

## 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, December 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:

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| Councillor Paul Weatherby           | District 1           |
| Deputy Mayor Laurie Sandeson, Chair | District 2           |
| Councillor Mike Cooper              | District 4 (virtual) |
| Councillor Tim Johnson              | District 5           |
| Councillor Nigel Leggett            | District 6           |
| Councillor Sherry Martell           | District 7           |
| Councillor Lisa Patton              | District 8           |
| Councillor Charlene Fletcher        | District 10          |
| Councillor Allan Kennedy            | District 11          |

### Absent:

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| Mayor Christine Blair         |            |
| Councillor Sheldon Richardson | District 3 |
| Councillor Marie Benoit       | District 9 |

### Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO  
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary  
 Tim Smith, Manager of Computer and Information Systems

### TCPEP Update

#### David Phillips, CEO

Mr. Phillips appeared before Council to walk them through TCPEP's accomplishments from the last year and to talk about some upcoming plans.

Included in the presentation was:

- Their new vision, mission statement and mandate: business growth and investments attractions; strategic population growth.
- Key accomplishments for 2024/2025, which included helping more than 217 businesses with business growth, funding and problem solving; helping to secure more than \$700,000 for funding in local business; completed three year strategic plan; partnered with Millbrook to submit a successful, unsolicited, proposal to Nova Scotia Health for a collaborative health clinic; worked with municipalities to attract five new businesses to the region; recruited five new doctors to the community.
- Plans for the next two quarters, including the launch of momentum and the relaunch of accelerator; postmortem on the UK physician recruitment campaign; doctor focus group on retention; agrilink partnership with Valley and Cumberland; succession planning skills development; supporting the Stewiacke Municipal Plan.

Discussion was held on:

- If any agribusinesses were on the list of ones helped this year. TCPEP works with a number of vendors from the farmers market but don't have a lot of engagement with traditional farmers.
- Whether the new medical clinic in Millbrook will serve just Millbrook or all of Colchester County. The clinic is for anyone in the Millbrook, Truro, Colchester area.
- How a person goes about accessing the apprenticeship program. There is a website, Northern Connector Program.
- What the reason was for the lack of increase in provincial funding. No reason has been given.
- If there have been any recent conversations with Scotia Port. No conversations have happened recently.

Moved by Councillor Kennedy  
Seconded by Councillor Leggett

"That the presentation be received". Motion Carried.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Kennedy

"The meeting adjourn at 6:58 pm."

Suzanne Graham  
Recording Secretary