

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, February 3, 2026.

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 Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8 (<i>regrets</i>)
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

Presentations:

Debert Legion Roof, Beth MacMichael

Ms. MacMichael appeared before Council to request a grant in the amount of \$30,000.

Included in the presentation was:

- The Legion's mission: to serve veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance and to serve our communities and our country.
- Information on their current roof, which is 35 years old and has been patched for numerous years, causing leaks and growing damage on the inside of the building.
- What they have accomplished on the roof project so far: planning and assigning tasks, gotten quotes, applied for grants and created a fundraising team.
- Financial documents including a draft year end income statement and balance sheet, 2026 proposed budget and a project budget.
- Other funding they intend to look at includes the Legion Capital Assistance Plan.

Discussion was held on other fundraising options including a go fund me, bringing back with Fright night suppers, other provincial grant options.

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Richardson

"That the presentation be received". Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Martell

**“That the presentation be referred to staff for budget consideration”.
Motion Carried.**

**Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre (MDCC), Tim Bernard, Executive Director
and Leah Rosenmier, Director of Operations**

Mr. Bernard and Ms. Rosenmier appeared before Council to request a grant in the amount of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

Included in the presentation was:

- Information about the MDCC, which is mandated by all 13 Mi'kmaw communities in Nova Scotia to share stories, protect past belongings and knowledge, to explore the lives of the L'nu'k and to support healing, language and understanding.
- The cost will total \$48.7 million and they currently still need to raise \$10.1 million. The hope is that they can raise \$3.1m and the remaining \$7m would come from government sources (Federal, Provincial and Municipal).
- The driveway and utility corridor construction is almost complete. The tender for the project should be released in July and doors should open in the Fall of 2028.
- They would like to work with the County to create a MOU to address land; one-time investments; and an ongoing partnership.

Clarification was sought on what kind of partnership they were looking for. Things that would benefit both parties like shared marketing costs, GIS services and identifying what areas would be best for development and likely to have smaller archeology costs.

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Moved by Mayor Blair, seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received”. Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Mayor Blair

“That the presentation be referred to staff for budget consideration”. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Weatherby

“The meeting adjourn at 7:08 pm.”

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary