

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 1, 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 (virtual)
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 (regrets)
Councillor Charlene Fletcher	District 10
Councillor Allan Kennedy	District 11

Others Present

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

Presentations:

Cliffs of Fundy UNESCO Global Geopark Devin Trefry

Mr. Trefry appeared before Council to provide an update on the happenings of the Geopark and to introduce the new Managing Director, Simon Robinson.

A geopark is a single unified geographical area where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development. There are 251 geoparks in 51 countries around the world. The Cliffs of Fundy Geopark is around 165 km long, includes about 75 communities and has 20 visitor ready geo sites.

Some of the geopark's recent accomplishments include:

- Successful revalidation of green card status
- New website launched Fall of 2024
- New visitor map launched in 2025
- Achieved charitable status in 2025 and have fundraised over \$60,000 in less than a year
- Added six trilingual interpretive signs and 90 signs in total last year

Benefits of investing in the geopark include:

- Marketing and promotional benefits including more attention from Tourism Nova Scotia
- Return on investment. Support from Colchester and Cumberland makes it easier to receive funding from the provincial and federal governments.

Council thanked Devin for acting as Managing Director for the last two years, Councillor Fletcher commenting on being able to hear his excitement as he talked about the geopark. Simon introduced himself to Council and provided an overview of his background.

Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation be received”. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mayor Blair, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary