

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars and in person, on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, Councillor Cooper 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:

Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart	District 3 (virtual)
Councillor Mike Cooper, Chair	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7 (virtual)
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Laurie Sandeson	District 2
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10

Others Present

Rob Simonds, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst (for Technical Support)

Presentations

Marigold Cultural Centre – Annual Grant Update Presenters – Farida Gabbani and Cyndi MacLean

Ms. Gabbani and Ms. MacLean appeared before Council to update them on the Marigold, as required for their annual grant.

Included in the presentation was the vision and mission statement of the Cobequid Arts Council; a list of programs the Marigold runs; a list of community partnerships; organizations the Marigold supports as well as support they have received; and highlights from the last few years.

Council thanked the presenters and noted that the Marigold is the complete package for cultural events in the area.

Moved by Councillor Beniot
 Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the presentation be received”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro and Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity Presenter – David Phillips

Mr. Phillips appeared before Council to provide an update on the Truro and Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity (TCPEP).

Included in the presentation was background information on the organization and the businesses they have supported thus far; the current economic situation in Nova Scotia and the effects it has on small business; TCPEP's priorities for the next couple years and how they plan to achieve them; and information on the Truro Colchester Welcome Network which is launching soon.

Discussion was held on staffing numbers at TCPEP; support for agricultural businesses; how TCPEP could help immigrants navigate the red tape of coming to Canada; and what the County can do to help TCPEP with the priorities they have identified.

Moved by Councillor Benoit
Seconded by Councillor Patton

"That the presentation be received".

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Benoit

"That the meeting adjourn at 7:56 pm".

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary