

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, September 26, 2019.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, Chair	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 Bob Pash	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

Regrets

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Bill Masters	District 2
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Staff Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Paul Smith, Senior Planner
 Tracey Veno, Recording Secretary
 Mark Austin, Economic Development Officer

Rob Simonds, CAO advised Council that Mr. Brennan Gillis was in attendance to present Council members with the *Truro Colchester Love Where You Live Relocation Guide*.

Mr. Gillis thanked Council for the opportunity to present the Guide this evening and advised that this initiative was a team effort involving the Municipality of Colchester, Town of Truro and Millbrook First Nation. Input is welcomed once everyone has opportunity to peruse the booklet.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
 Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Remove Item # 9, J-Class Roads; and,
- Add Item # 14, Negotiations in Closed Session.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
 Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of the meeting held on August 29, 2019, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on August 29, 2019.

Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

Councillor Boutilier, Alternate Chair of Council Committee, presented the report from the meeting held on September 12, 2019:

Council Committee Report from Meeting Held on September 12, 2019

Tatamagouche Water Utility – Three-Year Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the Three-Year Tatamagouche Water Utility operating budget (2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22) as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Debert Water Utility – Three-Year Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Pash

“That Council approves the Three-Year Debert Water Utility operating budget (2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22) as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Boundary Change

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council supports and approves the request to extend the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Boundary to include the Fundy Discovery Site.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Brookfield Sewer Boundary Change – 21 Trenholm Lake Road

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves a full refund, retroactive 24 years, amounting to \$3,800 for errors in sewer charges for the property located at 21 Trenholm Lake Road.”

AND

“That Council approves that a policy be created to ensure consistent practices are in place for Municipally generated errors on tax bills.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Policy for Municipal Fees

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council adopts the new Policy for Municipal Fees as presented and that staff proceed to First Reading for the amendment of affected By-laws at the next regular meeting of Council.”

motion amended

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the fee for Zoning Confirmation Letters be removed from the Municipal Fees Policy.”

Motion Carried. (*opposed by Councillors Boutilier, Cooper and MacKenzie*)

The amending motion having carried, the original motion was voted on and carried.

Teakwood Stormwater System

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves proceeding with a phased approach to the drainage issue on Teakwood Court, acknowledging that the work would be carried out on private property and would require legal agreements and potential easements.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Branding

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves proceeding with the new Colchester brand, as presented.”

Motion Carried. (*opposed by Councillor Cooper*)

Capital Budget Approval

“That Council approves the following changes to the 2019-2020 Capital Budget:

- Changing the sidewalk in Hilden from Avalon to Edward Avenue in 22/23 to Highway 2 to Upham’s Family Outlet in 21/22; and,
- Adding a sidewalk from Upham’s Family Outlet to the Town line in 22/23.”

AND

“That Council adopts the 2019-2020 Five-Year Capital Budget, as amended.”

motion amended

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Active Transportation Rate be identified as the source of funds for the addition of the sidewalk from Upham’s Family Outlet to the Town line in 22/23.”

Motion Carried. (*opposed by Councillor Gibbs*)

The amending motion having carried, the original motion was voted on and carried.

Forestry Industry – Request for Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Pash

“That Council approves that a letter of support as requested from the Forestry Industry be written to the Premier for an extension to the date identified in the Boat Harbour Act to permit Northern Pulp sufficient time to complete the effluent plant and pipeline installation with the condition that Northern Pulp complete their required studies and obtain Environmental Assessment approvals.”

Motion **DEFEATED**. (*Deputy Mayor Stewart, Councillors Boutilier, Cooper, Gibbs, Gregory, Cavanaugh, and Taggart opposed*)

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that a letter be written to the Premier that outlines our concerns of the severe negative economic impact that could be felt with any closure of Northern Pulp and that the Province have a plan of

action to maintain forestry jobs in this Province that are sustainable and meeting environmental standards; and,

That Council is of the view that a fair and sustainable system to treat effluent from the mill must be established without disrupting its vital role in our forestry sector.”

Motion Carried. (*Councillor MacKenzie opposed*)

Colchester Community Workshop – Request for Funding

Councillor Gibbs declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves funding to the Colchester Community Workshop in the amount of \$20,000 per year for five years, subject to proper agreements being in place.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Gibbs returned to the table.

Council and Council Committee Meeting Times

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the start time for Council Committee and Council meetings be changed to begin at 6 pm, agenda review time changed to 9 pm, and completion of meetings be by 10 pm; and,

That the Council Proceedings and Committees Policy be amended accordingly.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Waste to Energy

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves that the CAO be advised to not proceed with further negotiations relative to Waste to Energy and that the Industry representatives be notified accordingly.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee Minutes from Meeting Held on August 22, 2019

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the minutes of the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee meeting held on August 22, 2019 be accepted as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Flood Advisory Committee Minutes from Meeting Held on August 28, 2019

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the minutes of the Flood Advisory Committee meeting held on August 28, 2019 be accepted as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Loader for Materials Recovery Facility – Award of Tender

Scott Fraser, Acting Director of Solid Waste, provided a summary of this item indicating that a tender was issued for the purchase of a new loader for the Materials Recovery Facility. The tender was posted on the County and Provincial websites and a total of three bids were received by the closing date. Staff recommend that the tender be awarded to ALPA.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council authorizes staff to award the tender for the purchase of a new loader to ALPA in the amount of \$143,995 excluding HST.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Hub Centre Drive Paving – Authority for October Committee to Approve

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council authorizes Council Committee at their meeting on October 10, 2019 to award the paving tender for Hub Centre Drive.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Amended By-laws Relating to Municipal Fees

Mr. Paul Smith advised that this item relates to the newly adopted Municipal Fees Policy. During staff review of the Policy, it was noted that additional municipal fees would need to be added to the Policy which, in turn, could result in additional by-laws requiring amendments.

Council agreed that this matter be deferred until such time as a complete package is brought forward for consideration.

Correspondence - ACTION

Sean Kirby, Executive Director, Mining Association of Nova Scotia

An email from Sean Kirby, Executive Director, Mining Association of Nova Scotia requesting that a letter be writteng to the provincial government to support the proposal for provincially-funded geophysical surveys.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request from Sean Kirby, Executive Director, Mining Association of Nova Scotia, requesting that a letter be written to the provincial government to support the proposal for provincially-funded geophysical surveys be received for information purposes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager

An email from the Waste Reduction Manager concerning a proclamation for Waste Reduction Week.

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Pash

“That Council proclaims October 21-27, 2019 as Waste Reduction Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Matt Moore, General Manager, RECC

An email to the CAO concerning a request to re-appoint Dwayne Boudreau to the RECC Operating Board.”

Moved by Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the request from Matt Moore, RECC General Manager, to re-appoint Dwayne Boudreau to the RECC Operating Board be referred to the Nominating Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That authority be granted to October Council Committee to approve the recommendation from the Nominating Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence - INFORMATION

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity report received from the Development Officer for the month of August 2019. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the Building Inspector for the month of August 2019. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Sewer Blockage Protocol

This item provided a brief review on the By-law and operations protocols surrounding sewer lateral blockages including definitions of residential and commercial sewer service laterals; responsibilities of the home and/or business owners; and costs for sewer permits.

**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.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting go into closed session at 8:25 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 8:40 pm.”

Negotiation Matter – RECC

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the CAO be directed to provide a letter as requested by the RECC.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting adjourn at 8:41 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary