

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Monday, July 6, 2015.

### **Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

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 Doug MacInnes	District 9
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### **Regrets**

Mayor Bob Taylor	
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

### **Also Present**

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, CAO  
Ms. Crystal Deuville, Recording Secretary

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting was to hear external presentations from Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums, Department of Natural Resources and residents from Mattatall Lake.

### **Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums**

Robert Putnam and Cindy Johnson provided an update and slideshow presentation on behalf of the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums on their trip to the Netherlands for liberation celebrations in May. Liberation celebrations are held every five years and this marked the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The ten day trip was filled with many performances, a memorial service and a parade recognizing the veterans.

Councillors went around the table and commented on the outstanding work the Band has done and how they represented the County and Province during such a significant event.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the presentation from the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Nova Scotia Forest Practices (DNR)**

Tim O'Brien, Regional Forester of Crown Land with NS Department of Natural Resources, made a presentation on Forest Practices in the Province. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- Crown-owned land in NS is second lowest across country at 29% in which 13.5% of this is protected land
- Provincial goal to reduce clear-cutting by 50% over next 5 years (first province to try and regulate this)
- Controls and regulations in place on Crown land but not on privately owned lots
- Clear-cutting driven by economical factors and has been declining over the years
- Certain forest practices in place to be followed when clear cutting
- Harvesting impacts other infrastructure and requires ongoing maintenance

Moved by Councillor Gibbs

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

"That the presentation from Tim O'Brien from NS Department of Natural Resources on Forest Practices be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mattatall Lake Group**

*Councillor Parker declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table for the duration of the presentation.*

The Mattatall Lake Community Group consists of 14 members who represent the property owners of the Lake who are concerned with the health of the public, residents and the Lake itself. The algae became a concern in September 2014 when it was recognized as a Harmful Algal Bloom.

Dr. Tri Nguyen-Quang from Dalhousie University's Department of Engineering, has been conducting research on the algae. Initial samples produced results that far exceeded the World Health Organization's drinking water standards. Dr. Tri has since installed one weather station and 9 temperature sensors to continue with monitoring and sampling of toxicity levels.

Dr. Tri's current services are funded through Dalhousie University and will not cover the proposals for watershed analysis, toxicity testing and remediation solutions. A financial plan was submitted as part of the package with the Group requesting \$5,000 from the County in 2015 and 2016.

Expenses throughout the two year period will include sample kits for toxin testing, purchase and installation of ultrasonic devices, buoys, lights and signage. The plan does outline a funding shortfall in 2016 in which they will approach other businesses or request additional funds from residents. Funding still needs to be secured from the Province in which requests have already been made with Karen Casey, MLA and Minister of Environment, Randy Delorey.

Council will need to make any financial decisions on the request made by the Mattatall Lake Community Group. As Council does not meet again until the end of August, it was suggested to draft a letter of support to Randy Delorey, Minister of Environment.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the request for \$5,000 from the Mattatall Lake Community Group be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor Parker returned to the table.*

## **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Crystal Deuville  
Recording Secretary