current timeline
- Project location, overview and potential benefits
- Upcoming activities

Discussion was held on:

- Clarification on the location of the project including proximity to lakes and houses
- The other proposed turbine projects in the area
- Decommissioning plans should the project move ahead

Moved by Councillor Johnson  
 Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the presentation be received.”

**Carbon Free Colchester**  
**Presenter: Yuill Herbert, SSG**

Mr. Herbert appeared before Council to provide information on the Carbon Free Colchester program.

Included in the presentation was:

- Information on current emission levels and where the levels would be in the coming years if nothing changes
- Projected levels for the future if we were to reduce our emissions
- What changes would be necessary to reduce emissions
- Projected investment costs as well as projected revenues from the changes
- Ways to ensure success

Brief discussion was held on:

- Potential ways the County could implement changes including through policies
- Changes that could be made to County buildings and vehicles
- Scaling up existing County programs to further reduce emissions

Moved by Councillor Benoit  
 Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That the presentation be received.”

**Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor Patton  
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting go into closed session at 7:20 pm.”

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
 Seconded by Councillor Lomond

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 8:06 pm.”

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
 Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the meeting adjourn at 8:07 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham  
 Recording Secretary