

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 3, 2025.

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

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	(regrets)
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 (regrets)
Councillor Nigel Leggett	District 6
Councillor Sherry Martell	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Charlene Fletcher	District 10
Councillor Allan Kennedy	District 11 (left at 6:53 pm)

Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Mollie MacBurnie-Haas, Desktop Support Tech

The Grace Arts Centre, Creamery Square Arts Society, Amanda Gillis, Programming Operations Manager, Janet Mosney, Gallery Operations Manager

Ms. Gills and Ms. Mosney appeared before Council to seek annual funding in the amount of \$15,000.

Included in the presentation was information on the community space and artist studio that they have been working on since 2021. This will be located on the top floor of the Boat Shop, which is next door to the Grace building. To date, they have spent \$65,000 on this project and are working to raise another \$50,000. They also plan to install a canopy over the entrance to protect patrons when they are waiting to get into the building.

The Grace is one of only two arts centres in the area, and the only one in rural Colchester County. It gives people a place to go for the arts without having to drive to Truro.

Other programs offered include youth drama camps, large community theatre productions and community rentals. Also on the property is the Ice House Gallery, a commercial gallery which holds five shows a year and the Betty Murray Theatre with 170 seats for youth camps and various productions.

Brief discussion was held on how the annual funding would benefit the Centre. Along with providing some funding for repairs and maintenance, funding would give them the ability to have more variety in their programming.

Moved by Councillor Martell
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation be received”.
 Motion Carried.

**Windy Ridge and Kmtnuk Wind Power Projects Update
 Graham Marshall, Membertou First Nations, Rebecca Crump, Heads of
 Renewables, Mark Stewart, Director of Engagement**

The group appeared before Council to provide them with an update on the two projects currently in development in Colchester County.

Included in the presentation was a brief overview of the information previously given to Council as well as a project update with the improvements made. Key improvements include:

- Changing the turbine model. All turbines at this site will now be the same, 8mw model. Because of this change, they were also able to eliminate two turbines completely from the project and still increase the power that will be generated.
- Realigned the site so there are no turbines on the West side of the East Folly Mountain River, an area of concern with residents.
- A 19% reduction of roads within the area.
- A commitment to form a committee on mainland moose, with members from all levels of government.

The key benefit of this project to the County is tax revenue. Other benefits include significant job creation, proximity payments to homeowners in the area, community vibrancy fund and a bursary fund.

Discussion was held on:

- How many megawatts will it take to run the plant and what will happen to the over production of power.
- Where potential access roads will be located and where would delivery of the components take place.
- What is the estimated life of the project and the decommissioning plans.
- Is there any way to recycle any of the components.
- The use of aircraft detection lighting systems rather than having two lights on each turbine.

Moved by Councillor Patton
 Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received”.
 Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Martell

“The meeting adjourn at 7:39 pm.”

Suzanne Graham
 Recording Secretary