

## 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, September 5, 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:

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 Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### Regrets

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7

### Others Present

Scott Fraser, Acting CAO and Director of Corporate Services  
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary  
 Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Jenn Mantin, Economic Development Officer  
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst (for Technical Support)

### Presentations

#### **Sustain Agro**

**Joachim Stroink, Chief Government and Global Relations Officer and Michael Branchflower, Invest NS**

Mr. Stroink and Mr. Branchflower appeared before Council to present their proposal for a renewable diesel plant in Debert.

Included in the presentation was:

- An introduction to the team members involved in the project.
- An overview of the process they will use.
- A timeline of their progress thus far.
- A comparison of renewable diesel, biodiesel and petroleum diesel.
- Carbon credits and their opportunity to sell them.
- The potential to convert biochar into graphene.
- The potential layout at the Debert plant.

Discussion was held on:

- The reason Sustain Agro had originally wanted to set up in PEI and why that plan changed.
- The number of jobs the plant could create and whether they would require skilled or unskilled workers.
- Whether trees that have already fallen can be used for biochar.

- The potential noise and emissions the plant would create.
- The traffic the plant would create.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation be received”.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier  
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the presentation be referred to staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Provincial/Municipal Service Exchange  
Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services**

Mr. Fraser appeared before Council to present the proposed changes to the Provincial/Municipal Service Exchange Agreement.

Moved by Councillor Sandeson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting go into closed session at 7:05 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 8:11 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Patton  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting adjourn at 8:12 pm”.

Suzanne Graham  
Recording Secretary