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MEDIA RELEASE

Colchester Offers Funeral Support to Families of All Victims

Monday evening (April 20) Colchester County Council held an emergency meeting related to the tragic events that occurred in our communities over the weekend.

Much sorrow and heartfelt sympathies were expressed along with concern for the families, friends, and neighbors most affected.

At the meeting, a motion was quickly tabled to support the families of victims left devastated. Council moved to contribute up to \$5000 to help offset the funeral expenses of each victim.

“Council shares the incredible heartbreak that so many are feeling at this time. The families of the victims are left to grieve such incredible loss. We felt that this was one way we could alleviate concerns related to funeral costs and allow families to fully focus on healing,” said Mayor Christine Blair.

In memory of those lost, the flags at Colchester Municipal Facilities are flying at half mast.

Families of victims may contact Kelly Gratto-McCarthy at 902 843-4193 or 902 893-0677 for details on how to access the funeral support funding.

Residents are reminded that the Provincial Mental Health Crisis Line is available 24/7 for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis or someone concerned about them. Call (toll-free) 1-888-429-8167.

Kids Help Phone is available 24/7. Call (toll-free) 1-800-668-6868 (toll-free).

Morneau Shepell has opened its 24/7 bilingual crisis support line to help anyone in need of emotional support as a result of these tragic events. Call (toll free) 1-844-751-2133.

Association of Psychologists of Nova Scotia are offering services to enhance the physical and mental health of adults, children, adolescents, and families. Contact 902-422-9183.

HOSPICE Colchester East Hants is also available for grief support by calling 902-893-3265.

For any community member requiring assistance finding the support they need contact Jennifer or Kaitlyn at the Municipality by calling 902-897-3185.