

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

A Special Session of the Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually, via Zoom Webinars on Monday, April 11, 2022, beginning at 6:00 pm.

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
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4 (arrived at 6:05)
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

**Staff Present**

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corp. Services/Acting Director of Solid Waste  
 Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development  
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary  
 Mollie MacBurnie-Haas

**Purpose**

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a presentation from staff regarding the draft "maintenance" budget. This is part of the budget process for 2022-23.

**Staff Presentation**

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, made a presentation regarding the budget process; the delivery of core municipal services; tax collection and transfer obligations to the province; debt pay-down and capital reserves; and Council's priorities. The presentation also gave a preview of the next steps in the budget process, including additions and deletions.

**Questions and Answers/Information Request**

Council questions and comments included:

- The amount being charged for deed transfer tax and the possibility of the province increasing that number;
- How a \$0.01 change in the tax rate would affect revenues;
- A revenue comparison of neighbouring municipalities;
- Whether the increase in RCMP costs includes retro payments for their salary increase;
- An update on the potential agricultural market for compost and whether the Municipality would see increased revenue if that were to happen;
- What kind of financial pressure the accessibility plan will have on revenues.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Patton

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

Suzanne Graham  
Recording Secretary

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