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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, August 28, 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

Regrets:

Councillor Wade Parker	District #11
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**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the agenda for August 28, 2014, be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #A-5: Water Royalties.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the minutes of the meeting held on June 26, 2014, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Responding to an inquiry about the application submitted by AIS in January 2014 for the discharge of reverse osmosis treated flowback fluids into the Debert sewer system, staff advised that the application is still in the process of being reviewed.

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**Presentations**

There were no public presentations received for this evening's meeting.

**Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on August 14, 2014:

**Personnel Policy 5.02**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council repeal Policy 5.03 (Employee Attendance); and approves and adopts Policy 5.02 (Attendance Management) with the amendments as requested on August 14, 2014.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor MacKenzie opposed)*

**Truro Area Tourism Summit**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves that the County's Economic Development Officer and a representative from the County's Recreation Services Department be authorized to sit on the Town and Colchester Area Task Force and Tourism Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Boundary Review Survey**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves the Citizen Survey with the amendments as requested on August 14, 2014 and that CBRM be removed from the comparison chart providing that it hasn't already been printed.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)*

**Position Reclassification - MRF Forklift Operator**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that the current positions of Shipping/Receiving at the MRF be redesignated as MRF Sorters; and,

That an additional Forklift Operator position be created and filled through an internal posting at the MRF in accordance with the County's Personnel Policies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Perennia - Letter to  
Minister of  
Agriculture  
Concerning Planning  
for Development  
Opportunities**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves that a letter be written, by the Mayor, to the Minister of Agriculture requesting their participation in a long term development plan to accommodate the growth of Perennia and associated Agriculture Bio-cluster development in the area.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business and  
Economic  
Development  
Advisory Committee  
(BEDAC)**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves that the Terms of Reference for the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee, as presented, be approved and adopted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Transportation  
Liaison Committee  
(TLC)**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves that the Terms of Reference for the Transportation Liaison Committee, as presented, be approved and adopted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Feral Cat Colonies**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves that a letter to the Provincial SPCA be written urging them to continue to receive domestic stray cats from the Debert Colony; and,

That future Municipal funding to the SPCA be specifically allocated for a low income spay/neuter program; and,

That staff be directed to continue meeting with SPCA, Castaway Cats and vet clinics to develop a coordinated approach to dealing with stray/feral cats.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Proposed Regulation  
- Standards for the  
Care of Cats and  
Dogs**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves that the Mayor write the Ministers of Agriculture and Municipal Affairs in support of the new regulation, raise the concern about the lack of direction on feral cats and continue to support the efforts of the SPCA at our continued level of service.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Broderick Lane**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves hiring a contractor for winter maintenance on Broderick Lane up to the Park entrance and parking lot for the 2014-2015 winter season.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Blair, Stewart,  
MacKenzie, Gregory and Deputy  
Masters opposed)*

**Executive and Audit  
Committee**

Referring to the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on August 8, 2014, it was noted that the Rath Eastlink Community Centre is exploring the option of hosting concerts at the facility and will present a business plan to Council for consideration once complete.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Provincial Cost  
Sharing Agreements,  
Flood Projects,  
FAC/JFAC**

Applications were submitted to Nova Scotia Environment for funding for three flood related projects. \$32,329 was approved for North River Stabilization; \$203,358 for Park Street Flooding and \$41,714 for Murray Siding Phase 2. Funding received for each project represents 50% of the total cost with the remainder to be either cost shared under the Joint Flood Advisory Committee (JFAC) or the County Flood Advisory Committee (FAC). Provincial cost sharing agreements need to be executed for each.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council authorizes the Chairs of the Joint Flood Advisory Committee and the County Flood Advisory Committee to execute the provincial cost sharing agreements for the following projects:

North River Stabilization Projects (JFAC) 2014

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Murray Siding Flood Reduction Program Phase 2 (FAC)  
Park Street Flooding (JFAC).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business and  
Economic  
Development  
Advisory Committee  
(BEDAC) -  
Nomination of  
Members**

The Nominating Committee will submit recommendations for Councillor representation on the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee. In the meantime, staff can look at advertising for members from the business community.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the President of the Truro Colchester Chamber of Commerce be invited to be a member of the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Council; and,

That staff advertise for three members of the public representing business community in Colchester County to the membership of Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Transportation  
Liaison Committee  
(TLC) - Nomination  
of Members**

The Nominating Committee will submit recommendations for Councillor representation on the Transportation Liaison Committee and bring back to a future meeting.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

**Award of East  
Prince Sidewalk -  
Authority for  
September Council  
Committee to Award**

“That Council authorizes September Council Committee at its meeting on September 11, 2014 to make a decision on the award of the construction tender for the East Prince Sidewalk project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Water Royalties**

A letter was received from Mark Furey, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding their decision to not pursue putting royalties on water. Council would like to explore this further and have staff conduct research to see if other provinces are doing this before sending additional correspondence.

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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“That Council authorizes a letter to be written to the Minister, Premier and local MLA’s regarding royalties on water.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence**

**ACTION**

**Maralyn Driver,  
Treasurer,  
Creamery Square -  
Association Tax  
Exemption**

A letter dated June 30, 2014 identifying the property located at 39 Creamery Road, Tatamagouche as a tax exempt property.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the letter from Maralyn Driver, Treasurer of the Creamery Square Association requesting a tax exemption for the property located at 39 Creamery Road be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Steve Morton,  
President, Truro  
Horse Owners  
Association and Dan  
Mailman, Executive  
Director, Nova  
Scotia Harness  
Racing Industry  
Association - Racino  
Facility at Truro  
Raceway**

A letter dated July 24, 2014 to the Mayor requesting a letter of support for a Racino Facility at the Truro Raceway. There was some discussion on how it would affect small local businesses and that it may require public consultation within the community.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the correspondence from the Truro Horse Owners Association and Nova Scotia Harness Racing Industry Association requesting a letter of support for the addition of a Racino Facility at the Truro Raceway be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Chief Bob Gloade,  
Millbrook First  
Nation - Letter of  
Support**

An email dated August 11, 2014 was received from Chief Bob Gloade requesting support from the County on their bid on teaming with GDIT Canada to provide a contact centre for the Federal Canada Student Loans Program.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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“That Council authorizes a letter of support be written to Millbrook First Nation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

**Building Inspector**

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of June and July 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 months of June and July 2014. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Rob Jerrott, District Traffic Supervisor, Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) - Crosswalk at College Road , Burriss Drive Intersection**

A letter dated July 3, 2014 to the CAO regarding their decision on a crosswalk at the College Road / Burriss Drive intersection. NSTIR conducted a warrant analysis comprised of site visits, pedestrian crossing counts, traffic counts and number of collisions. As a result, NSTIR does not warrant a crosswalk being placed here at this time.

Council did not agree with this decision and would like another traffic count be done at a better time that is not so late in the school year. It was agreed that there is a safety concern here not only for school children but also adults. This issue should also go to the new Transportation Liaison Committee once established.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That a letter be written to Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal expressing Council’s disagreement regarding the decision to reject the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Burriss Drive and College Road; and

That a request be made to have another traffic count conducted at an alternative time.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mark Furey, Department of Municipal Affairs**

A letter dated August 6, 2014 to the Mayor regarding royalties on spring water, Capped Assessment Program and Memorandum of Understanding. This item was discussed earlier in tonight’s meeting.

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**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

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

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

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Crystal Deuille  
Recording Secretary