

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, May 16, 2023.

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
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8

Others Present

Rob Simonds, CAO
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
 Jenn Mantin, Economic Development Officer
 Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Tim Smith, Manager of Information Systems (for Technical Support)

Presentations

Nova Scotia's Climate Risk Assessment and Climate Action Plan Presenter - Joanna Burris

Joanna appeared before Council to present them with an overview of Nova Scotia's Climate Risk Assessment and Climate Action Plan and explain how they relate to Colchester's Carbon-Free Colchester Community Energy and Emissions Plan and other ongoing initiatives.

Included in the presentation was:

- The goals of the Climate Risk Assessment
- How Nova Scotia's climate is changing and how that change will affect the well-being of Nova Scotians
- The four sections of the Climate Change Plan
- Specific benefits and risks for Colchester

Discussion was held on whether or not we should expect to see new species of bugs as the weather changes; getting rid of oil heat by 2025 being unrealistic; the potential of having the building code have requirements to make new builds more green.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Scotia BioChar
Presenters – Liz and Francis MacKenzie

Mr. and Ms. MacKenzie appeared before Council to present their plan to build a biochar plant in Debert.

Included in the presentation was:

- Background information on their company
- Information on the proposed plant, how much it could produce, how many people it would employ and some of the expected economic value
- What biochar is and some of its uses
- What wood vinegar is and some of its uses.

Discussion was held on the proposed timeline to get the plant up and running; what kind of impact, if any, the plan would have on the Debert Airport; whether wood received at the MRF could be used; what kind of training would someone need to work there; and the effects the plant would have on nearby residents.

Moved by Councillor Sandeson
Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That the presentation be referred to the next Council meeting”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:33”.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary