

SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, March 18, 2014 5:30 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 Mike Gregory	District #7
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10

Regrets:

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Process Overview

Council Committee had previously reviewed the 2014-15 maintenance budget and referred it to this meeting where any additions or deletions will be considered, including economic development grants and grants to non-profit organizations.

At the conclusion of this meeting, it is expected that the operating budget and general tax rates will be set. The decisions made at this evening's meeting will require Council approval at the end of the month. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at month end, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

Non-Profit Grant Applications

Economy Recreation Centre

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Economy Recreation Centre."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Economy Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Middle Stewiacke
Recreation
Association**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association receive a grant in the amount of \$15,000, to be spread over three budget years; and,

That the grant be subject to funding coming back if additional funding is received from other sources, and,

That funding of \$5,000 be in current year budget and \$10,000 deferred to the next two years .”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Red Bear Healing
Home**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for a grant from the Red Bear Healing Home be denied..”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Lower Onslow
Community Centre
Society**

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Lower Onslow Community Centre Society.”

Motion Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Lower Onslow Community Centre Society receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000 with \$5,000 in the current year budget and \$5,000 in the next budget year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor MacInnes returned to the table.

**Brule Community
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brule Community Centre.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Cooper, Gibbs, MacKenzie
and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Brule Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tatamagouche In
Bloom/North Shore
Development Agency**

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

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the request for a grant from the Tatamagouche In Bloom/North Shore Development Agency be referred to discussions under Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Gregory returned to the table.

**Creamery Square
Association /**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

Boatshop Manager

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Creamery Square Association/Boatshop Manager.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Creamery Square Association/Boatshop Manager receive a grant in the amount of \$4,000.”

Motion Defeated. *(Councillors Blair, Masters, Stewart, Coopers and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Creamery Square Association/Boatshop Manager receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Earltown
Community Centre**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Earltown Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Earltown Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester County
4H A & B**

Discussion was held with concern being expressed about ownership of the building. Council agreed to put this item on hold until further clarification is received.

**Central Community
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Central Community Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Central Community Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**CC Riders Soccer
Club**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the CC Riders Soccer Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the CC Riders Soccer Club receive in-kind support.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council agreed to refer determination of the in-kind support to staff.

**Cobequid Lawn
Bowls**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant from Cobequid Lawn Bowls be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. receive a grant in the amount of \$8,000.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillor Gregory opposed)

Scotia Pool Society

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the discussion on Scotia Pool be removed from Grants to Non-profit section.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Friendship Club,
Canadian Mental
Health Association**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Friendship Club, Canadian Mental Health Association.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Friendship Club, Canadian Mental Health Association receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

**Stewiacke Valley
Historical Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Northumberland
Arts Council**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Northumberland Arts Council.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Gibbs opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Northumberland Arts Council receive a grant in the amount

of \$15,845, with \$5,845 in year one and \$5,000 deferred to the next two years.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors Gibbs and Taggart opposed)

**Alton Recreation
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Alton Recreation Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Alton Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Special
Olympics**

Discussion was held on increasing the annual \$3,000 grant to Cobequid Special Olympics.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Cobequid Special Olympics.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Cobequid Special Olympics receive an increase of \$3,000 to the existing amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Middleton
Community Hall
Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Middleton Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the Middleton Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Warwick Mountain
Recreation Club**

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Warwick Mountain Recreation Club receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**West St. Andrews
Community Club**

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the West St. Andrews Community Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the West St. Andrews Community Club provide a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Balfroon Community
Hall Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Balfroon Community Hall Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Balfour Community Hall Association receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brookfield Men’s
Club**

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Brookfield Men’s Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Brookfield Men’s Club receive a grant in the amount of \$1,815.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Disaster Animal
Response Team**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request for a grant from the Disaster Animal Response Team be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Cobequid Society of
Athletic Excellence**

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

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the request for a grant from the Cobequid Society of Athletic Excellence be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor MacInnes returned to the table.

**Salmon River
Hockey Society**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Salmon River Hockey Society.”

Motion **Defeated**.

(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Stewart, Cooper, and Taggart opposed)

**Le Jardin d'enfant
de Truro**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the request for a grant from the Le Jardin d'enfant de Truro be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Neighbours Helping
Neighbours**

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

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the request for a grant from Neighbours Helping Neighbours be denied."

At this point, Councillor Gregory returned to the table.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**TOPS NS 5261
Portaupique**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

"That the request for a grant from TOPS NS 5261 Portaupique be denied."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council agreed that those organizations receiving deferred funding should be contacted after final approval has been given to the budget at the end of the month.

Mr. Bruce Purchase, Director of Corporate Services, advised that organizations receiving automatic annual grants will be requested over the next year to make a presentation to Council for an update and opportunity for Council to ask questions.

**Economic
Development Grant
Applications**

**Slow Food
Northumberland
Shore National
Meeting 2014**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the Municipality provide a grant to the Slow Food

Northumberland Shore National Meeting 2014.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Gibbs and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Slow Food Northumberland Shore National Meeting 2014 receive a grant in the amount of \$8,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Gibbs and Taggart opposed)*

**Nova Scotia Blind
Golf**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Nova Scotia Blind Golf.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Nova Scotia Blind Golf receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Northern Aids
Connection Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the request for a grant from the Northern Aids Connection Society be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Minor
Football**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Minor Football.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Truro Minor Football receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bible Hill Fire
Brigade**

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Bible Hill Fire Brigade receive a grant in the amount of \$500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Read by the Sea
Library Society**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Read by the Sea Library Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Read by the Sea Library Society receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**NS Music Week
2014 Truro
Colchester**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the NS Music Week 2014 Truro Colchester; and,

That decision on the amount be deferred until the organization makes a presentation later in the year and staff to discuss with Town of Truro regarding a joint contribution.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Economic
Development Grant
Funding**

Discussion was held regarding what amount should remain in the budget for additional requests for funding under Economic Development Grants that may be received throughout the 2014/15 budget year.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the 2014-15 budget for Economic Development Grants be increased by \$16,000, for a total of \$20,000, to allow for future requests throughout the year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding staff developing an appropriate program to help defray minor hockey ice time.

**Requests for
Non-Grant Funding**

Recreation Deferrals

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That \$35,000 be left in the budget for Recreation Deferrals.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding staff developing an appropriate program to help defray minor hockey ice time.

Courthouse Reserve

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That \$100,000 be transferred to the Courthouse reserve instead of \$160,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Scotia Pool

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That \$50,000 be put in the budget for 2014/15 for Scotia Pool and that these funds be put on hold until needed.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cougar Dome

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

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the request for a grant from the Cougar Dome be denied.”

At this point, Councillor MacInnes returned to the table.

**Special Hazards
Response Unit**

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That an additional \$15,000 for operations be provided to the Special Hazards Response Unit.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Central Nova
Tourist Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the request from Central Nova Tourist Association for an increase in the municipalities per capita investment be denied .”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Transfer to
Operating Reserve**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council Committee recommends to Council the transfer of \$350,000 from general operations in 2013-14 to the Operating Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**2012-13 Operating
Budget and Tax
Rates**

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Operating Budget be approved with the Additions/Deletions as set out at this meeting, with an increase of \$.01 to the residential tax rate to \$0.85. and a commercial tax rate remain at \$2.25.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary