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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor, Chair	
Councillor Christine Blair	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 Michael Gregory	District #7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the agenda for January 30, 2014 be approved with the following additions:

- add to Item #3, Approval of Minutes: minutes of Special Council held on January 16, 2014 (on table)
- add to Item #14, Closed Session: minutes of Executive and Committee meetings held on January 6, 8, 13 and 21, 2014
- add Item #11b: Date of Strategic Planning Session
- add Item #11c: CoRDA Assignment and Assumption Agreement (on table)
- add Item #11d: Intersection of College Road and Burris Drive.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the minutes of meetings held on November 28, December 12, 2013, and January 16, 2014 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on November 28, December 12, 2013, and January 16, 2014.

Presentations

Bruce Langille, Secretary/Treasurer
Special Hazards Response Unit (SHRU)

In his powerpoint presentation, Mr. Langille provided a brief overview of the Special Hazards Response Unit which is currently in its 20th year of operation. The purpose of the presentation was to look at future funding models in support of continued and future operation of SHRU, given that many of its past funding sources have been eliminated. The organization is also in need of a new truck and equipment and has no method of creating capital funding. In the absence of capital funding, SHRU will not be able to continue.

The current funding model consists of annual funding from 22 municipalities to which the unit may respond to hazardous materials capabilities. The Municipality of Colchester currently provides an in-kind contribution to SHRU by providing the building from which it operates.

Mr. Langille indicated that the future operation and long-term viability of SHRU will require a funding model similar to that of the other 15 fire departments. The funding model would be two-fold; first with assistance and support of Colchester, seek an increase in cost per head of population from the other 22 municipalities, second is a funding method directed to capital expenditures through an annual general rate for purchase/upgrade of equipment.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the presentation from the Special Hazards Response Unit be received; and, the request for capital funding in support of the purchase/upgrade of equipment be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In response to a staff request, Mr. Langille agreed to provide a capital budget plan for the organization.

S/Sgt John Berry, Colchester RCMP Detachment

In his presentation, S/Sgt Berry provided a review of activities and initiatives that have taken place in 2013:

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- total number of calls responded to for County - 9,242 compared to 8,944 in 2012
- Road Safety Initiatives: 118 distracted charges, 71 impaired driving charges, 943 provincial traffic enforcement
- Managing Crisis/Serious Events broken down by unit include: General Investigative Section - sexual assaults-25, thefts over \$5,000-6, arson-7, frauds-5, drug files-43, robbery-4, assaults-15, homicide-3, break/enters-3, threats-3; Street Crime Enforcement Unit: search warrants-26, charges laid-33
- Community Safety Officer - 231 checks conducted over last nine months
- School Safety Resource Officers: service provided to 21 schools in Colchester
- Staffing Update: 1 promotion/transfer to Port Hawkesbury, 1 Cpl replacement in Tatamagouche, 1 maternity leave, 1 member on restricted duties, 2 pregnant members working
- Criminal Record Checks: total number for County - 2,696
- Bible Hill Office Expansion - turn sod in September 2014, complete by spring 2015
- Community activities include: Stewiacke Lunch Presentation, Tatamagouche Seniors' Talk, Children's Wish Fund, Christmas Toy Drive for Salvation Army

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That the presentation from the Colchester RCMP Detachment be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Andre Lachevrotiere - Atlantic Industrial Services Inc. (AIS)

AIS was invited to make a presentation to Council to discuss fracking wastewater issues, the wastewater stored in AIS ponds, and the company's proposed disposal project in Lafarge kilns. Lafarge, along with the concerned residents of Shortt's Lake, had each made a presentation on this project in December 2013.

Highlights of Mr. Lachevrotiere's presentation and discussion with Council included the following:

- largest receiver of wastewater in Atlantic Canada
- does not generate wastes - collect, reduce, reuse, recycle and responsibly manage wastes
- wide variety of treatment technologies

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- difference between flowback fluids and reverse osmosis water purification technology
- history of what has happened since AIS requested County's permission to discharge reverse osmosis effluent into municipal sewer system
- already processed over one million litres of wastewater through reverse osmosis
- pilot project so no cumulative effect
- open to all confirmation samples taken by third party
- project with Lafarge involves treating flowback fluids in Debert and transferring to Brookfield (up to three loads per day) by transport trailer in enclosed steel storage tank
- no discharge to any water bodies - no risk to environment or public with this re-use option
- strongly believe no analytical, technical, safety or legal reason to prevent discharge of this reverse osmosis effluent to municipal sewer system

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the presentation from Atlantic Industrial Services Inc. be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented reports from the Council Committee meetings held on November 28 and December 12, 2013:

**Councillor Training
- 2014**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

"That Council approves the dates of April 1 and 2, 2014 for a Councillor training workshop."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**North Colchester
River Restoration
Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council approves the request from the North Colchester River Restoration Association for \$5,000 per year for the next five years being included in the draft budget for the next five fiscal years beginning in 2014-15."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**CoRDA - Council
Nominees to Joint
Board**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the appointment of Councillor MacInnes and Councillor Parker as County Council representatives on the Joint Committee for the transition windup period for the Colchester Regional Development Agency.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Emergency Dispatch
Services Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves the Municipality of Colchester entering into a contract extension with Valley Communications on a new emergency dispatch services agreement of up to three years; and,

That the Municipality’s tendering and procurement policy (Section 2) be waived for this instance only.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**High School
Scholarship
Program**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the addition of \$3,000 to the Municipality of Colchester’s High School Scholarship Program, with \$1,000 to each of the three high schools in Colchester County to be used for students attending a recognized trade school upon graduation.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Relocation of House,
13 Onslow Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council authorizes the payment of \$6,259.38 to cover the additional expenses incurred by the property owners of 13 Onslow Road for the replacement of floor joists involved in relocating their home.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Time of Council
Meetings**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves Council and Council Committee meetings ending no later than 11:00 p.m., with the agenda being reviewed at 9:30 p.m. to determine whether it can be completed by the

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designated time; if not, that the Tuesday following the meeting be used as an alternate date to complete the balance of the agenda.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on December 11, 2013, January 6, 8, 13 and 21, 2014.

ACTION ITEMS

**First Reading -
Regional Emergency
Management By-law**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Council hereby approves First Reading of Chapter 42 - Regional Emergency Management By-law as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Second Reading -
Revised Local
Improvement By-law**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council hereby approves Second Reading of Chapter 26 - Local Improvement By-law as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Meeting Date -
Grants to NPO
Presentations**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves the date of Monday, March 3, 2014 being set as the date to receive presentations from non-profit organizations in support of their grant applications, beginning at 5:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bible Hill Master
Plan Reserve - Use of
Funds**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves an expenditure of \$500,000 for the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition as a one-time transfer of funds from the Bible Hill Master Plan Reserve.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Blair, Stewart,
MacKenzie, MacInnes and Parker
opposed)*

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**MOU - Interim
Board - CoRDA
Windup**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council approves the Memorandum of Understanding on the windup of the Colchester Regional Development Agency as presented; and,

That staff be directed to present any amendments to the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke for approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**CoRDA Assignment
& Assumption
Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Assignment and Assumption Agreement with the Colchester Regional Development Agency for the lease and subleases of the space leased by the Agency and identified as 35 Commercial Street, Suite 208, Truro, Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Date of Strategic
Planning Session**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Council agreed that the strategic planning session scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2014 be postponed and that staff be directed to come back to Council at a future meeting with a proposed new date.

**Intersection of
Burris Drive and
College Road**

Councillor Parker indicated that he had received a call from a resident on Burris Drive who raised concerns about the safety of children having to cross the road at the intersection of Burris Drive and College Road. Traffic in this area is very heavy and very fast. Residents are in the midst of getting a petition signed. Councillor Parker would like to see a proper crosswalk and lights installed in this area.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That a letter be written to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the Department look into having a crosswalk and lights installed on College Road at Burris Drive with a copy to the local MLA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Correspondence

ACTION

**Mayor Bill Mills,
Town of Truro**

A letter dated December 5, 2013 from **Mayor Bill Mills, Town of Truro**, requesting a County Council representative on the Town of Truro Task Force Tourism Committee.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the request from the Town of Truro to appoint a Colchester County Council representative to the Tourism Task Force Committee be declined at this time.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Blair opposed)*

**Alan Johnson,
Executive Director,
Truro & Colchester
Chamber of
Commerce**

An email to the Mayor dated January 28, 2014 from **Alan Johnson, Executive Director, Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce**, regarding Council representation on the Chamber Board.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council appoints Councillor Tom Taggart as its representative on the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce in an ex-officio advisory capacity for a one-year term.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of November and December 2013. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Reports received from the **Development Officer** for the months of November and December 2013. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

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**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**Reports from
Councillors
Appointed to
Outside Boards &
Agencies**

Copies of reports from Councillors was circulated in the package or placed on table for this evening's meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting go into closed session at 10:40 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:45 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:46 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary