

## 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, October 3, 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 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

None

### Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO  
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development  
 Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works (for Item #4)  
 Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor  
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary  
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst (for Technical Support)

### Presentations

#### **Kmtunk Wind Project Oscar Urbina and Angus Doane**

Mr. Urbina and Mr. Doane appeared before Council to present their plan for a wind farm project in Colchester.

Included in the presentation was

- An introduction to all of the project partners
- An overview of the project location and potential timeline
- The studies that will be included in the Environmental Surveys
- The work that has been completed to date
- Information on community and stakeholder engagement
- Next steps

Discussion was held on

- What percentage of the projects lands are private vs. Crown
- What portion of the power generated is going to Point Tupper
- Concern over the timeline
- Size and number of the turbines
- The need for more open houses
- Clarification on the electricity subsidy fund

- If they plan to come back to Council should the project move forward

Moved by Councillor Patton  
Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received”.

**Protect Wentworth Valley**  
**Nancy Frame, Leslie Dykeman and Garfield Moffatt**

Ms. Frame and Ms. Dykeman appeared before Council to request a pause on wind turbine projects in Colchester.

Included in the presentation was an update on the judicial review requested by the group; information on the Windy Ridge development and on Everwind, the company behind the development; concerns the group have for the project; and a map of the potential wind projects currently being proposed in the Colchester area.

Discussion was held on

- The reasoning for the Province not giving the land protective status
- The total number of turbines being proposed in the area
- The power being generated by this project being exported to other countries

Moved by Councillor Lomond  
Seconded by Mayor Blair

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Conflict of Interest Refresher**  
**Dennis James**

Mr. James appeared before Council to provide a refresher to Council on conflict of interest and when to declare a conflict.

Included in the presentation was

- Information on direct and indirect conflicts
- Multiple examples of cases that have gone to court
- The definition of what constitutes a family member
- Exceptions to the rules
- Procedures to declare a conflict
- Consequences of a violation
- When to get advice on a potential conflict

Clarification was requested on specific situations such as when a spouse sits on an organization’s board, when someone has been a past board member but is no longer serving and what to do when information is sent to a councillor’s personal email vs. their County email.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Benoit  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting adjourn at 8:22 pm”.

Suzanne Graham  
Recording Secretary