

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

### 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 Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### Regrets

Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District 9

### Also Present

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development  
Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste  
Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
Ms. Tracey Venno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions/amendments:

- Add Item 11b, Flood Risk Investment Infrastructure Program;
- Add Item 11c, Provincial Capital Assistance Program;
- Add Item 13b, Federation of Agriculture;
- Add Item 13c, Atlantic Mayors Congress.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### Appointment of Municipal Solicitor

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council waives policy and appoints Patterson Law as the Municipality’s Solicitor for fiscal year 2016-2017.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the minutes from the meeting held on April 28, 2016, be approved, with one amendment:

- The motion referring to the Tax Rate Resolution noted on Page 8, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph should read 2017 Assessment Roll instead of 2016 Assessment Roll.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2016.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Council Committee Report from May 12, 2016**

*Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on May 12, 2016:*

**Canadian Junior Angus Association – Request for Funding**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$1,000 to the Canadian Junior Angus Association for the 2016 Showdown event being held in Truro with source of funds being Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Not Since Moses Run – Request for Funding**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Not Since Moses Run being held in Five Islands on August 20-21, subject to clarification that the event is not-for-profit, with source of funds being Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Great Village Bridge Street Light**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves that staff direct Nova Scotia Power to install a 400 watt floodlight on the existing pole adjacent to the Great Village Bridge, at a monthly cost of \$35, to be funded through the general tax rate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sewer Servicing – Hub Centre Drive**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the extension of sewer to the end of Hub Centre Drive and that it be funded through the sewer rate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tourism Funding Request – Truro/Colchester Chamber of Commerce**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves that the Municipality support the Regional Tourism Committee initiative with \$26,369.28 core funding and \$5,000 for the Palliser Visitor Information Centre and appoints Councillor Stewart as the Colchester representative on the Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**NSPE Request for Funding**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves funding to the 2016 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in the amount of \$2,500, with source of funds being Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried.

*(opposed by Mayor Taylor, Councillors Stewart and Cavanaugh)*

**Nominating Committee  
Report from Meeting Held  
on May 26, 2016**

**RECC Board Vacancy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council reappoints Nevin Jackson to serve on the RECC Board for a term of four years.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillors Blair and Gibbs opposed)*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**JFAC Expenditures 2016-2017**

Projects being advanced by the Joint Flood Advisory (JFAC) must be approved by Council. At meetings held on January 12, 2016, April 19, 2016 and May 15, 2016, motions were approved by JFAC in support of the following projects:

- Three flow monitoring stations to be installed on the North River, Salmon River and McClures Brook at an annual cost of \$45,000;
- Major bank stabilization along the North River at PID 20003216 (Toole property), approximate cost is \$62,000;
- \$3,000 for a promotional video for flood work;
- \$125,000 for additional bank stabilization work on the North and Salmon Rivers; and,
- \$50,000 for additional channel work in the Salmon River between the Walker Street Bridge and the CN Rail Bridge.

These projects would be forwarded to the province for funding consideration under the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP), which if approved, could cover up to 50% of the project costs. Any unfunded amounts would be cost shared between the Town and the County, with the County’s commitment being \$75,375. It was noted that should these projects not be funded through FRIIP, they would be brought back to Council for reconsideration and approval.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council approves expenses of \$75,375 for the following projects: North River Toole property bank stabilization (\$15,500); North and Salmon River confluence bank stabilization (\$31,625); Salmon River channel improvements between Walker Street and

CN Bridge (\$12,500); promotional video (\$750); and, flow monitoring station operating costs (\$15,000); with source of funds being the Major Flood Reserve.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Dates for the Advance Polls for the 2016 Municipal Elections**

This item deals with setting the Advance Poll dates for the 2016 Municipal Elections. Two dates are set for Advance Polls; one is mandatory, as set by the Chief Electoral Office; and the second date as approved by Council. The regular Municipal Elections date is Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>; the mandatory date for Advance Polls is October 11<sup>th</sup>; and the options for the second Advance Poll are Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the dates for the Advance Polls in the 2016 Municipal Elections be set as Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Second Reading – Chapter 33 Solid Waste By-law**

At a Special Session of Council held on May 10, 2016, Council approved, by way of First Reading, amendments to the Solid Waste By-law. Amendments to Chapter 33 – Solid Waste By-law include the addition of textiles and polystyrene foam in the definition of recyclables; and, a clause, which would prohibit the exportation of solid waste generated within the County outside the boundaries of the County of Colchester.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council approves. By way of Second Reading, amendments to Chapter 33 – Solid Waste By-law, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Onslow Sewer Boundary – Hub Centre Drive Sewer**

Council previously approved the establishment of a new sewer boundary in Onslow. This boundary did not include lots along Hub Centre Drive, as the street is not sewer serviced. At the Council Committee meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, there was a recommendation to Council that a new sewer line be extended along the entire length of Hub Centre Drive. This would require a modification to the existing sewer boundary.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the sewer service boundary extension at Hub Centre Drive, as presented by staff, be approved, with the 12 cent sewer area rate to be applied once the Hub Centre Drive sewer system is in operation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of 2016-2017  
Area Rates**

This item deals with setting area rates for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Staff are recommending no changes to the area rates with the exception of street lighting area rates, which have all seen a slight decrease in rates.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council approves the 2016-17 Area Rates Budgets as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Flood Risk Infrastructure  
Investment Program**

Staff advised that a number of projects were proposed by the Flood Advisory Committee and the Joint Flood Advisory Committee, for funding through the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP). For funding applications to be considered under FRIIP, a supporting motion of Council is required.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council supports applications to the 2016 Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program for the following projects:

1. Great Village River Improvements Phase 2 (\$30,000);
2. Salmon River at Valley Road (\$50,000);
3. Farnham Brook – Various Locations (\$20,000);
4. Public Education Video (\$3,000);
5. Channel Improvements, North and Salmon River Confluence (\$125,000);
6. North River bank stabilization at Toole property (\$62,000);
7. Salmon River Channel Improvements between Main Street Bridge and the CN Bridge (\$50,000).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Provincial Capital Assistance Program**

The Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) is a provincial funding initiative administered by Municipal Affairs. PCAP provides up to 50% funding to high priority municipal infrastructure projects in the areas of water, wastewater and stormwater systems. Staff have put forward a small water utility project valued at \$18,700 under PCAP for repairs to our cathodic protection system in the Tatamagouche water storage tank. These repairs are included in the budget for the Tatamagouche Water Utility. In order for PCAP applications to be considered, a supporting motion of Council must accompany the application.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council supports an application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for the repairs to the cathodic protection system in the Tatamagouche water storage tank valued at \$18,700.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence - ACTION**

**Hilary Paquet, Parks and Trails Coordinator**

An email dated May 17, 2016, requesting Council consideration in proclaiming June 4-12 as Colchester Bike Week.

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council proclaims June 4-12 as Colchester Bike Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Valerie Dorey, Val’s Rest Home**

A letter dated May 10, 2016 requesting a property rezoning.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the letter from Valerie Dorey of Val’s Rest Home requesting a property rezoning be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence -  
INFORMATION**

**Building Inspector**

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the Building Inspector for the month of April 2016. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

**Development Officer**

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the Development Officer for the month of April 2016. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

**Lisa Patton**

Email correspondence to Mayor Taylor concerning provincial budgets affecting the closure of the Department of Natural Resources Office and Workshop in Belmont.

Mayor Taylor advised that after receiving correspondence from Ms. Patton regarding the above noted closure, a letter was written to the Minister of Natural Resources and a response has since been received. Copies of all correspondence were distributed in the Council package for information purposes.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Bill 177**

Mayor Taylor advised that he received a call from Jim Smith, Warden of East Hants, with concerns regarding Bill 177 and the lack of consultation with municipalities before the passing of this Bill. The general understanding was that Bill 177 as introduced as a brownfield revitalization incentive but goes well beyond this. It will amend the Municipal Government Act and the Halifax Charter and could have a detrimental effect on the commercial tax base.

Discussion was held on the lack of consultation with municipalities and that this was handled very poorly by both the Province and the UNSM.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That an invitation be extended to the UNSM and the Province to make a presentation to Council regarding Bill 177.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Federation of Agriculture**

Councillor Taggart inquired about the status of forming a joint committee with the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development,

advised that a meeting has been scheduled for July. Options of a stand-alone committee or joining with another Committee such as the Planning Advisory Committee will be considered.

**Atlantic Mayors Congress**

Mayor Taylor advised that he attended the Atlantic Mayors Congress in Bridgewater on May 19-20, 2016. The Municipality of Colchester and the Town of Truro will host the Fall Conference, with duties being shared between the two municipal units. Approximately 30 delegates will attend the conference. Tentative dates are September 7-9, 2016.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary