

## **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, November 24, 2016.

### **Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair, Chair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor 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 Wade Parker	District 11

### **Regrets**

Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
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### **Also Present**

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development  
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste  
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

### **Employee Service Recognition**

Mayor Blair and Rob Simonds, CAO, presented employees with awards in recognition of years of service with the Municipality. 2016 recognized 11 employees for 10 years of service; one employee for 15 years; five employees for 20 years; and, two employees for 25 years.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
 Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meetings held on September 29 and October 27, 2016.

**Standing Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

**Council Committee Report from meeting held on November 10,  
2016**

*Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on November 10, 2016:*

**Water Quality and Quantity Survey Results – Truro Heights**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that the Municipality’s Public Works Department initiate a preliminary design and costing study of an extension to the central water system located in the Millbrook Power Centre to service areas of Truro Heights presently experiencing well water problems and report their findings back to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Balefill Forklift – Award of Tender**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves that the Director of Solid Waste be authorized to accept the lowest bid, as submitted by Wajax, at a total cost of \$67,747; and, to surrender the current Balefill forklift as a trade-in.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Nominating Committee Report from meeting held on  
November 18, 2016**

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves the Council appointments to the Boards and Committees, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Nominating Committee  
Report for Citizen  
Appointments – Authority**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

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**for December Committee  
to Approve**

“That Council authorizes Council Committee, at their meeting on December 15, 2016, to approve recommendations from the Nominating Committee pertaining to citizen appointments to the various Boards and Committees.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Roundabout –  
Design Services**

The Director of Public Works indicated that in 2010, staff initiated a project for the design of a new roundabout on MacElmon Road in Debert. Since then, staff has advanced archaeology along the highway frontage lands and are now in a position to revisit the roundabout in Debert. \$2.6 million is budgeted in the upcoming fiscal year for the construction of the roundabout.

Staff would like to complete the roundabout design and have approached CBCL for a proposal to finalize the original design as well as the design for the water, sewer and stormwater piping for the highway frontage lots. The value of the proposal was \$46,000.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That Council approves the award of the design services for the Debert Roundabout and Highway Frontage Servicing to CBCL in the amount of \$46,000 and, that an internal contingency of \$4,000 be approved, to be spent only under authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)*

**Water Royalties**

At recent Source Water Protection Advisory Committee meetings in Debert and Tatamagouche, discussion was held regarding water royalties.

Councillor MacInnes, Chair of the Debert Source Water Protection Advisory Committee, indicated water is our most valuable resource and although there is no immediate worry about the aquifers today, there is concern for the future.

Both Committees felt that the province was allowing commercial businesses to withdraw large quantities of water from local aquifers at very little charge and suggested that a letter be sent to the province urging water royalties be charged where water is being withdrawn for commercial purposes.

The CAO suggested that to ensure communication is factual and meaningful, the letter should be predicated on having research

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completed by the Research, Policy and Community Engagement Officer.

Council agreed to hold off writing a letter to the province about water royalties until research has been carried out by the new Research, Policy and Community Engagement Officer. However, it was noted that Council directive was to make water royalties a priority.

**Monitoring Illegal Dumpsites**

Councillor MacInnes advised that another illegal dumpsite has been discovered in his area. He inquired about the possibility of having cameras installed on trails as a means to deter these illegal dumpsites.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That staff be directed to seek legal advice on putting up trail cameras on municipal properties.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence - ACTION**

**Lois MacCormic, Chair,  
Village of Bible Hill**

A letter to Mayor Blair regarding issues of concern to the Village of Bible Hill.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the letter be referred to staff to investigate and bring information back to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ms. Pam Macintosh,  
Planner, Municipality of  
Colchester**

*Councillor MacKenzie declared a conflict and removed herself from the table.*

A memo to the Mayor and Council dated November 17, 2016, regarding a development agreement application by Stephen and Janet Bagnell.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the memo regarding a development agreement application by Stephen and Janet Bagnell be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor MacKenzie returned to the table.*

**Correspondence -  
INFORMATION**

**Building Inspector**

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**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 Gregory

“That the meeting adjourn at 8:40 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary