

## 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 Monday, May 6, 2024.

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 Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10

### Regrets

Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO  
 Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works (for first presentation)  
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development (for first presentation)  
 Jenn Mantin, Economic Development Officer (for first presentation)  
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary  
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst (for Technical Support)

### **ScotiaPort**

#### **Dr. Ernest Korankye**

Mr. Korankye appeared before Council to update them on the ScotiaPort project.

Included in the presentation was:

- A recap of their plan to build Atlantic Canada's first in-land port which would include a rail terminal, logistics and distribution park, industrial and manufacturing as well as commercial aspects.
- Maps of the project site showing what land has already been secured, the land left to secure, where the rail and truck terminals would be locations as well as plans for the highway interchange that would need to be put in place.
- The economic impacts for both the county and the entire region.
- Everything that has been completed so far including an environmental assessment, transportation study, indigenous community consultations and business and masterplan development.

- Everything that is coming up next including government and stakeholder consultation, zoning of lots, partner engagement and breaking ground.

Discussion was held on:

- Whether Nova Scotia Public Works has approved the plans for the highway interchange and what the expected cost is.
- The plans for the land that has not yet been acquired.
- If there are plans for more community engagement moving forward.
- What the intended buffer would be between the site and the residential area.
- Potential companies that might want to have a warehouse at the location being proposed in Debert.
- What kind of traffic studies have been completed.
- When Phase I would begin construction should the project be approved.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Lomond

“That the presentation be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### **RCMP Update**

**S/Sgt. Marc Rose**

S/Sgt. Rose appeared before Council to provide an update from the Bible Hill detachment.

Included in the presentation was:

- A brief background of S/Sgt. Rose’s career
- An overview of operations and current staffing.
- Information on the role of the social resource officer.
- Different levels of calls and the amount of officer time they require.
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Discussion was held on:

- How and when vacancies will be filled.
- How often the school resource officer is in the schools
- What level of call a nuisance by-law matter would be and what action is taken.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier

Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received.”

#### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“The meeting adjourn at 8:22 pm.”

Suzanne Graham  
Recording Secretary