

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A Special Session of the Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually, via Zoom Webinars and in person on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning at 5:00 pm.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, it was acknowledged that the Municipality of Colchester is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.

Roll Call

Mayor Christine Blair	<i>(Virtual)</i>
Councillor Paul Weatherby	District 1
Deputy Mayor Laurie Sandeson, Chair	District 2
Councillor Sheldon Richardson	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5 <i>(Regrets)</i>
Councillor Nigel Leggett	District 6 <i>(Arrived at 5:15)</i>
Councillor Sherry Martell	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9 <i>(Arrived at 5:39)</i>
Councillor Charlene Fletcher	District 10 <i>(Regrets)</i>
Councillor Alan Kennedy	District 11

Staff Present

Dan Troke, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corp. Services
 Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development
 Phil Redden, Director of Solid Waste
 Jennifer Mantin, Economic Development Officer
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Tim Smith, Manager of Information Services

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a presentation from staff regarding the draft “maintenance” budget. This is part of the budget process for 2025-2026.

Staff Presentation

Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, made a presentation regarding the budget process; revenues and expenditures; decision making considerations; transfers to the province; the delivery of core municipal services; tax collection; capital reserves; and Council’s priorities. The presentation also gave a preview of the next steps in the budget process, including additions and deletions.

Questions and Answers/Information Request

Council questions and comments included:

- How PVSC determines property values and how we budget for tax revenue
- Depreciation and why it doesn't factor into the bottom line
- How the amount of the provincial transfers are calculated
- RCMP retro payment
- If there is anything the Municipality can do regarding the bus driver shortage
- The amount being set aside for J Class roads.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Patton,
 Seconded by Councillor Kennedy

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“That the presentation be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary