

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, January 20, 2015.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor	
Councillor Christine Blair	District 1
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters, Chair	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 Doug MacInnes	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Ron Cavanaugh District 8

Also Present

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, CAO
Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste
Mr. Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager (for Item #1)
Mr. Joy O'Neill, Economic Development Officer
Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to hear external presentations from Scotia Pool Society, Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce, and Endurance Wind.

Scotia Pool

Ms. Glenda Bower provided an update to Council on the progress of Scotia Pool Society (the Society). She indicated that the Society has had a very successful year, noting the following:

- A lease has been negotiated for the building for \$1/yr for ten years;
 - Use of pool numbers continues to be consistent and strong;
 - New programs initiated including Aqua Zumba;
 - Steady attendance in arthritis class, water art class, senior lane swims, Red Cross swim lessons, family swims and open swims;
 - Water safety and water safety instructor courses continue to be offered and well attended; and,
 - Pool rentals continue to increase.

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In her presentation, Ms. Bower also provided Council with information on fundraising efforts of the Society including a successful advertising sign fundraising campaign.

The need for upgrades to the heating system was addressed. The Society has received a detailed report from Doctor Solar outlining the use of green technology using solar panels. Potential cost savings are estimated at 60-70% of the current heating budget.

Scotia Pool is requesting the release of the \$50,000 as approved in the 2014-15 budget. They are also requesting a commitment of \$100,000 in 2015-16 and following years, for operations as well as \$25,000 in capital funding.

Moved by Christine Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the funds in the amount of \$50,000, budgeted in 2014-15 for Scotia Pool, be released."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

A question was raised about the lease being fully executed. Ms. Bower indicated that it is not signed as yet but expects it to be executed very soon. Council agreed that the release of funds would be subject to the County receiving a signed copy of the lease.

Moved by Christine Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

"That the request for \$100,000 for operations and \$25,000 in a capital reserve be referred to budget deliberations."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce Presenting on behalf of the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce (TCC) were Ms. Stephenie Jones and Mr. Andrew Lake. The topic of the presentation was the Greater Colchester Partnership.

Ms. Jones began her presentation stating that there is a great need for a regional, collaborative approach with regards to economic development. TCC has a proposal for a model, which is business driven, that they feel will work in this region; the Greater Colchester Partnership - Colchester, Truro, Stewiacke, Millbrook, and TCC.

The Partnership would have a Board consisting of the following:

- Nine voting members (one representative from each Truro,

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Colchester, Stewiacke and Millbrook and five business members;

- One Executive Director;
- Two Economic Development Officers (EDO) - from Truro and Colchester; and,
- One part-time Immigration Attraction Representative.

Currently, 52 businesses have pledged \$87,000 over the next three years. This proposal has been presented to all stakeholders and everyone is on board. TCC is now requesting that Colchester join the Greater Colchester Partnership.

A brief summary of contributions from the partners over three years was provided, as follows:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Colchester	\$75,000 plus one EDO salary	\$62,000 plus one EDO salary	\$55,000 plus one EDO salary
Truro	\$40,000 plus one EDO salary	\$35,000 plus one EDO salary	\$30,000 plus one EDO salary
Stewiacke	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Millbrook	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TCC	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

Expenditures over the three years would include the two existing Economic Development Officer Salaries, one Executive Director salary, one part time Immigration Specialist salary, marketing fees, office supplies and travel costs.

Discussion was held with concerns being raised about this being another level of bureaucracy; that Colchester would be contributing 50% of the funding but would only have one voting member on the board; and, who the Economic Development Officers would report to.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the presentation be received and that the Greater Colchester Partnership be referred to staff to bring back to Council for further discussion.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council requested that the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce forward a copy of the proposal to staff for distribution to Council.

Endurance Wind

Representing Endurance Wind were Michael Carey and Mike Morris. Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, also participated in the

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presentation. A copy of the presentation was distributed on table for this evening's meeting.

In their presentation, Mr. Wamboldt and Mr. Carey provided information on financial opportunities including costs and returns; and, development and scope of work.

The proposal is for two small wind turbines located at the Kemptown site on Mingo Road. This is an optimal site location with potential production of 140,000 kw hours annually. This wind production could yield COMFIT returns of approximately \$70,000 per year.

Information relating to total costs of the project, annual revenues, annual profits and total lifetime revenues was provided. Additional information was provided on warranties, maintenance contracts and life span of the towers.

Endurance Wind would be responsible for the construction of the turbines, however, Council stressed the importance of using local suppliers, wherever possible, for things such as cement, road, etc. Mr. Wamboldt advised that these types of things could be negotiated in the contract, however, some of the work may be specialized and may not be able to be provided locally.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the presentation from Wind Endurance be received and referred to staff to bring back to Council during budget deliberations."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor MacInnes suggested that during future presentations, staff and members of Council should refrain from asking questions until after the presentation has been completed.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

"That the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary