

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, September 2, 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	
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
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

Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Tim Smith, Manager of Computer and Information Systems
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development
 Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
 Jenn Martin, Economic Development Officer

The Diefenbaker

Paul Mansfield

Mr. Mansfield appeared before Council to present plans to turn the Diefenbaker bunker into a luxury fallout shelter and hotel.

Included in the presentation was:

- Background information on the bunker, including why it was built, the size of the bunker and what sort of supplies they intend to have on hand;
- Plans for the all inclusive luxury suites, the Palisade suite, made for two and the Martell suite, made for four. Also included was artist renderings of the suites, the dining room, spa and saunas and fitness centre;
- Information on the planned security for the bunker which includes biometric access control, thermal drone perimeter surveillance and a dedicated security team;
- Information on their data centre, a SCIF (sensitive compartmented information facility);
- A build timeline which began in September 2024 when initial construction began and ends in Q1 of 2027 when 60 suites will be completed;
- The plans for the bunker when it is not being used as a fallout shelter, a boutique hotel which will provide condo owners a profit share of the hotel.

Discussion was held on:

- Touring the facility before and after renovations;
- What happens to any hotel guests if a natural disaster takes place during their stay;
- The important role the airport plays for this type of business;
- How do they intend to use drones for security given the proximity to the airport;
- What sort of pricing is planned for the hotel portion.

Moved by Councillor Benoit
Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the presentation be received”.
Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Leggett

“The meeting adjourn at 6:35 pm.”

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary