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**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

The Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor, Chair	
Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Geoff Stewart	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District #7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the agenda for May 27, 2014, be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #8b: Illegal Dumping
- add Item #8c: Paved Roads - Tideview and Windermere Drive
- add Item #10a: Community Clean Up.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Appointment of Solicitor**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council waives policy and appoints Patterson Law as the Municipality’s Solicitor for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the minutes of the meeting held on April 29, 2014, be approved with the following amendment:

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- record Councillor Michael Gregory as being absent from this meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising  
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on April 29, 2014.

**Presentations**

**Ms. Michelle Misener - Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Ms. Misener began her presentation by thanking Council for their continued support of Big Brothers Big Sisters and indicated that the purpose of the presentation was provide a brief update on how the organization is doing.

2013 was a banner year for Big Brothers Big Sisters with 285 children served. Approximately 70% of the kids in the program are from the County. The annual programs budget is \$285,000 which works out to \$1,000 per child, per year.

The Big Bucks program has been very successful to date but some of the other fundraising events have suffered. The Annual Golf Tournament was cancelled last year and the Bowl For Kids has decreased. 85% of the funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters is raised through fundraising.

There are approximately 50 children on a wait list to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister however, there are a number of programs offered to the children on the waiting list.

Responding to the question of what else Council can do to help, Ms. Misener indicated that there is always a need for more volunteers.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the presentation from Ms. Misener from Big Brothers Big Sisters be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mr. Blair Carter and Ms. Linda Legere - Maggie’s Place**

Mr. Blair began by thanking Council for the annual funding support to Maggie’s Place for operations. He indicated that Maggie’s Place moved to their new facility located on Prince Street last August and that the purpose of the presentation is to provide background on Maggie’s Place and to request funding to cover a portion of the

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costs for capital work for the new facility.

Ms. Legere provided Council with some background on Maggie's Place and a brief overview of some of the programs offered including:

- 20 years of service, opening in 1994;
- Family resource centre with over 6,000 visits from children and 4,600 visits from adults;
- Served over 749 families, with 60% being from Colchester County;
- Core programs such as Parent & Tot Playgroups; Baby, Me and Mother Goose; Parenting Courses; and, Kids in the Kitchen;
- Parent & Tot Playgroups are offered in seven communities throughout the County as well as one in-house;
- Fundraising is done in-house with events like Curling FunSpiel, Touch-A-Truck and the Stroll-A-Thon.

Maggie's Place started a Move Campaign to raise funds for the move to the new location and renovations to the facility. The capital cost of the project is \$137,207 with funds raised to date totalling \$64,342. The amount being requested from the County is \$35,000 with a similar request being made to the Town.

Concerns were expressed about the ownership of the facility and questions raised about the term of the lease. Mr. Blair advised that it is a five year lease with options to renew. It is the plans of Maggie's Place to stay at the current location for many years.

An invitation was extended for Council and staff to visit the new facility for a tour.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That the presentation from Blair Carter and Linda Legere be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

"That the request for funding from Maggie's Place be referred to Council Committee for discussion."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Ms. Keltie Jones - Truro Tourism Summit**

Ms. Jones thanked Council for the opportunity to speak this evening on the topic of tourism in the region. In the fall of last year, a Truro Tourism Summit was held with the focus of bringing together the stakeholders to begin discussions about tourism and promoting the greater Truro area. They are seeking support by way of regional cooperation such as support for event coordination as well as looking at a strategic approach to better branding for the overall area.

Discussion was held with some concerns about the focus being within the boundaries of the greater Truro area. It was commented that tourism goes far beyond the Truro area and should include all areas of Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the presentation from Ms. Keltie Jones be received .”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the request for support from the Municipality of Colchester on tourism in the region be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on May 15, 2014:

**Nova Scotia Music  
Week**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the Nova Scotia Music Week with source of funds being Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Central Nova  
Tourist Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$500 for the Central Nova Tourist Association for the Roger Brooks Destination Assessment for Truro/Colchester/East Hants, with source of funds being Grants to Non-Profit Organizations as an unbudgeted expense.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sewer Hook Ups to  
Homes on Granville  
Drive**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves sewer service laterals to the property line of residents on Granville Drive as per standard practice and that the residents be responsible for all expenses within their property boundaries.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Area Rates and  
Budgets 2014/15**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the 2014/15 Area Rate Budgets as presented on May 15, 2014; and,

**RESOLUTION RE AREA RATES**

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the County of Colchester is required to levy rates which it deems sufficient for an area or for the benefit of an area for the current twelve month fiscal period;

RESOLVED that pursuant to **Section 75 of the Municipal Government Act**, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester authorizes the levying and collection of the area rates as per attached Schedule A;

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Tax Collector or Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014;

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 15% per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Debert Fire Brigade  
- Request for Letter  
of Comfort**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves to provide a “letter of comfort” in support of a loan of \$190,000 for the Debert Fire Brigade for the purchase of a fire truck fabrication; and,

That in the event that this is not satisfactory to the lending institution, that the Municipality provide a loan guarantee for this amount.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sound of Train  
Whistles**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves that no further action be taken on this matter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Council Strategic  
Planning and  
Priority Setting  
Workshop -  
Tentative Dates**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves that a strategic planning and priority setting workshop session be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste to Energy -  
Feasibility Study**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves to receive the feasibility study and direct staff to initiate discussion with Nova Scotia Department of Environment, Department of Energy, Nova Scotia Power and other relevant agencies to assess the approval requirements and options of electric energy distribution and marketing in respect to the waste-to-energy study.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Since opting to move forward with the waste to energy study, Council directed staff to proceed with plans to visit the facility in Pune, India, with a team of two Council members and two staff members. Ramesh Ummat, CAO and Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste were the selected staff members. It was agreed by Council that Councillor Cavanaugh, as area Councillor, and

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Councillor Taggart, as determined by draw, would be the two Council members to participate. Councillor MacInnes would be an alternate if one of the Councillor members is unable to attendo.

**Executive and Audit Committee**

With regards to the citizen appointee for the Rath Eastlink Community Centre Board, staff confirmed that although it is not a requirement of the appointee to be a CA, financial qualifications would be considered an asset for the position.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Award of Brookfield Sidewalk - Phase 3 Construction Highway 289**

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works advised that this is the third and final phase of the sidewalk on Highway 289 in Brookfield. Mid Valley Construction was the lowest bid at \$534,225. This is slightly over the approved capital budget.

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves the award of the Highway 289 Sidewalk - Phase 3 construction, to Mid Valley Construction for a contract amount of \$534,225 excluding HST; and,

That an internal construction contingency of \$50,000 be carried to be spent only on the authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Illegal Dumping**

Concerns were expressed regarding the need the take necessary measures on the issue of illegal dumping. Discussion was held regarding the Long Form Prosecution process and that in Cumberland County there were 43 charges laid with success in 70% of the charges.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the process of Long Form Prosecution be referred to staff for investigation and brought back to Council for consideration.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Paved Roads - Tideview Drive and Windermere Drive**

The Municipality does not have an existing policy on roads that were paved a number of years ago and are in dire need of repairs and/or repaving. Discussion was held specifically about the condition of Tideview Drive and Windermere Drive in Lower Truro.

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the issue of repaving roads be referred to the next quarterly meeting with Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

As part of the discussion, staff were instructed to take pictures of Tideview and Windermere Drives for the next quarterly meeting.

### Correspondence

#### ACTION

**Wyman Mingo,  
President,  
Colchester Branch  
026, Royal Canadian  
Legion**

A letter dated May 15, 2014 to the Mayor requesting funding support to aid in the restoration of the Cenotaph.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the letter from Wyman Mingo, President of the Colchester Branch 026, Royal Canadian Legion requesting funding be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### INFORMATION

**Building Inspector**

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of April 2014. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Development Officer**

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of April 2014. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

**Community Clean  
Up**

Councillor Stewart indicated that a number of community volunteers, including some Cadets, worked to clean up Highways 289 and 102 as well as some of the side streets in Brookfield and suggested that all volunteers working on these clean up projects should be acknowledged. It was noted that a dumpster to aid in the clean up project was provided by Miller Waste at no charge.

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It was agreed that an article be included in the next issue of the County Newsletter acknowledging and thanking all groups contributing to community clean up events.

**Reports from  
Councillors Appointed  
to Outside  
Boards/Agencies**

Copies of reports from Councillors were circulated in the package or placed on table for this evening's meeting.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary