

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 4, 2024.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, Councillor Cooper 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
Councillor Mike Cooper, Chair	District 4
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10

Regrets

Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart	District 3
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO
 Jenn Martin, Economic Development Officer (for second presentation)
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Mollie MacBurnie-Haas, Desktop Support Tech (for Technical Support)

Colchester Ground Search and Rescue Jeff Winters, Administration Section Chief

Mr. Winters appeared before Council to provide an update on the group's finances and future planning.

Included in the presentation was information on the organization, which will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary next year, including:

- Their current location was purchased in 2010, upgraded in 2015 and expanded in 2022.
- Current membership is around 75 members, all with various skills and training.
- The organization is currently working on becoming certified to use drones in searches through the RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) program.
- Last year members logged over 13,000 hours, mainly on training exercises, although civil responses are becoming more frequent during emergency situations (wellness checks, evacuations, etc).
- Goals for the next 5 years were also provided.

Discussion was held on:

- When they will have the RPAS program up and running.
- The organization wanting a seat on the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (REMAC).

- What the budget is to install the concrete floor in the current building.
- If the organization has given consideration to having members who only fundraise and don't participate in training or searches.
- How much the organization makes on the 50/50.
- What equipment new members are responsible for purchasing.

Moved by Councillor Benoit
 Seconded by Councillor Patton

"That the presentation be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Hospitality Centre
 Derek Taylor and Leonard Dash**

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Dash appeared before Council to discuss 6 Ventura Drive in Debert. The Hospitality Centre previously purchased the property from the County and are now looking for the County to either buy it back or to remove the covenants so that it can be sold as a residential property.

Included in the presentation was background information on the business, including the reason they purchased the property in the first place. In order to qualify for a federal contract, the Hospitality Centre required 3 more beds. 6 Ventura Drive was purchased from the County and renovated for this use. Covid then delayed the federal contract and the program is still not up and running at this time. The Hospitality Centre is now looking to sell the property as it is no longer needed.

Discussion was held on:

- The effects on the business if they are unable to sell the property.
- How much they would ask for the property, should the County agree to buy it back.
- The potential of having the address changed from Ventura Dr. to Acadia Ave.
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Moved by Councillor Sandeson
 Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

"That the presentation be received."

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
 Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

"The meeting adjourn at 7:11 pm."

Suzanne Graham
 Recording Secretary