

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 25, 2017.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair, Chair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	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

Regrets

Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Staff Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Mark Austin, Acting Economic Development Officer
 Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor
 Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager
 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:

- Item #9b, Amendment to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law, Authority for May Committee to Award;
- Item #9c, Debert Military Museum Monument Requirement; and,
- Item #14b, Negotiations in Closed Session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Appointment of Municipal Solicitor

Mr. Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor, declared a conflict and removed himself from the meeting.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
 Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council waives policy and appoints Patterson Law as the Municipality’s Solicitor for fiscal year 2017-18.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Mr. James returned to the table.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2017, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2017.

Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

Council Committee Report from Meeting Held on April 12, 2017

Deputy Mayor Masters, Chair, presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on April 12, 2017:

1. Debert Airfield Infrastructure Upgrades

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council authorizes staff to make applications to ACOA, Transport Canada and any other identified funding agencies for the AWOS System, Runway Upgrades, Fencing and Master Plan for the Debert Airport.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Proposed Amendments to the Dangerous or Unightly Premises Procedures

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves the proposed amendments to the Dangerous and Unightly Premises Procedures, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Hub Centre Drive Paving and Street Lights

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that a letter be sent to all property owners fronting on Hub Centre Drive outlining the costs of paving and street lights, including the cost recovery mechanism, and that the property owners be advised that Council would consider the project pending the submission of written support from the majority of the property owners.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Debert Airport Agreement – Truro Flying Club

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves entering into an Agreement with the Truro Flying Club, as presented, with provisions to negotiate terms and conditions based on the comprehensive review of airport operating procedures; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute the Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Executive and Audit Committee Minutes from May 9, 2017 Meeting

Referring to discussions on Council Honourariums, Councillor MacInnes inquired about when the review of honourariums were supposed to take place. Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, advised that the review would normally be carried out at least two months prior to a Municipal Election.

Discussion was also held on the federal tax implications in relation to Council Honourariums.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That staff be directed to inquire, through the CRA, as to all implications of the elimination of the 1/3 tax portion of Council Honourariums.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council accepts the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on May 9, 2017, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Pumping Station 30 and
Forcemain Debert, Award of
Tender**

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that the construction project for Pumping Station 30 and Forcemain Replacement in Debert was advertised on the Municipal and Provincial websites. Three bids were received with the lowest bid, which was deemed to be complete, from Atlantic Road Construction.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the tender for the replacement of Pumping Station 30 and Forcemain in Debert be awarded to Atlantic Road Construction for a total contract value of \$969,000 excluding taxes; and,

That an internal contingency of \$100,000 be carried, to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Area Rate Budget 2017-18

The Director of Corporate Services provided a brief overview of the Area Rates Budget for 2017/18 indicating there was only one increase over last year. This change involves an increase in the North River Fire Rate from six cents to fourteen cents per \$100 of assessment. One other change to note would be the elimination of the Crosswalk Supervision Rate.

Referring to the year-end sewer maintenance surplus of \$779,404, discussion was held on staff looking into the possibility of utilizing funds for capital work.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves the 2017/18 Area Rate Budgets, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro-Colchester Event
Hosting Strategy**

Mr. Rob Simonds, CAO, advised that Council had previously received a presentation from the Truro-Colchester Event Attraction Committee (TCEAC) detailing their five-year strategy. While funding was approved through Council’s budget deliberations, formal approval was never given to the five-year strategy, as presented. The CAO also noted that the TCEAC will keep Council informed of activities and spending via presentations throughout the year.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council receives and accepts the Truro-Colchester Event Attraction Committee Five-year Strategy document, enabling its public distribution; and,

That representatives of the Event Attraction Committee be invited to report on their activities and spending at two or more Joint Council or Council meetings in 2017-18.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Amendments to the Central
Colchester Land Use By-law
– Authority to Approve**

The CAO advised that a request received, which requires an amendment to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law, will be reviewed by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on June 8, 2017. Staff is requesting Council authorize June Council Committee to consider and approve First Reading, pending a favourable recommendation by PAC, to avoid potential delays of the process due to Council’s summer recess. Should

First Reading be passed, a Public Hearing and Second Reading would take place at the regular June Council Session.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council authorizes Council Committee, at its meeting on June 15, 2017, to approve by way of First Reading, an amendment to the Central Colchester Land Use By-law.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Military Museum
Monument Requirement**

Councillor MacInnes advised that Council previously approved a 99 year lease for a small parcel of land to accommodate a monument for the Debert Military Museum. Funding for the monument through the Canada 150 Program has been received, however, minor work has to be done to prep the land for the monument.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Public Works staff be directed to contact the Debert Military Museum and carry out the necessary work to prep the land for the monument, for completion by July 17, 2017.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence - ACTION

**Ted Jordan, President,
Rotary Club of Truro**

A letter to the Mayor and Council received May 8, 2017, requesting an annual proclamation for the 3rd Week in April as Rotary Week.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council proclaims the 3rd Week of April as Rotary Week, and that this be proclaimed on an annual basis.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Margaret Mauger, Executive
Director & Trauma
Counselling Therapist,
Colchester Sexual Assault
Centre**

An email dated May 23, 2017, requesting a letter of support for the Community Support Network funding through the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the Municipality provide a letter of support to the Colchester Sexual Assault Centre for the Community Support Network funding through the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence -
INFORMATION**

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the Building Inspector for the month April 2017. 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 April 2017. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**Community Park Funding
Program**

Four applications were received for the Spring 2017 deadline for the Community Park Funding Program. Total funding approved was \$77,038 for the following groups: Tatamagouche Area Trails Association - \$30,000, pending confirmation of other funding sources, for the development of a natural play space for the Lower Onslow Preschool and community beside the Lower Onslow Community Centre; Town of Truro - \$30,000 for the expansion of the Truro Skate Park; Brookfield Elementary Home and School - \$15,000 for phase 2 of the development of a natural, accessible play space; and, Le Jardin d'Enfants - \$2,038.38 for perimeter fencing for a new outdoor play space to be developed for the preschool and the community.

**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.

Additionally, Councillor Taggart provided a report on the Northern Region Solid Waste Committee; Councillor Cavanaugh gave a brief report on the Status of Flood Advisory Committee projects; and, Mayor Blair indicated that a written report on the recently attended Atlantic Mayors Congress is forthcoming. Mayor Blair also advised that in addition to events as outlined in her report, she also attended the Peacekeepers Ceremony and Service in Bass River.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting go into closed session at 8:10 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:10 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**North River Ball Field,
Purchase and Sale
Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Municipality and Jeff Fancy for the exchange of a small parcel of land owned by the Municipality at the front of the North River Ball Field entrance and a small section of the back of a property owned by Jeff Fancy; and,

That Council approves funding in the amount of \$3,500 to install a fence along the new property line, with source of funds being Park Capital.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting adjourn at 9:11 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary