

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Special Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually and in-person on Thursday, September 14, 2023. This meeting was held immediately following the regularly scheduled Council Committee meeting.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, it was acknowledged that the Municipality of Colchester is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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| Mayor Christine Blair | <i>(regrets)</i> |
| Cllr. Eric Boutilier | District 1 |
| Cllr. Laurie Sandeson | District 2 |
| Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, Chair | District 3 |
| Cllr. Mike Cooper | District 4 |
| Cllr. Tim Johnson | District 5 |
| Cllr. Karen MacKenzie | District 6 |
| Cllr. Michael Gregory | District 7 |
| Cllr. Lisa Patton | District 8 <i>(regrets)</i> |
| Cllr. Marie Benoit | District 9 |
| Cllr. Victoria Lomond | District 10 <i>(virtual)</i> |
| Cllr. Wade Parker | District 11 |

Staff Present

Scott Fraser, Interim CAO
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Phillip Redden, Director of Solid Waste
Paul Smith, Director of Community Development
Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor
Tracey Veno, Recording Secretary
Jenn Martin, Economic Development Officer

The purpose of this Special Session of Council was to discuss a negotiations matter in closed session.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- Appointment of RECC Board Member”. Carried Unanimously.

It was noted that this addition would be dealt with prior to going into closed session.

Appointment of RECC Board Member

The Interim CAO advised that this item is before Council to give consideration to the appointment of the County citizen representative to the RECC Board due to the term ending for an existing citizen representative. A call for Expressions of Interest was issued by the RECC Board with four submissions being received. The Board is recommending the appointment of Joanne McRae, CPA, CA who is a partner with MNP.

Responding to a query on process and why this did not go before the Nominating Committee, the Interim CAO confirmed that the appointment is

somewhat time sensitive due to wanting the representative in place in time for the AGM which is scheduled for September 19th.

Moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That Council approves the appointment of Joanne McRae as a County Citizen Representative on the RECC Board.” Carried unanimously.

Councillor Parker spoke of the existing representative, Duane Rath, and his dedication to the Board during his tenure and his ongoing dedication in offering to stay on as a mentor to the new representative.

Moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That a letter be sent to Duane Rath on behalf of Council thanking him for his years of service and dedication as a RECC Board Member.” Carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting go into closed session at 7:55 pm”. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 8:03 pm”. Carried unanimously.

Negotiations Matter

Moved by Councillor Boutilier and seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and copied to NSFM as discussed in Closed Session.” Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That staff be directed to proceed with working collaboratively with other municipal bodies, as outlined in Closed Session.” Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councillor Gregory that the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary