

## 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, June 30, 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 Doug MacInnes	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### Regrets

Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
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### Also Present

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
 Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development  
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste  
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr. Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor (up to Item # 6)  
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Council Gibbs  
 Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- Item 5(2), Report from the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on June 27, 2016;
- Item 13b, First Reading – Amendments to the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law;
- Item 13c, New Position – Materials Recovery Facility; and,
- One Property Matter in Closed Session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
 Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the minutes from the meetings held on May 10 and 26, 2016, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meetings held on May 10 and 26, 2016.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Council Committee Report from meeting held on June 16, 2016**

*Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on June 16, 2016:*

**Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves that the Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy be amended to include electronic cigarettes, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2016 Municipal Election – Fee Schedule**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves the following fee schedule be set for the purpose of the 2016 Municipal Election:

Advance Polls (for both days)  
Deputy Returning Officer - \$310  
Poll Clerk - \$280

Regular Polls  
Deputy Returning Officer - \$205  
Poll Clerk - \$165

Mobile Poll (If the Mobile Poll team will visit 2 polls)  
Deputy Returning Officer - \$205  
Poll Clerk - \$165

Mobile Poll (If the Mobile Poll team must visit 3 polls)  
Deputy Returning Officer - \$280  
Poll Clerk - \$230

Supervising Deputy Returning Officer - \$240

Training - \$30

Mileage - payable at \$0.4231 per kilometre

Polling Stations - \$100 for the first polling station and \$75 for each additional polling station in the same building.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert and Tatamagouche Source Water Protection Terms of Reference**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Debert and French River Source Water Protection Advisory Committees, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Airfield – Private Hangar Development**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves that staff proceed with the preparation of a gravel pad and necessary pavement to accommodate new aircraft hangar space, to a maximum of \$200,000, with source of funds being Gas Tax.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**RECC – World Junior A Challenge Cup**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the RECC’s bid to host the World Junior A Challenge Cup, with source of funds being Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Funding Application – Clean Water and Wastewater Fund**

*It was noted that the amount for the Debert Pump Station 30 and Forcemain Replacement was originally quoted at \$1.3 million at the June 16, 2016 meeting and was recommended by staff and agreed by Council that the amount be amended to \$1.4 million.*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves that the following projects, listed in order of priority, be submitted for funding consideration to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund: Debert Pump Station 30 and Forcemain Replacement (\$1.4 M), the Tatamagouche Sewer Replacement Phases 3 and 4 (\$500,000), and the Debert Gateway – Servicing and Stormwater Management (\$750,000).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Canadian Business Aviation Association Conference - Calgary, Alberta**

*It was noted that after reviewing the program for the above noted conference, the Deputy Mayor advised that he felt that Ms. Joy O’Neill, Economic Development Officer, would be sufficient coverage for the conference and that it was not necessary that he attend. *The Municipal Solicitor advised that as this was a recommendation to Council, the motion should be voted down.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that Deputy Mayor Masters attend the Canadian Business Aviation Association Conference, being held in Calgary, Alberta, from July 5-7, 2016.”

**Motion Defeated.**

*(opposed by Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Stewart, Cooper, Gibbs, MacKenzie, Cavanaugh, MacInnes, Taggart, and Parker)*

**Planning Advisory Committee Report from meeting held on June 27, 2016**

Councillor Taggart read the report from the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on June 27, 2016. An Action Item for First Reading of the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law will be dealt with later this evening.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**First Reading – Livestock Control By-law**

Mr. Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor, provided a brief overview of the proposed Livestock Control By-law indicating that this By-law will address things not covered in the provincial legislation, Fences and Impounding of Animals Act, as it relates to livestock running at large in the Municipality.

Under the Municipal Government Act, by-laws require two readings, with First Reading acting as Council's notice of intent to adopt a by-law. Council will have opportunity to debate the merits of the by-law at Second Reading.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves, by way of First Reading, the Livestock Control By-law, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Hub Centre Drive Sewer – Tender Award**

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, provided a brief summary of the bids received for the Hub Centre Drive Sewer Tender which was advertised on June 3, 2016 and closed on June 22, 2016.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council awards the construction tender for the Hub Centre Drive Sewer to Ian Sinclair Contracting for a total contract value of \$141,453.60 excluding taxes, and that an internal contingency of \$15,000 be carried, to be spent only on the authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2016 Municipal Election –  
Polling Station Locations**

At the June 16<sup>th</sup> Council Committee meeting, an Action Item was presented listing recommended Polling Station locations for the upcoming Municipal Election. At that time, concern was expressed with one of the locations, specifically division 10F, which would have electors from Lower Debert and Masstown voting at the Debert Legion. Staff were requested to review other options for this Polling Station. The Returning Officer was able to book the Masstown United Church as the Polling Station for division 10F.

Additionally, a few other changes were made to the list as presented at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting due to scheduling conflicts. These changes are highlighted on the attached listing.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves the Polling Station Locations for the Advance and Regular Polls for the 2016 Municipal Election, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Perennia – Nova Scotia  
Food Business Venture  
Park: Business and  
Development Plan**

Council and members of the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee recently had a tour of the Perennia Innovation Centre and received a presentation on the Perennia – Nova Scotia Food Business Venture Park: Business and Development Plan. The tour and presentation were well received by all in attendance with Council members generally being in support of the study.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council receive the *Nova Scotia Food Business Venture Park: Business and Development Plan* and instruct staff to work in partnership with staff at Perennia Innovation Centre to implement the study findings and advise Council when key decisions or direction is required.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Burriss Drive Staging Area**

At the June 16, 2016 Council meeting, staff were instructed to review the potential cost of installing a pedestrian refuge area at the Burriss Drive and College Road location. Staff reviewed the possibility of a staging area at this location which included discussions with NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

(TIR). Although TIR has no issue with a staging area, Public Works staff have some concerns about creating a perceived crossing area where no formal crossing has been established and is recommending that the current Crosswalk Supervision and Crosswalk Installation Policies be reviewed to allow Council more flexibility to fund a guarded school crossing at this location. Estimated costs are \$7,500 for a staging area, plus an additional \$5,200 per year to fund a crossing guard.

Council members expressed concern regarding this intersection, indicating that it is very busy, is quite narrow, has cars waiting to deliver or pick up children from the bus, and is generally an unsafe area.

Referring to past issues and decisions in Valley and Brookfield regarding crosswalks, Councillors MacKenzie and Stewart both expressed that any decisions being made for the Burris Drive area regarding crosswalks and area rates should be the same for the Valley and Brookfield areas as well.

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council directs staff to bring forward proposed changes to the current Crosswalk Supervision and Crosswalk Installation policies in order to allow for the funding of a crossing guard on College Road at Burris Drive outside of the petitioning process; and,

That Council authorizes August Council Committee to approve any changes to the Crosswalk Supervision and Crosswalk Installation Policies, and to commit funds to the construction of a school crossing and staging pad on College Road at Burris Drive.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Cavanaugh, Stewart and Cooper opposed).*

**Council Resolution to Join  
the FCM “Partners for  
Climate Protection”  
Program**

Council previously approved a motion to participate in the FCM Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP).

The first step with the application to participate in the program is to have Council adopt a resolution, as presented. The resolution essentially acknowledges that global greenhouse gas emissions contribute significantly to climate change and that municipalities have a role to play.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council approves the adoption of the following resolution to join the FCM Partners for Climate Protection Program:

**Council Resolution to  
Join the FCM-ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability)  
Partners for Climate Protection Program**

**WHEREAS** the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concludes in its 2007 Fourth Assessment Report that “there is new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities;

**WHEREAS** the IPCC concludes that human influences on the climate have likely contributed to a rise in the sea level during the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, changed wind and temperature patterns, and likely increased the risk of heat waves, the area of land affected by drought since the 1970’s, and the frequency of heavy precipitation;

**WHEREAS** the IPCC Special Report on Emission Scenarios (SRES, 2000) projects an increase in global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 25 to 90 per cent between 2000 and 2030;

**WHEREAS** the IPCC observes that warming resulting from human influences could lead to some abrupt or irreversible impacts, depending on the rate and magnitude of climate change;

**WHEREAS** the IPCC anticipates the following impacts from climate change over the next century for North America:

- Decreased snow pack, more winter flooding, and reduced summer flows resulting from warming in western mountains, exacerbating competition for over-allocated water resources;
- Increased aggregate yields of rain-fed agriculture by five to 20 per cent, but with important variability among regions; and major challenges for crops that are grown close to their highest suitable temperature or that depend on highly used water resources;
- Increased number, intensity and duration of heat waves for cities that currently experience them creating potential for adverse health impacts; and
- Increased stress on coastal communities and habitats as a result of the interaction of climate change impacts and development and pollution;

**WHEREAS** GHGs (e.g. carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide), released from burning coal, oil and natural gas and from cutting trees and clearing land for agriculture and development, are the primary cause of climate change;

**WHEREAS** the World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change 2005 asserts the need for joint authority and global action on climate change;

**WHEREAS** municipal investments in building retrofits community energy systems, water conservation, renewable energy technologies, waste reduction, landfill gas capture, fleet management, public transit and other sustainable measures reduce operating costs, help maintain community services, protect public health and contribute to sustainable community development while cutting GHG emissions contributing to climate change;

**WHEREAS** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability have established the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program to provide a forum for municipal governments to share their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments on how to reduce GHG emissions;

**WHEREAS** over 200 municipal governments across Canada representing more than 75 per cent of the population have already committed to reducing corporate and community GHG emissions through the PCP program;

**WHEREAS** PCP participants commit to working toward reducing GHG emissions in municipal operations by a suggested target of 20 per cent below 2000 levels, and a suggested target of six per cent below 2000 levels in the community within 10 years of joining the PCP program;

**WHEREAS** the PCP program is based on a five-milestone framework that involves completing a GHG inventory and forecast, setting a GHG reduction target and vision, developing a local action plan, implementing the plan, and monitoring progress and reporting results;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of the County of Colchester communicate to FCM its participation in the PCP program and its commitment to achieve the milestones set in the PCP five-milestone framework;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipality of the County of Colchester appoint the following:

- a) Corporate staff person (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact number) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Elected official (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact number) \_\_\_\_\_

to oversee implementation of the PCP milestones and be the points of contact for the PCP Program.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Taggart advised that this may tie into FCM and could be required for future funding through the Green Municipal Fund.

**Tour of Lockheed Martin Gasification Plant**

Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, advised that this item relates to the invitation from Lockheed Martin extended to Council to visit their Waste to Energy Facility in Owego, New York. Ideally, the first week of August would be an optimum time for this visit. The purpose of the trip would be to see the plant in operation and to meet with Lockheed Martin to discuss next steps.

Discussion was held on the number of attendees and which Council members would be interested in attending. Those interested in attending included Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Cooper, Gibbs, Taggart, MacInnes and Cavanaugh. Additionally, should Council decide to accept the invitation, it was suggested that a member of the Host Committee be invited to attend. Discussion was also held on the possibility of Lockheed Martin bearing the cost of the trip to Owego, New York.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council accepts the invitation from Lockheed Martin to visit the Waste to Energy Facility in Owego, New York, contingent upon Lockheed Martin covering all expenses including a member of the Host Committee and provincial counterparts attending.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Blair, Gibbs and Cavanaugh opposed)*

**Municipal Alcohol Policy**

Councillor Blair advised that she is the Council representative on the Municipal Alcohol Policy working group. A draft copy of the Policy was distributed to Council for consideration.

Brief discussion was held regarding the need for a sponsorship policy to coincide with the Municipal Alcohol Policy. It was suggested that more time for research may be required before consideration and approval. Councillor Blair indicated that Council can support the Municipal Alcohol Policy in principle.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipal Alcohol Policy be referred to August Committee allowing opportunity for staff and legal counsel to review; and,

That August Committee be granted authority to give final approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**First Reading – Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law**

This item deals with amendments to the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to rezone a commercial property to allow for residential or institutional use. The amendments would allow the rezoning of a property located in Hilden and owned by Valerie Dorey. The Planning Advisory Committee met on June 27<sup>th</sup> to consider the application received by Ms. Dorey.

The Municipal Government Act requires two readings before adoption of such amendments. First reading is to announce Council’s intent to adopt the amendments. A Public Hearing and Second Reading is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> where there will be opportunity to receive input from the public and for Council to debate the merits of adopting the amendments.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**New Position – Materials Recovery Facility Sorter**

Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, advised that in 2012, the Municipality of East Hants decided not to renew their contract with the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for the processing of recyclable materials. After a four year absence, the Municipality of East Hants has decided to re-enter into a contract with the Municipality of Colchester. Staff is seeking permission to enter negotiations with East Hants, and if successful, it would be necessary to hire three more full time employees at the MRF. Staff is looking at negotiating a 10 year contract.

Discussion on the possibility of running more than one shift was held. Mr. Wamboldt advised that it would not be a good business plan to run additional shifts.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorize the Director of Solid Waste to enter into negotiations with the Municipality of East Hants to provide processing services for their recyclable material and that any agreements be brought back to Council for approval; and,

That Council authorize the Director of Solid Waste to open competition for three full time “Sorter” positions at the Materials Recovery Facility in accordance with County Personnel Policies subject to successful negotiations to enter into a long term agreement with the Municipality of East Hants for the processing of their recycling material.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence - ACTION**

**Stanley Reid, President,  
Barrachois Harbour  
Fisherman’s Association**

A letter dated June 16, 2016 to the Mayor , requesting funding as well as resolution of support for Provincial and Federal funding.

Although recognizing the importance of the wharf to the residents and community, Council expressed concern with this being a case of more downloading by the province.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council approves writing a letter of support for funding applications for the Barrachois Harbour Fisherman's Association and that the letter be copied to the MP and MLA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sheldon Dorey, CAO,  
Town of Stewiacke**

A letter to the CAO dated May 25, 2016 requesting an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the construction of a new library in Stewiacke.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“The staff be directed to contact the CAO of the Town of Stewiacke to request a revised copy of the plan for the library.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ben Seveno, Business  
Development Officer,  
Town of Truro**

A letter from Ben Seveno, Business Development Officer from the Town of Truro requesting letters of support for funding applications under the Canada 150 Program for Victoria Park and Douglas Street Community Centre.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves letters of support be provided to the Town of Truro for funding applications under the Canada 150 Program for Victoria Park and Douglas Street Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence -  
INFORMATION**

**Building Inspector**

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

**Mike Palecek, National  
President, Canada Union  
of Postal Workers**

A letter dated June 6, 2016, requesting municipal input in the Canada Post Review. Council agreed to receive the letter for information purposes.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Community Trail Funding Program – Summer 2016 Applications**

Two applications were received in response to the Summer 2016 application deadline. The applications were from the Tatamagouche Area Trails Association requesting \$4,100 for annual maintenance of the 25 km trail; and the Fundy Trail Snowmobile Club requesting \$10,000 for a 22x32 foot expansion to the existing clubhouse at Folly Lake.

Both of the applications received were approved for funding through the Community Trail Funding Program, for a total of \$14,100.

**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.

**Recess**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:37 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:45 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary