

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The Regular Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Thursday, February 12, 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 Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

Also Present

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr. Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Mr. Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager (for item A-1)
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Retirement Presentations

In recognition of their years of service with the Municipality, Mayor Taylor presented Mr. Allan Hayman and Ms. Rose Dill with retirement plaques. Also retiring was Ms. Sheila Wilson who was not available for tonight's meeting.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Taylor also extended congratulations to Mr. Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor on recently being awarded the 2014 Community Service Award by the Canadian Bar Association, Nova Scotia Branch.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gregory
 Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- add Item # A-6b Canada Post Community Mailboxes."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the minutes from the meetings on January 15 and 20, 2015, be approved, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes There was no business arising from the minutes of the meetings held on January 15 and 20, 2015.

Presentations There were no public presentations at this evenings meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade – Request for Funding Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that a grant in the amount of \$1,000 be approved for the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade in support of their hosting the 2015 Maritime Fire Fighters Championships being held at the Truro Curling Club from February 28-March 1, 2015; and,

That source of funds be 2014-15 Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

March Meeting Dates Moved by Mayor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council Committee approves March 10, 2015 for the maintenance budget meeting; and March 31, 2015 for the additions/deletions meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was agreed that an Action Item be presented at the March 2015 Council meeting giving April Committee authority to approve the 2015/16 budget.

Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Membership Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that Colchester County become a member of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance through its Policy Advisory Board.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Pictou Road/Village
Court Drainage
Improvement Project**

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works advised that over the last number of years, residents along Pictou Road near Village Court have had issues with run off in their back yards. The Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) received an application from the residents to remedy the drainage issue. The FAC agreed that this project falls under stormwater management and should be put forth to Council for consideration. Engineering staff have estimated the cost of this stormwater mitigation project at \$80,000 and the Village of Bible Hill has agreed to fund 50%. Staff is seeking Council approval to fund the remaining 50% of the project.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the County cost share 50% of the costs of the Pictou Road/Village Court Drainage Project with the Village of Bible Hill, up to a maximum contribution of \$40,000; and,

That this project and cost be included in the Stormwater Project budget for Public Works for the 2015/16 fiscal year.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was suggested and agreed that retention ponds be incorporated into this project as well.

**2015 Spring
Debenture –
Temporary
Borrowing
Resolution**

The Municipal Finance Corporation issues Spring debentures for Nova Scotia municipalities to secure low cost debt financing for capital projects completed. Three projects require debenture borrowing for the 2014/15 fiscal year; the Compost Facility, the Granville Drive sewer project and the Cell Construction at the Balefill.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Municipality of Colchester request a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$5.2 million; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Temporary Borrowing Resolution, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Solid Waste Tipping
Fee Rate Review**

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, provided a brief presentation on the Solid Waste Tipping Fee Rate Review. The last review of the tipping fees occurred in 2010. During last year's budget review, it was noted that the current tipping fees for Solid Waste did not cover costs of operations, prompting a tipping fee rate study and review.

An overview was provided on the methodology, known as Activity Based Costing, was used to determine what the cost should be, as well as the proposed three year rate structure for Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition (C&D) and Compost. The timeline for implementation of the proposed rates begins April 1, 2015.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That Council Committee recommends to Council the adoption of tipping rates as prescribed in the attached three year proposed Tipping Fee Schedule."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was suggested that the numbers be rounded up to the nearest dollar. Mr. James, Municipal Solicitor, recommended that the rounded tipping fee rates be presented at Council for final approval.

**Canada Post
Community
Mailboxes**

A concern regarding snow around community mailboxes was brought forward. Canada Post made a promise prior to implementing the community mailboxes that the areas surrounding the mailboxes would be kept clear for easy and safe accessibility.

Another concern was also raised about security involving the community mailboxes. It was indicated that one key opens several of the boxes allowing multiple access and there is one shared box for large items causing possible risk of not getting parcels.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That a letter be written to Canada Post regarding their commitment to the maintenance of Community Mailboxes and their need to fulfill their commitment."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was noted that the correspondence should address who does the snowplowing, where the contractors are located, and what the expected time frame for snow removal is around the community

mailboxes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee Update

Mayor Taylor provided Council with an update on meetings and topics being addressed by the Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee including:

- Mayor Taylor elected as Chair and Mr. Jol Hunter as Vice-Chair;
- Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI);
- Press release outlining the Municipality's support for the Startup 100 Project;
- Possibility for the Debert Airport to showcase the Atlantic Canada International Air Show event in 2016;
- Branding initiative;
- Discussions of the need for an Events Coordinator; and,
- Development of a strategic plan for moving forward.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th.

Directors Report

A report from Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development, was circulated in the package for this evening's meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary