June 25, 2026

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted in-person and virtually combined, on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

In peace and in 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

Mayor Christine Blair, Chair	
Councillor Paul Weatherby	District 1
Dep. Mayor Laurie Sandeson	District 2
Councillor Sheldon Richardson	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Nigel Leggett	District 6
Councillor Sherry Martell	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9 *(regrets)*
Councillor Charlene Fletcher	District 10
Councillor Allan Kennedy	District 11

Staff Present

Dan Troke, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
Phil Redden, Director of Public Works
Reid Shepherd, Director of Community Development
Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor
Jenn Mantin, Economic Development Officer
Tracey Veno, Recording Secretary
Tim Smith, IT Manager
Devin Trefry, Research, Policy, and Community Engagement Officer

Colchester Courage

On behalf of Council and the Municipality of Colchester, Mayor Blair presented Colchester Courage awards to Mr. McGrath and Mr. Tattrie.

On January 25, 2026, Aaron McGrath and Warren Tattrie displayed exceptional courage while responding to a serious motor vehicle accident on Highway 6 in Brule. After a vehicle left the road, overturned, and caught fire, the occupants suffered severe injuries, with the driver trapped inside. Despite unsuccessful attempts to extinguish the flames, Mr. Tattrie used the loader on his farm tractor to carefully right the vehicle, allowing Mr. McGrath to rescue the trapped driver from the burning wreckage. Mr. McGrath sustained smoke inhalation and second-degree burns to his hands during the rescue. Their swift, selfless actions undoubtedly saved the driver's life, earning them commendation through the Colchester Courage Awards following a nomination by Tatamagouche Fire Chief Mark Langille. Colchester is proud to recognize both recipients for their l selfless and heroic acts of courage.

Public Hearing – Heritage Property Registration, McCurdy Creek House, Upper Onslow

Mayor Blair called the Public Hearing to order respecting an application for a Municipal Heritage Property Designation made by owners of the McCurdy Creek House, located at 8 Old Tatamagouche Road in Upper Onslow, PID 20106803. The text for the application and a related staff report were circulated to Council members and made available to the public.

Dan Troke, CAO, advised that the guidelines of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) regarding the process for the Public Hearing have been followed.

Council members were reminded that only those present throughout the Public Hearing can vote on the Heritage Designation when eventually considered by Council. This Public Hearing is Council's opportunity to hear details of the application and any concerns of area residents. Council will have opportunity to debate the merits of the Heritage Designation when the motion is presented to Council. Staff are present to answer any technical questions that may arise during the Public Hearing.

Ulrich vomHagen, property owner, was in attendance to speak on the property. Included in his presentation was details on the property location, McCurdy Family history, photos and structural details of the house as it was built, and restoration and renovation details undertaken to date.

Following Mr. vomHagen's presentation brief discussion was held on timelines for completion of exterior renovations and community recognition of the house.

Pam Macintosh, Manager of Planning Services, provided a brief presentation on the heritage designation application highlighting the historical value of the home and staff being in full support of the Heritage Designation request. Should Council approve the application, a plaque which was shown for Council's viewing, would be displayed on the home.

Councillor Johnson, Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), which acts as the Heritage Advisory Committee, provided the report for the PAC meeting held on May 20, 2026.

The CAO reported that no written submissions were received concerning this application.

There were no members of the public in attendance to address Council on this matter and no further questions/discussion from Council.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

"That Council approves designating the McCurdy Creek House in Upper Onslow, located at 8 Old Tatamagouche Road, PID number 20106803 as a Municipal Heritage Property." Carried unanimously.

The Mayor noted that this property is now approved as a Municipal Heritage property pursuant to the Colchester Heritage Property By-law. With no further business on this matter, Mayor Blair declared the Public Hearing closed.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Richardson

"That the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Move Item 12 from action to 20b under information;
- Add Item 18b, Winter Long John Festival Funding Request;
- Add Item 18c, Letter Regarding Cell Service in Colchester County, Request from Police Advisory Board;
- Add Item 18d, Crime Statistics in County Newsletter, Request from Police Advisory Board; and,
- Remove Item 21, Property Matter in Closed Session." Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

"That the minutes from May 28, 2026, be approved as presented." Carried unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Blair advised Council of the recent passing of Dwight Giddens, Commissioner with the Village of Bible Hill. The Municipality will be sending along condolences to the Village as well as the Giddens family.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Martell requested updates concerning three motions from the May 28, 2026, Council meeting, – 1) extending an invitation to the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture; 2) letter to the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Society (CNSCCS) requesting review and approval of outstanding minutes; and, 3) a joint meeting with the Town of Truro and the CNSCCS given that the recent joint meeting only addressed the RECC Budget and was not in the spirit of the original motion to have opportunity for a joint meeting to ask questions and receive pertinent updates from the CNSCCS.

The CAO advised that he doesn't recall an invitation being sent and that this would be followed up on. Concerning the motion regarding outstanding minutes, the letter was sent to the Chair of the CNSCCS Board, and a copy would be provided. Lastly, responding to the motion on the joint meeting, the most immediate obligation was to get the RECC Budget before the Councils. The request regarding the next Joint Council meeting will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Sandeson, Chair of Council Committee, presented the reports from the meeting held on June 11, 2026.

Art Purchase Policy Amendments

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Weatherby

"That Council approves the amendments to the Art Purchase Policy as presented." Carried unanimously.

Speed Radar Sign Deployment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Patton

"That the speed radar sign deployment program continue and that Council members forward their requests for additional monitoring location to the Chief Administrative Officer." Carried unanimously.

Support for Feasibility Study – CMM Application to FCM

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Patton

"That Council provide a letter of support as a municipal partner for the funding application for a feasibility study for Terrestrial Wetland Creation on Agricultural Lands, as well as agrees to in-kind staff contribution and sharing of data." Carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Council Proceedings and Committees Policy Amendments

Devin Trefry, Research, Policy, & Community Engagement Officer, provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Council Proceedings and Committees Policy. The amendments deal with appointments to external boards and agencies and provide clarity around roles and responsibilities of Council members appointed to external bodies.

As per section 48 (1) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), at least seven days notice must be provided to all Council members before a policy is passed, amended or repealed. As the timelines for the notice period were unable to be met, staff is requesting that authority be granted to August Committee to approve the proposed amendments to the Council Committees and Proceedings Policy.

Clarification was requested regarding confidential matters discussed by external boards. The Solicitor advised that, if a matter has implications for the Municipality, it should generally be brought before Council, subject to certain exceptions. For those exceptions, Council members should recuse themselves from the discussion. This could be addressed during orientation when a Council member is newly appointed to a board. If a Council member is unsure whether recusal is appropriate, they should consult the CAO or the Solicitor for guidance.

It was noted that an amendment previously requested regarding term of office, two (2) years, for external boards has not been included and inquired if it was still possible to include. This amendment could mirror that of Part III, Section 20 regarding appointments to Committees of Council. Brief discussion was held on there being some exceptions for the two (2) year term of appointments.

Further discussion took place on not all boards and committees being listed under Part III, section 20b. The CAO advised that only Standing Committees of Council are included in the Policy.

Moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Richardson

"That Council grants authority to August Council Committee to approve amendments to the Council Proceeding and Committees Policy."

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Leggett

"That length of term of office for external boards that would mirror appointments to Committees of Council as set out in Part III, section 20, be added to the Policy." Carried unanimously.

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

Onsite Water Supply and Septic Program By-law, First Reading

Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, provided a briefing on the Water Supply and On-site Sewage Disposal System Upgrade Lending Program By-law. Adoption of by-laws require two readings. First Reading is to essentially announce Council's intent to consider adoption of the by-law. Council will have opportunity to debate the merits of the proposed By-law at Second Reading following staff's report. Should Council approve First Reading, advertising will be done in accordance with the MGA, and Second Reading will be scheduled for August Council.

Moved by Councillor Patton, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That Council approves, by way of First Reading, the Water Supply and On-site Sewage Disposal System Upgrade Lending Program By-law, as presented." Carried unanimously.

Construction and Demolition Cell#4 – Award of Tender

Councillors Leggett and Martell declared a conflict of interest and recused themselves from discussion on this matter.

Phil Redden, Director of Solid Waste, provided background information on existing construction and demolition (C&D) cell capacity as well as the requirement and timelines for a new C&D Cell, #4. Also included was budgetary information, tender details and summary of submissions received, total anticipated cost, and timelines for construction.

Brief discussion was held on timelines for completion. The Director indicated that early October is the expected time of completion.

Moved by Councillor Weatherby, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sandeson

"That Council award the Solid Waste C&D Cell #4 Construction Tender to Ian Sinclair Contracting Limited for $1,354,805.00 which includes a 10% contingency of $118,765.00 and the provisional sum of $48,390.00; and,

That the internal contingency and the provisional sum be spent only on authority of the Director of Solid Waste." Carried unanimously.

Award of Tender – MacElmon Road Utility Extensions

Councillor Martell declared a conflict of interest and recused herself from discussion on this matter.

David Quinn, Project Engineer, provided an overview of the award of tender for the MacElmon Road Utility Extensions. Included were details of Council's 5-year capital budget approvals for both water and sewer, tender details and timelines, submissions received, budgetary implications and staff's recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Patton, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

"That Council awards the tender for the extension of water and sewer service along MacElmon Road, in Debert, to S.W. Weeks Construction Limited for a total contract amount of $1,325,276.80 excluding HST; with an anticipated total project value of $1,500,000." Carried unanimously.

Biosolids Handling Facility Aeration Upgrades, Authority to Award

Kaela McLellan, Project Engineer, provided a briefing on the Biosolid Handling Facility (BHF) and process for handling sludge received at the Facility. The aeration system at the BHF has reached it's end of life and upgrades are required. A Request for Proposals was issued, however, closing date timelines did not allow for information to be ready for June Council. Staff is requesting that authority be granted to August Committee to award the contract for the BHF aeration upgrades should bids be over Council's approved budget.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sandeson

"That Council authorizes August Council Committee to award the contract for the construction of the Biosolids Handling Facility aeration upgrades, should bids exceed Council's approved budget." Carried unanimously.

Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion, Award of Design Services

Councillor Martell declared a conflict of interest and recused herself from discussion on this matter.

Kaela McLellan, Project Engineer, advised that a Capacity Study was previously conducted for the Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant and findings determined that the Tatamagouche STP has exceeded its design capacity and recommended that the treatment plant be expanded. This item deals with the award of engineering services contract for the design of the Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) expansion. Included in the report was details of the Request for Proposals, approved budget information, an overview of submissions received, staff review and scoring of submissions, staff's recommendation and options for consideration.

As all bids received came in over budget, staff noted that inflation and price volatility observed in the construction industry over the last five (5) years is translating into significant increases in consulting fees. Staff will be reviewing and amending consulting fee estimates for upcoming Capital Budget discussions based on recent responses to ensure budgeted amounts better reflect the new industry trends.

Moved by Councillor Patton, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

"That Council authorizes staff to award the contract to Dillon Consulting Ltd for the design of the Tatamagouche Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion for a total contract value of $320,258 including rebated tax, with source of funds being Sewer Capital and the CCBF." Carried unanimously.

Debert Lighting and Fencing

Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works, provided a report on the award of archaeological services for the installation of the lighting and fencing at the Debert Airport. Included in her report was information on existing infrastructure, archaeological requirements on the lands before proceeding with any work, Request for Quotation details, bids received, budgetary information, and a breakdown of estimated project costs for fencing and lighting. Staff are exploring alternative options for less expensive solar lighting, and more information will be brought forward to Council on this at a later date. Staff recommend proceeding with the archaeological assessment for fencing only at this time and that August Committee be granted authority to make further decision on any archaeological work required for lighting once more information is available.

Discussion was held regarding the archaeological requirements for the project and the possibility of reducing the scope of work if no archaeological resources are identified. Ms. Boudreau advised that holes will be required every five metres however, a variance has been allowed for modified fencing work to allow digging only to the depth necessary rather than the traditional depths. Further discussion was held on potential funding sources for work at the Debert Airport.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Weatherby

"That Council approves the award of the archaeological resource assessment for fencing at the Debert Airport to CRM Group for a total contract commitment of $593,317 excluding HST; and,

That an internal contingency of 10% be approved, to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works; and,

That August Council Committee be authorized to approve any archaeological contracts related the installation of lighting at the Debert Airport." Carried unanimously.

Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) Budget Approval

The CAO advised that this item is a follow up from the Joint Council meeting where the RECC budget was presented by staff, namely Brad Lawrence and Joel Dawe. The RECC Board approved the operating and capital budget for this fiscal year and is now being advanced for the two Councils approval. As a result of discussion at the Joint meeting, materials were prepared and distributed via email as well as on table for this evening's meeting.

Several concerns were raised regarding the proposed RECC budget. These included timing of approval of the RECC budget with the County budget which includes funding for the RECC already being approved, as well as the budget was being reviewed in the second quarter without first-quarter actual financial results, limiting confidence in the projections presented. Additional concerns included the projected revenues for membership fees, food and beverage sales, equipment rentals, and the lack of supporting information for the equipment rental projections; inclusion of revenue from naming rights with no secured agreements; assumptions related to the shared facilities maintenance agreement and event funding, with no requests before Council for consideration; and variances in numbers for food and beverage operations and legal expenses based on previous years actual expenditures.

Clarification was provided on food and beverage numbers noting the difference between sales and profits and past budgeted amounts for legal costs versus current. Further discussion took place on challenges faced by the current Board, including issues arising with staff, senior management, and Councils. It was also noted that the current Board has inherited circumstances resulting from previous decisions and is working to make improvements with the resources and information available. The RECC is a shared community facility and collaboration amongst the Board, staff and Councils is important as we move forward.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Fletcher

"That the RECC budget be approved as presented." Motion carried *(Councillors Patton and Martell opposed)*.

Speed Radar Signs

Councillor Johnson indicated that he would like to see the Municipality purchase four additional speed radar signs and that staff investigate signs that are slightly larger than existing ones. He would also like to have different readout options available displaying various messages for speeding vehicles.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sandeson

"That staff investigate purchasing four additional mobile speed radar signs and that these radar signs be slightly larger than existing ones with the ability to display different readout options and bring back information for Council consideration." Carried unanimously.

Ice Pond Drive Crosswalk

Referring to a crosswalk request and petition from October 2024, Councillor Johnson indicated that extended wait periods in receiving information from the Province is unacceptable and would like to see a letter written to the Province addressing this.

Brief discussion was held on the process for adding additional crosswalks for consideration. The CAO indicated that as he understands it, there is a vacancy within the Province, and these requests are being dealt with outside our area resulting in lengthy wait times. It was suggested that a letter be written dealing with the existing request for a more efficient process prior to adding other crosswalk requests to the list.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Leggett

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that a letter be written to the Province concerning the lengthy wait times of receiving responses regarding crosswalks and expediting the process for such responses." Carried unanimously.

Winter Long John Festival Funding Request

Jenn Mantin, Economic Development Officer, provided an overview of the request for $30,000 towards the expansion of the Winter Long John Festival as a regional tourism event and signature Winter festival for Central Nova Scotia. This is a follow up to a presentation from the Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society (CNSTDS) regarding plans to expand the Winter Long John Festival in the Winter of 2027. Included in her report was information on the proposed expansion, potential risks, budget and financial implications, and the suggestion of having a second primary festival venue within Colchester County. Confirmation of municipal funding commitments is required to secure the proposed anchor attraction and begin event planning activities. The same request has been made of the Town of Truro.

Discussion was held on the request being steep, contributing a lesser amount for the first year, approval of the full amount would put the event funding budget in a deficit position, and having the second festival venue site located within Colchester County. It was also suggested the support for the event should be contingent on the same contribution from Town of Truro.

Moved by Councillor Patton, seconded by Councillor Johnson

"That Council approve a contribution of $30,000 toward the Winter Long John Festival expansion initiative."

amending motion

Moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Leggett

"That the $30,000 funding contribution for the Winter Long John Festival be contingent on same from the Town of Truro." Motion carried *(Deputy Mayor Sandeson opposed)*.

The amending motion having carried, the original motion was voted on and carried as amended *(Mayor Blair and Deputy Mayor Sandeson opposed)*.

Police Advisory Board – Letter Regarding Cell Service Request

As a result of recent serious motor vehicle accidents where individuals had to drive several kilometres to locate a residence with a landline telephone, Councillor Leggett advised that concerns regarding cellular service in Colchester County were discussed at a recent Police Advisory Board meeting. It was noted that cellular coverage is unreliable in many areas of the County, causing concerns for not only residents but also for emergency service providers. Councillor Leggett also noted that one of the RCMP's focus is mental health and inadequate cellular coverage can exasperate this. During the discussion at the PAB meeting, it was suggested that a letter be sent expressing concerns about cellular service throughout the County, however, there was uncertainty regarding who the correspondence should be addressed to.

Moved by Councillor Leggett, seconded by Councillor Fletcher

"That a letter be written to the appropriate authority within the Province regarding the concerns of cellular service in Colchester County." Carried unanimously.

Police Advisory Board – Crime Statistics in County Newsletter

Moved by Councillor Leggett, seconded by Councillor Patton

"That Crime Statistics from the RCMP for Colchester County be included in the County Newsletter." Carried unanimously.

<u>Correspondence – ACTION</u>

Stacey Biekx, Courageous Companions

Email to the Mayor and Council requesting sponsorship via advertising for the 2026 Courageous Companions.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Johnson

"That the email to the Mayor and Council requesting sponsorship via advertising for the 2026 Courageous Companions be received for information purposes." Carried unanimously.

Spurgeon Stewart, Legion BR64 Service Officer

Email and letter requesting a flyby approval for Remembrance Day 2026.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sandeson

"That Council grant permission for a flyby on Remembrance Day in Tatamagouche as requested by Branch 64 Legion and provide a letter of support required by the Royal Canadian Air Force for the flyby to take place." Carried unanimously.

Shelly DeViller, Chair, Colchester County 4-H, Planning Oversight Committee for NSPE 2026

Email and letter dated June 1, 2026, requesting financial support for the 2026 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

Councillor Patton declared a conflict of interest and recused herself from discussion on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Richardson

"That Council approves the request for funding in the amount of $10,000 from Colchester 4-H to support the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in Bible Hill this year, 2026." Carried unanimously.

Spencer Keddy, Resident, Hilden, NS

Email to Councillor Richardson dated June 13, 2026, requesting that sidewalk infrastructure extend to Avalon and Bonavista Avenues.

Moved by Councillor Richardson, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the email to Councillor Richardson dated June 13, 2026, requesting that sidewalk infrastructure extend to Avalon and Bonavista Avenues be referred to staff." Carried unanimously.

Truro Police Service

Memo and email regarding a request for support for the Cobequid Educational Centre 2026 Safe Grad.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell

"That Council approves $500 in funding for Safe Grad 2026 for each Cobequid Educational Centre, Tatamagouche Regional Academy and South Colchester Academy; and,

$200 in funding for each Ecole acadienne de Truro and Christian Academy." Carried unanimously.

Brittany Frenette, Clerk Treasurer, Tatamagouche Village Commission

Email and letter dated June 15, 2026, requesting a Parking Feasibility Study for Main Street Tatamagouche.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Richardson

"That the email dated June 15, 2026, requesting a Parking Feasibility Study for Main Street Tatamagouche be referred to staff." Carried unanimously

Kristin Pichoskie, Founder, Oak's Tree of Love

Email to Mayor and Council dated June 17, 2026, requesting a proclamation and recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month 2026.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

"That the email to Mayor and Council dated June 17, 2026, requesting a proclamation and recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month 2026 be received for information." Motion carried *(Mayor Blair and Councillor Cooper opposed)*.

Sydney Froehlich, EA, Office of Mayor & City Manager, Moosejaw Saskatchewan (on behalf of Mayor James Murdock)

An email dated June 22, 2026, requesting a letter of support for the Snowbirds.

Moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

"That Council provide a letter of support for the Snowbirds as outlined in the correspondence from Sydney Froehlich, EA, Office of Mayor & City Manager, Moosejaw Saskatchewan." Carried unanimously.

Chris Verge, Area Manager, Colchester County, NSPW

A letter to the CAO dated June 9, 2026, concerning Road Naming for Highway 104 Rest Areas.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Patton

"That Council supports the road naming for Highway 104 Rest Areas as outlined in the request from Chris Verge, Area Manager, Colchester County, NSPW." Carried unanimously.

<u>Correspondence - INFORMATION</u>

Development Officer

A copy of Development Activity Report for May 2026.

Building Inspector

A copy of Building Permit Statistics for May 2026.

Moved by Councillor Weatherby, seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the reports from the Development Officer and Building Inspector be received." Carried unanimously.

The Honourable John A MacDonald, Municipal Affairs Minister

Copy of letter dated June 9, 2026, concerning 12-months' notice re provincial legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could impact revenues or expenditure of municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Richardson

"That the letter from the Honourable John A MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs dated June 9, 2026, concerning 12-months' Notice be received." Carried unanimously.

<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

Reports from Council Members

Copies of reports from the Mayor and Councillors were circulated in the package and 'On Table' for this evening's meeting and are available upon request from the Administration office.

Referring to a meeting held on June 10 that was listed as a RECC Board special meeting on some councillors' reports, a question was raised regarding by-law requirements for notice and public meetings, and clarification was requested regarding the governance of that meeting. The CAO advised that he did not believe it was an official RECC Board meeting. Councillor Johnson confirmed that the meeting had been organized by the Mayor of Truro and was intended to discuss matters not only specific to the RECC. Both Councillors Kennedy and Weatherby indicated that the meeting had been incorrectly identified on their reports and apologized for the misrepresentation.

Further discussion took place regarding the potential implications of such a meeting under the Municipal Government Act. The Solicitor advised that members of Council may attend meetings for information-sharing and general discussion, provided they do not transact official business on behalf of Council or, in this case, on behalf of the RECC Board.

Hudson Street Sewer Extension – Award of Tender

This item informed Council of the tender award for the extension of 326m of sewer and 460m of multi-use trail along Hudson Street in Debert. Included in the report was background information on the project, tender details and timelines, approved budgetary information, submissions received, and bid prices. The tender was awarded to Atlantic Snow and Ice Management who came in under budget at $417,575.20 excluding HST. Work is expected to commence on July 16th and take approximately 15 weeks to complete.

A question was raised regarding Atlantic Snow and Ice Management's existing commitments with the County, specifically around the company being overcommitted. Kaela McLellan, Project Engineer, advised that this was considered, however, the work for this contract differs from the company's other project and that separate Atlantic Snow and Ice Management staff would be assigned to this project.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Richardson

“That the meeting go into closed session at 8:46pm.” Carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandeson, seconded by Councillor Weatherby

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:15pm.” Carried unanimously.

Personnel – Administration Department Restructuring

Moved by Councillor Leggett, seconded by Councillor Richardson

“That Council approves a new Range 15 - $139,817 to $166,198 be added to the Salary Scale, specifically for the Deputy CAO position; and,

That restructuring of the Administration Department as outlined in-camera, including the creation of the following positions:

- Deputy CAO, at Range 15 on scale;
- Director of Economic Development, Marketing and Communications, at Range 13 on the salary scale; and,
- Administrative Support Clerk, at Range 1 on the salary scale.” Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Kennedy, the meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary