

## **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, October 15, 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 Doug MacInnes	District 9
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### **Regrets**

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

### **Staff Present**

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste  
 Mr. Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor  
 Ms. Tracey Veno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary  
 Ms. Kelly Gratto-McCarthy, HR Specialist (for item # A-3)

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
 Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Remove Item #A-2, Broderick Lane Snow Removal;
- Remove Item #I-2, Private Road Service Agreements;
- Move Item #A-9 West Colchester United Arena from Action to Information, new Item #I-3b;
- Add new Item #A-9, Building Security.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
 Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the minutes from the meeting held on September 10, 2015 be

approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on September 10, 2015.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Art Selection Committee**

Moved by Councillor Parker  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Councillors Blair and MacInnes be appointed to serve on the Art Selection Committee for the Municipality of Colchester’s Art Selection Program for 2015.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Personnel Policies (section 6)**

Ms. Gratto-McCarthy, HR Specialist, advised that there are 11 policies before Council this evening. Some of these Policies have not been updated since 1993 so the intent is to bring the Policies to current standard. The amendments include minor housekeeping items as well as some more significant changes. Ms. Gratto-McCarthy highlighted the significant changes for Council’s review and discussion.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that current policies numbered 6.04, 6.09, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, and 6.21 be repealed; and,

That the amended policies numbered 6.04, 6.09, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, and 6.21 be approved with the following additional amendments:

- 6.04 – addition of clause 3c (page 3) which includes wording to clarify terms for reimbursement; and, change Managers’ Responsibilities (page 4) to Directors’/Managers’ Responsibilities;
- 6.12 – change clause 2a (page 1) to include the wording dental; and, clarification on immediate supervisor (page 2) by adding Director’s/Managers’ Responsibilities – Directors’ and/or Managers’ shall be responsible for approving requests for Special Family Leave.
- 6.21 – clause 4a (page 2) Safety Footwear – addition of wording to clarify terms for reimbursement by student.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Palliser Redevelopment  
Project Steering  
Committee – Terms of  
Reference**

Mr. Crawford Macpherson, Interim CAO, provided an overview of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Palliser Redevelopment Project Steering Committee, as presented with the Action Item. The Town of Truro has reviewed the TOR and are in agreement.

Discussion was held on the number of voting members on the Committee, who the deciding body would be for recommendations being put forth, the Chair of the Committee being a County Council member and Vice Chair being from the Town, and that the Councillor from the area be one of the Committee representatives.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Terms of Reference for the Palliser Redevelopment Project Steering Committee be approved, as amended; and,

That Deputy Mayor Masters and Councillor Stewart be appointed to the Committee for the purposes of overseeing a masterplan process for the Palliser Redevelopment Initiative.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tatamagouche Water  
Utility Budget Approval**

*It was noted that at its meeting on September 24, 2015, Council granted authority to October Committee to approve the Tatamagouche Water Utility Budget.*

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves the 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 Tatamagouche Water Utility Budget, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Water Utility  
Budget Approval**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Mayor Taylor

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that the 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 Debert Water Utility Budget be approved, as presented; and,

That staff move forward with a Debert Water Utility water rate review effective fiscal 2016/17.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Staff investigate the possibility of the benefits and practicality of taking over water utilities from the Province and report back to Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tender Award – Dakota  
Road Watermain  
Relocation**

*It was noted that at its meeting on September 24, 2015, Council granted authority to October Committee to approve the awarding of the tender for the Dakota Road Watermain Relocation.*

Moved by Councillor MacInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes the award of the Dakota Road Watermain Relocation Project to CF Construction for a contract amount of \$106,900 excluding taxes, with an internal project contingency of \$15,000 be carried, to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works; and,

That source of funds be the Debert Sale of Houses.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Purchase of Vacuum  
Truck**

Moved by Councillor Cooper  
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council Committee recommends to Council that staff be authorized to purchase a used vacuum truck from Joe Johnson Equipment at a cost of \$190,000 excluding HST, to be funded by the Public Works Vehicle Reserve, and that the purchase of other public works vehicles shown in Schedule B of the approved Capital Budget be deferred in order to support the expense.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Building Security**

Councillor Blair requested an update on building security. Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, advised that video cameras have been installed in the building. The County is also looking into having motion sensors installed, however, we have faced some challenges with this due to the fact that the Department of Justice has evening sessions and requires access to the building.

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Mayor Taylor indicated that the County needs additional space and suggested that a letter be written to the Department of Justice about vacating the building. The Municipal Solicitor advised that there is an agreement in place that is favourable to the Justice Department. However, it was noted that a recent court case could not be held in the Municipal Building due to inadequate security.

Moved by Mayor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That staff write a letter to the Department of Justice regarding vacating the Municipal Building.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Chantilly Drainage**

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, provided an update on what has been done thus far regarding the issue of water ponding around Chantilly Lane. Discussion with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has proven unsuccessful and they are not willing to share the costs to rectify the problem. Additionally, Nova Scotia Environment have indicated that the drainage ditch is classified as a watercourse and may be subject to DFO approval pending the nature of the work and any existing fish habitat.

Ms. Newell indicated that the resident issuing the complaint has been kept informed of the situation.

### **Update on Municipal Feral Cats Initiative**

During the budget process, Council committed \$5,000 toward a program to deal with feral cats and to implement a low income spay/neuter program. The Animal Control Officer has put a great deal of effort into this initiative, working with organizations such as Sympathetic Ear, local vets, the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus and property owners. A brief overview of the progress to date was provided. Council commended the Animal Control Officer for doing a great job with this initiative.

### **West Colchester United Arena**

Councillor MacInnes advised that the West Colchester United Arena is facing a deficit of \$53,000 this year. Arenas are an extremely important part of the community. A lot of work is needed and it is going to take more than just the Recreation Department to solve the problem the arenas are facing. Communities as a whole, have to help out and be part of the solution. It was suggested that an article regarding supporting local arenas be included in an upcoming edition of the County Newsletter.

A presentation from the Arenas Association is tentatively scheduled

for the December Presentation Meeting.

**Directors Report**

A report from the Director of Solid Waste was circulated prior to this evening's meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting go into closed session at 9:45 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:24 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting adjourn at 10:25 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary