

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A Special Session of the Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted in Council Chambers on March 20, beginning at 6:00 pm.

In peace and in friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, it was 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 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 Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
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Staff Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Tracey Veno, Deputy Clerk (for last presentation on March 23rd)
 Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager
 Jen Boiduk, Recreation Administrative Support Clerk

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of these meetings was to receive presentations from organizations requesting grants through the Municipality's Community Event Grants and Grants to Non-Profit Organizations, as part of the 2023/24 budget process.

Presentations

Community Events Grant Presentations

North Shore Senior Citizens Association

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Patton

"That Council receive the presentation from the North Shore Senior Citizens Association." Carried unanimously.

Hook-in Fibre Friends V.2.0

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Councillor Patton

"That Council receive the presentation from the Hook-in Fibre Friends V.2.0." Carried unanimously.

Canadian Grand Master Fiddling Association

Moved by Councillor Lomond and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Canadian Grant Master Fiddling Association.” Carried unanimously.

Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Presentations

West Colchester Community Development Association

Moved by Councillor Sandeson and seconded by Mayor Blair

“That Council receive the presentation from the West Colchester Community Development Association.” Carried unanimously.

Burnside Pembroke Community Hall Association

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from Burnside Pembroke Community Hall Association.” Carried Unanimously.

Alton Recreation Centre

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council receive the presentation from Alton Recreation Centre.” Carried unanimously.

Debert Military Museum

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Debert Military Museum.” Carried unanimously.

Colchester Crime Stoppers

Moved by Councillor Sandeson and seconded by Councillor Lomond

“That Council receive the presentation from the Colchester Crime Stoppers.” Carried unanimously.

CCRCE-Tatamagouche Regional Academy Food Pantry Program

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the CCRCE-Tatamagouche Regional Academy Food Pantry Program.” Carried unanimously.

Truro Pride Society

Moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro Pride Society.” Carried unanimously.

Cantabile Choral Society

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That Council receive the presentation from Cantabile Choral Society.” Carried unanimously.

Canadian Mental Health Association

Moved by Councillor Sandeson and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Canadian Mental Health Association.” Carried unanimously.

Additionally, the following organizations submitted applications but did not make a presentation to Council:

- Creamery Square Association - Memorial
- Creamery Square Association - Garden Bed
- TREY (Trauma Recovery for Exploited Youth)
- Central New Annan Community Association

Moved by Councillor Lomond and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the presentations for Community Event Grants and Grants to Non-Profit Organizations be received.” Carried unanimously.

RECESS

It was agreed that the meeting recess at 8:55 pm, reconvening on March 23rd to receive the remainder of the presentations.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm with all Council members in attendance except for Councillor Boutillier.

Community Events Grant Presentations

Hubtown Street Hockey Association

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That Council receive the presentation from the Hubtown Street Hockey Association.” Carried unanimously.

Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Presentations

The Trustees of the Riverside Community Hall Association

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Trustees of the Riverside Community Hall Association.” Carried unanimously.

Brule Community Centre

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Brule Community Centre.” Carried unanimously.

The Tatamagouche Boatshop

Moved by Councillor Sandeson and seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council receive the presentation from the Tatamagouche Boatshop.” Carried unanimously.

Truro/Colchester Senior’s Safety Program

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro/Colchester Senior’s Safety Program.” Carried unanimously.

Cobequid Speed Skating Club

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Lomond

“That Council receive the presentation from the Cobequid Speed Skating Club.” Carried unanimously.

Kempton and Area Recreation Association

Moved by Councillor Sandeson and seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council receive the presentation from the Kempton and Area Recreation Association.” Carried unanimously.

Northumberland Arts Council

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Northumberland Arts Council.” Carried unanimously.

Truro Colchester Welcome Network Association

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro Colchester Welcome Network Association.” Carried unanimously.

Autism Nova Scotia-Truro Chapter

Moved by Councillor Sandeson and seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That Council receive the presentation from the Autism Nova Scotia-Truro Chapter.” Carried unanimously.

Truro Housing Outreach Society

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Truro Housing Outreach Society.” Carried unanimously.

Debert Legion- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 106

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That Council receive the presentation from the Debert Legion- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 106.” Carried unanimously.

CARMA Cat Rescue- Colchester Chapter

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Mayor Blair

“That Council receive the presentation from the CARMA Cat Rescue- Colchester Chapter.” Carried unanimously.

Scotia Pool Society

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That Council receive the presentation from the Scotia Pool Society.” Carried unanimously.

This concluded the grant presentations for the 2023/24 budget process.

Cliffs of Fundy Geopark

Sacha Brake, Cliffs of Fundy (COF) Geopark Director, appeared before Council to provide a presentation on the COF Geopark and request an increase in the Municipality's annual contribution in the amount of \$50,000 for fiscal 2023/24. Included in Ms. Brakes presentation was information on:

- achievements to date;
- provincial and federal investments;
- community engagement and partnerships;
- Revalidation requirements in 2023 and anticipated costs;
- way finding signage in the region;
- operating costs;
- current funding from municipal partners and requested increase;
- networking, maintenance and growth opportunities; and,
- Mission and Vision statements.

Discussion following the presentation included rental costs and staff requirements for the office space in Parrsboro; costs associated with extending the tourism season; revalidation requirements; the need to bring these types of presentations before Joint Councils; and requests for budget information. Ms. Brake indicated that due to timing of budget deliberations, she was unable to coordinate a Joint Council meeting. She also noted that a detailed budget would be provided for circulation to Council.

Moved by Councillor Benoit and seconded by Councillor Patton

"That the presentation on the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark be received." Carried unanimously.

Other

The CAO advised Council of the need for a presentation from Matt Moore, RECC General Manager prior to budget deliberations. The date of the Maintenance Budget, April 11th, was suggested as a possible date. Responding to a query about this being a Joint Council meeting with the Town of Truro, the CAO advised that it would not be a Joint Council meeting. Council agreed to the suggested April 11th date to receive the presentation from the RECC.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Councillor Benoit

"That the meeting adjourn at 11:24 pm."

Jen Boiduk

Tracey Veno

Recording Secretary

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