

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

The Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, March 31, 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
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### **Also Present**

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste  
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development  
 Mr. Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager  
 Ms. Tracey Venno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

### **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 its meeting on March 26, 2015, Council authorized Council Committee to approve the budget and tax rates at the April 16, 2015 meeting. For the sake of simplicity, each separate motion will not be considered by Council at that meeting, but rather the entire package and tax rate.

### **Non-Profit Grant Applications**

### **Economy Recreation Centre**

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“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 \$4,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Brule Community Centre Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

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

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Tatamagouche In Bloom/North Shore Development Agency.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillors Parker, Stewart, Blair, MacInnes and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Tatamagouche In Bloom/North Shore Development Agency receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000.”

Motion Carried.

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

### **Creamery Square Association-Boatshop**

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Creamery Square Association-Boatshop receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gibbs and Gregory opposed)*

### **Earlton Community Centre**

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

Seconded by Councillor Gregory

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Colchester County 4-H Truro/North River**

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester County 4-H Truro/North River.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Colchester County 4-H Truro/North River receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Colchester Transportation Co-operative Ltd.**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Colchester Transportation Co-operative Ltd.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillor Parker opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

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

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillor Parker opposed)*

### **Canadian Mental Health Association**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Stewiacke Valley Historical Society**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Stewiacke Valley Historical Society receive a grant in the amount of \$1,666.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Alton Recreation Centre**

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

Motion Carried.  
*(Mayor Taylor and Councillor Parker opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the Alton Recreation Centre receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000 and that a letter be sent advising future support is contingent upon more activity.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Middleton Community Hall Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Defeated.

*(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gibbs, MacKenzie, Blair, Parker, Taggart and MacInnes opposed)*

### **Balfron Hall Community Association**

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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

Motion Defeated.

*(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gibbs, MacKenzie, Blair, Parker, Taggart, Cooper and MacInnes opposed)*

### **Cobequid Society for Athletic Excellence (Cougar Dome)**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Great Village Community Association**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs

Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the request for a grant from Great Village Community Association be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Tatamagouche Society for Educational Transformation**

Moved by Councillor Taggart

Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the request for a grant from Tatamagouche Society for Educational Transformation be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**West Colchester Community Development Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the West Colchester Community Development Association.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the West Colchester Community Development Association receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.”

Motion Defeated.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Blair, Gibbs, MacInnes, and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the West Colchester Community Development Association receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Parker, Cooper and MacKenzie opposed)*

**St. James Church of Great Village Preservation Society**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the St. James Church of Great Village Preservation Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the St. James Church of Great Village Preservation Society receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**IOOF Liberty Lodge # 120**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the request for a grant from IOOF Liberty Lodge #120 be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Winding River Art Gallery**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the request for a grant from Winding River Art Gallery be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**The New Annan Heritage Society**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the New Annan Heritage Society.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the New Annan Heritage Society receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro-North River 4-H Beef Project**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the request from the Truro-North River 4-H Beef Project be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.



**MADD Cobequid**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the MADD Cobequid.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the MADD Cobequid receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Town of Truro Parks Recreation and Culture**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the for a grant from Town of Truro Parks Recreation and Culture  
Be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Outreach Society**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Truro Outreach Society.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters and Councillor Blair opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

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

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillors Cooper, Gibbs, MacInnes and MacKenzie opposed)*

**North Shore Archives**

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the North Shore Archives.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Parker and Taggart opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the North Shore Archives receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Parker and Taggart opposed)*

### **North Shore Community Development Association**

As there was no seconder on a motion by Councillor Gregory to support the North Shore Community Development Association, there was discussion or vote on this motion.

Moved by Councillor Parker

Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request for a grant from North Shore Community Development be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor Gregory opposed)*

### **South Branch Community Council**

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the South Branch Community Council.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillor Parker opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the South Branch Community Council receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillor Parker opposed)*

Referring to the decision to support the Alton Recreation Centre, Deputy Mayor Masters suggested that this decision be reconsidered given that two other community centres or halls in the same situation were refused funding. Council agreed to revisit the request from Alton Recreation Centre.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
 Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the request for funding from the Alton Recreation Centre be denied.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillors Cooper, Stewart, Parker, Taggart and Blair opposed)*

### **Annual Grants**

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters**

The Municipality has been advised by Big Brothers Big Sisters that the \$5,000 annual funding is not required this year.

#### **SPCA**

Discussion was on withholding funds for the SPCA was held. Council members were not in favour of providing a grant to an organization who is able to donate funds to other charities. Support was shown for the annual amount of \$5,000 to be provided to the Animal Control Department to work with Castaway Cats or a low income spay/neuter program.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
 Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the amount formerly allocated to the SPCA be reallocated to the Animal Control Department towards a spay/neuter program or other suited method; and,

That the SPCA be advised that the annual grant will not be forthcoming.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Economic Development Grant Request**

#### **Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
 Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That Nova Scotia Blind Golf Association receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Truro Minor Football Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Read by the Sea Literacy Club**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to Read by the Sea Literacy Club.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**People First Truro Chapter**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the People First Truro Chapter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the People First Truro Chapter receive a grant in the amount of \$1,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Orienteering Association of Nova Scotia**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Orienteering Association of Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Orienteering Association of Nova Scotia receive a grant in the amount of \$2,750.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Faith Baptist Church**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Faith Baptist Church.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the Faith Baptist Church receive a grant in the amount of \$2,475.”

### **Royal Canadian Legion, Colchester Branch 26**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Royal Canadian Legion, Colchester Branch 26.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Royal Canadian Legion, Colchester Branch 26 receive a grant in the amount of \$3,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Shakespeare in the Parker (Truro Art Society)**

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the request for a grant from Shakespeare in the Park (Truro Art Society) be denied.”

Motion Carried.

*(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillor Gibbs, MacKenzie, Cooper and Parker opposed)*

### **Canadian Fire Fighters Curling Championship Tournament**

Moved by Councillor Blair

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the Canadian Fire Fighters Curling Championship Tournament.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Parker

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the Canadian Fire Fighters Curling Championship Tournament receive a grant in the amount of \$6,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **2015 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the Municipality provide a grant to the 2015 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was held on the three levels of sponsorship with gold being \$8,000-\$10,000; silver being \$4,000-\$7,000; and bronze being \$1,000-\$3,000.

Moved by Councillor Blair

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the decision on level of sponsorship be tabled until the presentation on April 7, 2015.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **Requests for Non-Grant Funding**

### **CNTA Per Capita Funding**

CNTA has undergone a number of changes over the past six to eight

months including change in management and physical location. Brief discussion was held regarding tabling a decision on funding until after the presentation from CNTA. It was also suggested that the funding would be better spent on specific tourism activities or functions initiated by the Municipality.

Moved by Councillor Stewart  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That funding in the amount of \$10,997 + \$2,198 be maintained as tourism development, but not specified for CNTA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Council agreed to bring forward items 12 and 13 on the agenda to accommodate members of the public in attendance for these items.

#### **Scotia Pool Society Request for Funding - Operating**

Discussion was held on the tremendous amount of work Scotia Pool Society has done, meeting all the demands of Council and demonstrating the need for the pool in the community. Further discussion was held regarding the future upgrades to the heating system which should greatly cut operating costs. As such, if expenditures decrease, future amounts requested could be reduced.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councill Parker

“That the Municipality support the request from Scotia Pool Society for operating funding.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councill Parker

“That the Municipality provide operating funding to Scotia Pool Society in the amount of \$100,000.”

Motion Carried.  
(*Councillor Gregory opposed*)

#### **Scotia Pool Society Request of Funding - Capital**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper



“That the request for capital funding from Scotia Pool Society be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Accounting Software**

Funding in the amount of \$186,000 for the new accounting software had been previously approved for 2015-16. Staff is seeking direction on paying this amount through general operations or the Special Operating Reserve.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That \$186,000 for the new accounting software be paid as a one time draw from the Special Operating Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Special Hazards Response Unit (SHRU)**

SHRU is requesting funding for the purchase of a new vehicle and the this funding be through an area rate equaling \$50,000 until such time the vehicle is paid for. Discussion was also held regarding SHRU serving other counties and the possibility of related costs being cost shared. Council generally agreed that this funding should not be through an area rate.

Moved by Deputy Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Municipality provide funding to the Special Hazards Responds Unit.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Masters  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That \$50,000 be approved for this year, for the Special Hazards Response.”

Motion Carried Unansimously.

It was suggested that a presentation be made by Mr. Bruce Langille, giving Council an opportunity to ask questions. It was also suggested

that the funds be held until such presentation.

### **Solid Waste – Administration Position**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That funding for the new position of Solid Waste Administration Position be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Economic Development – Events Coordinator**

This Events Coordinator position is a joint position with the Town of Truro that will be cost shared on a 50/50 basis.

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the position of Events Coordinator be approved in principle, until such time an agreement is reached with the Town of Truro, subject to a maximum of \$35,000.”

Motion Carried.  
*(Councillor Parker opposed)*

### **Branding**

Discussion was held regarding new branding for the Municipality. A few years back, CoRDA underwent an extensive branding exercise which resulted in new branding at that time and some members of Council felt that this branding still works for the Municipality. Councillor MacInnes suggested that Council entertain a presentation from the Economic Development Officer on branding. The possibility of changing/updating the logo on letterhead, business cards, and the County website was discussed and was generally upon.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That funding for branding be denied.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **County Wide Business Plan**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That funding for the County Wide Business Plan be approved in the amount of \$5,600.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Airport – Runway Maintenance**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That funding for the Debert Airport/Runway Maintenance be approved in the amount of \$75,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **CNTA**

Funding in the amount of \$7,500 is being requested by CNTA; \$2,000 for co-op marketing; \$5,000 for visitor services; and \$500 for the Roger Brooks International Destination Assessment. Council agreed to put off making the decision on this until after the presentation from CNTA which is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Trails or Arena Reserve**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That an Arena Reserve, excluding the Rath Eastlink Community Centre, be set up with funding in the amount of \$30,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

### **Salary – Administration**

At its meeting on March 26, 2015, Council approved an increase in salary for the non-union staff in the amount of 3.5%.

## **Transfers of Funds**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That no additional funding be transferred into the Operating Reserve; and,

That no additional funding be transferred into the Bible Hill Master Plan Reserve; and,

That \$125,000 be transferred to the Debert Master Plan Reserve; and,

That \$350,000 be transferred from the Special Operating Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:26 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary