

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, June 6, 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 Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9

Regrets

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Others Present

Scott Fraser, Interim CAO and Director of Corporate Services
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Tim Smith, Manager of Computer and Information Systems (for Technical Support)

Presentations

Canadian Heritage Rivers System
Claire Halpern, Executive Director and Brad Hodgins, Board Member
Shubenacadie Canal Commission

Ms. Halpern and Mr. Hodgins appeared before Council to request a letter of support to have the Shubenacadie Canal designated as a Canadian Heritage River.

Included in the presentation was:

- Background information on the Commission;
- An overview of their Transition project, a three-year research and planning project to increase awareness, access and usage of the Shubenacadie Waterway;
- Information on the Canadian Heritage River System including the benefits of being designated;
- The process to become designated as a Canadian Heritage River;
- The timeline for Commission to seek the designation.

Brief discussion was held on how the Commission makes money and what kind of grants are available to them.

Moved by Councillor Sandeson
 Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the presentation be received”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Mayor Blair

“That the presentation be referred to staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Impact Canada’s FoodCycler Pilot Program
Kassia Régnier, Municipal Program Coordinator
Food Cycle Science

Ms. Régnier appeared before Council to provide information on the FoodCycler Pilot Program.

Included in the presentation was:

- Background information on the company, a Canadian based company focused on food waste diversion solutions who have already partnered with 80 municipalities
- The benefits of the FoodCycler over regular composting (landfills are filling up, the hauling costs of compost, methane production, etc.)
- Impacts of the FoodCycler on the environment, the economic as well as regulatory and social impacts
- Information on the 12-week pilot program and potential costs.

Discussion was held on what types of food the system can process, the lifecycle of the unit, warranty information and if the product is available to purchase off the shelf.

Moved by Councillor Benoit
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the presentation be received”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation be referred to staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Jordan Municipal Support Project
Mayor Blair

Mayor Blair appeared before Council to update them on the conclusion of the Jordan Municipal Support Project (JMSP).

Included in the presentation was a history of the project, which began in 2017, was implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and funded by Global Affairs Canada and included 12 Jordan and 5 Canadian

municipalities. Each municipality had a tailored approach that was adapted to their needs. The program achievements included providing the municipalities with better governance practices and improved solid waste services.

Moved by Councillor Sandeson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Benoit
Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That the meeting adjourn at 7:13 pm”.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary