

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE

A Special Session of Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

### **Attendance**

The following Councillors were in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	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 Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### **Also Present**

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Ms. Heather Maddigan, Finance Manager  
 Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste Management  
 Mr. Crawford McPherson, Director of Community Development  
 Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
 Mr. Mark Austin, Interim Economic Development Officer

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting was to receive presentations from staff regarding the draft “maintenance” budget. This is part of the budget process for 2017-18.

### **Staff Presentation**

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer, made brief remarks introducing the budget deliberations and the materials to consider.

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, made a presentation concerning the general budget process; impacts on revenue and expenditures; looking at assessment cap and tax rate comparisons; reserve balances; and significant expenditures and cost pressures. The presentation also gave a preview of items to be discussed during the “additions and deletions” meeting. Mark Austin made brief remarks regarding decision –making considerations. A copy of this presentation and addition/deletion appendix was circulated on table.

**Questions and  
Answers/Information  
Request**

Council questions and comments included:

- Pipeline assessment decline
- RMCP increased cost versus number of officers
- Assessment value considerations: change of use, permits
- List of capital out of revenue and funding consideration
- Self-insurance of fire brigades
- Major Flood commitments versus reserve funding requirements
- Analysis of 2017-2018 salary compared to prior year
- Discussion on Bio-solids: increase in costs of disposal externally

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Heather Maddigan  
Finance Manager