

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on August 28, 2014.

PresentationsEndurance Wind Power, Mr. Michael Carey

Mr. Carey began his presentation indicating that Endurance Wind Power is a small wind turbine company with offices in Canada, US, UK, Denmark and Italy with Surrey, British Columbia housing the production facility. Endurance Wind Power is interested in erecting one 50 kilowatt turbine at the Balefill site and tonight's presentation is to provide Council with a briefing on small wind opportunity at the Colchester Balefill Facility and request that Council pass a resolution tonight on a future meeting with Endurance Wind Power, conditional upon the support of the community.

The presentation included information on Community Feed-in Tariff (COMFIT) application approval process; details on wind speeds and direction at the Balefill; estimated capital costs; Endurance E-3120 product information and specifications; site development; and estimated annual energy production and revenue potential.

Mr. Carey advised that three turbines are currently in the process of being erected at a site in Riverton, Pictou County, for those Council members who might be interested in seeing the turbines firsthand.

A copy of Mr. Carey's presentation is on file in the Administration Office.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council receives the presentation from Michael Carey on Endurance Wind Power."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the presentation from Michael Carey on Endurance Wind Power be referred to a future Council Committee meeting."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on September 11, 2014:

Personnel Policy Amendments – Policy 5.08 Progressive Discipline and 5.09 Termination of Employment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council approves current policies number 5.08 Progressive Discipline and 5.09 Termination of Employment be repealed; and,

That policies numbers 5.07 Progressive Discipline and 5.08 Termination of Employment, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors MacKenzie and Taggart opposed)*

Proposed Changes to Community Park Funding Program Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves the revisions to the Municipal Funding for Community Parks Policy, as presented.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

Ventura Drive Re-Paving

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves that Ventura Drive be repaved in the current fiscal year (2014-15) and Dieppe Avenue be repaved in the fiscal year 2015-16; and,

That the source of funds for the street paving of both Ventura Drive and Dieppe Avenue be Debert Sale of Houses Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Wastewater Collection Staff

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves a new supervisory position in Range 7 of the salary scales be created within the Wastewater Collection group of Public Works for a term of one year.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Taggart opposed)*

Capital Budget

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves that the 5 Year Capital Budget, as presented, be approved and adopted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Planning Advisory
Committee Report**

Councillor Taggart presented the report from the Planning Advisory Committee from the meeting on September 9, 2014.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council accepts the report from the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 9, 2014.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**First Reading for
MPS/LUB
Amendments – Truro
Heights Area**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves, by way of First Reading, the amended Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, as presented, for purposes of forwarding this document for Public Hearing, reserving consideration of the amendment until Second Reading following the Public Hearing.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Award of Document
Management
Software Contract**

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves entering into a contract with Ricoh to provide Laserfiche Document Management Software as outlined in Ricoh’s response to the Municipality of Colchester’s Request for Proposals, at a cost of \$146,427 plus HST; and,

That a 10% contingency be carried internally to be spent only on the authority of the Director of Corporate Services.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**JFAC Budget
Approval for North
River Work**

Ms. Newell, Director of Public Works, reported that this item deals with approval of additional flood work. Council previously approved \$102,700. This item has additional projects of three sites along the

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North River. 50% provincial funding has been received for the \$65,000 projects. The remaining balance will be cost shared equally between the Town of Truro and the Municipality, with each contributing \$16,164.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council authorizes the Joint Flood Advisory Committee to proceed with three bank stabilization projects along the North River, representing a County commitment of \$16,164, with the source of funds being the Major Flood Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Award of Weston
Drive Paving**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the award of the Weston Drive repaving to Will-Kare Paving for a contract amount of \$240,775 excluding HST; and,

That an internal contingency of \$25,000 be carried for this project, to be used only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Award of Retson
Drive Paving**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves the award of the Retson Drive repaving to Will-Kare Paving for a contract amount of \$225,375 excluding HST; and,

That an internal contingency of \$20,000 be carried for this project, to be used only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Award of Ventura
Drive Re-Paving**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves the award of the Ventura Drive repaving to Will-Kare Paving for a contract amount of \$283,375 excluding HST; and,

That an internal contingency of \$25,000 be carried for this project, to be used only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Purchase of
Centrifuge #2**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council authorizes the purchase of a second centrifuge unit from Noxon North American Inc at a price of \$289,654 plus taxes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence
ACTION**

**Ms. Pam Macintosh,
Planner**

A memo dated September 4, 2014, regarding a development agreement application – Meech Holdings, for 15 Maple Lane, Salmon River (former Maple Leaf School).

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the development agreement application from Meech Holdings for the property located at 15 Maple Lane, Salmon River, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ms. Hillary Webb (on
behalf of the Board
of Directors of the
White Rabbits Art
Festival**

An email dated September 15, 2014, requesting in-kind support for their application for federal/provincial funding.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves supporting the Red Clay Society’s application to the federal/provincial government for funding of the 2015 White Rabbit Festival through provision of in-kind services such as promotion of the event through the Municipality’s website and newsletter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Warden Lindsay
Nickerson,
Municipality of the
District of Barrington**

A letter to Mayor Taylor dated September 2, 2014, requesting support for their opposition to increased hospital parking fees.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from Ms. Nickerson, Warden of the Municipality of the District of Barrington, be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mr. Denis Lemelin,
National President,
Canadian Union of
Postal Workers**

A letter to the CAO dated September 15, 2014, requesting support to help save Canada Post.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council of the Municipality of Colchester supports the resolution, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence
INFORMATION**

Building Inspector

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

**Signing of Three
Year Cost Sharing
Agreement for
Subdivision Streets –
Authority for October
Committee to
Approve**

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that the County just received a copy of the three-year cost sharing agreement from the province for the paving of provincially owned subdivision streets from the province. The current agreement expires at the end of March 2015. The deadline for signing the new agreement is October 31, 2014. In order to meet this deadline, staff is requesting that Council authorize October Committee to take a decision on execution of the agreement once staff have opportunity to review it.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council authorized October Council Committee to take a decision on the execution of the updated three-year cost sharing agreement from the province for the paving of provincially owned subdivision streets.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Flooding in West
Colchester**

Mayor Taylor and Councillor Taggart reported that a meeting was held earlier today to discuss the recent flooding in West Colchester. Approximately 92 mm of rain fell between the hours of 1:00-7:00 am, with 22 mm falling in the last hour. With such a surge of water, the berm behind Elm River Park could not hold up.

A lot of families and businesses have been affected by this flooding, as well as the Legion, the Great Village Fire Brigade and Elm River Park.

Damages must be in excess of \$1 m in order to be eligible for disaster relief funding from the province. The Provincial Emergency Management Office (EMO) is determining damage costs and will report on this once the information is gathered. Residents have been advised to report all damages.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes staff to proceed with a request for provincial cost sharing of a study of the Great Village, Folly and Lower Debert watersheds.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Flooding Projects

Council agreed to move this item forward on the agenda as it relates to the previous item.

Mayor Taylor reported that this item relates to a letter received from the Karen Casey, MLA for Colchester North, regarding the recent flooding in West Colchester, and County plans for relief and flood mitigation in the area.

Councillor Cavanaugh, Chair of the County Flood Advisory Committee (FAC), provided a brief update on the work and successes of the FAC and Joint Flood Advisory Committee (JFAC) to date, the processes involved with the projects, and the various funding sources. A lot of work has been accomplished, however, there is still a great deal of work required. The Committees will continue to work with the province for funding opportunities, and it was suggested that the Committees should be applying federally as well.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That a response letter be written to Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North, explaining the process related to flood mitigation, as well as to request provincial funding assistance; and,

That an invitation be extended to attend a future flood meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, 8:50 pm, Councillor MacInnes left the meeting due to illness.

Award of Forklift Tender, Materials Recovery Facility

Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, advised that the purchase of a replacement forklift for the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) was included in the five year capital budget plan. A tender was

issued on September 2, 2014, and was posted on Provincial and County websites. Four submissions were received: one being significantly non-compliant; two having minor non-compliance; and, one being compliant. The one compliant submission was the lowest bid. Staff is recommending that the tender be awarded to the company with the lowest bid, Hyster (Wajax Industries).

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council approves to award the tender to supply one 6000 lb. forklift to Hyster (Wajax Industries) at a price of \$51,990, excluding HST.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Extended Producer Responsibility

Councillor Taggart indicated that the Municipality has until the end of the month to report back to the Province with concerns and/or feedback regarding the Extended Producer Responsibility. Some of the County’s concerns include newly banned materials and restrictions on where these banned items will go, potential for increased illegal dumping, and the overall negative impact on rural areas. Mayor Taylor advised that the concerns were addressed with the UNSM Board.

Staff were directed to ensure the feedback is provided to the Province prior to the deadline and a copy of the submitted report to be forwarded to Council members for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Truckers Association of Nova Scotia (TANS)

It was reported that several calls are being received by members of Council from TANS regarding the tendering process for services of \$1 m to include Transportation and Infrastructure (TIR) provincial rates. The assumption is that fuel surcharges are included in the TIR rate and the rates currently being used are for 2013.

It was noted that the County’s Purchasing and Tendering Policy has protection for the Truckers Association with inclusion of the 80/20 rule, as well as incorporating the current rates as established by TIR. The Municipality has stepped up to make this a level playing field and this is an Association issue, not a Municipality issue. It is a matter to be dealt with by TANS.

Reports from Councillors appointed to Outside Boards and Agencies

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

**AMENDMENT TO
AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That an amendment be made to the agenda, adding a Personnel Matter in Closed Session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:32 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:33 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary