

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair, Chair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters	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
Vacant	District 9
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

Others Present

Mr. Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Tracey Venno, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Presentations

4-H Barn Renovation Project

Presenters: Ms. Lisa Patton and Ms. Angela Masters

In their presentation, Ms. Patton and Ms. Masters provided a brief history of the 4-H program in Colchester County and an update on the status of the 4-H Barn, including progress to date with regards to renovations and expansion plans. Ms. Patton advised that the Colchester County 4-H Council has obtained a 99 year lease for the barn from the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board and authorized County staff to provide a copy of the lease to members of Council.

Discussion was held on the Municipality's funding commitment and Mayor Blair advised that the funding approved for 2017/18 was in the amount of \$25,000 contingent upon a secured lease and business plan. Mayor Blair also indicated that discussions were still on-going with the province.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

"That the presentation from Ms. Patton and Ms. Masters on the 4-H Barn Renovation Project be accepted."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester Christian Academy**Presenters: Ms. Johanna Matthews and Ms. Cheryl McLeod**

Ms. Matthews and Ms. McLeod indicated that the purpose of their presentation was to provide some background on the Colchester Christian Academy and to advise Council of the Academy's interest in obtaining the East Court Road School once it has been declared surplus by the Chignecto Central Regional School Board.

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the presentation from Ms. Matthews and Ms. McLeod on the Colchester Christian Academy be accepted."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mattatall Lake Outflow Remediation Project**Presenter: Mr. Rodger Sorsdahl, Mattatall Lake Stewardship Association**

In his presentation, Mr. Sorsdahl provided Council with an update of activities regarding the Mattatall Lake Outflow Remediation Project for 2016-17. Information presented included an algae analysis, impacts to the lake due to logging, sediment analysis, boating and lake depths, water analysis of streams and outlets, engineering study, and an update on work with Nova Scotia Environment. Mr. Sorsdahl also provided information on costs going forward and fundraising efforts. The Mattatall Lake Stewardship Association is requesting a grant from the Municipality in the amount of \$10,000.

Brief discussion was held on culverts, the completion date for the study on septic systems, and boating activity on the lake. Responding to a query on the number of lot owners on the Lake, Mr. Sorsdahl indicated there are 75-80. It was noted that if each owner contributed \$400-\$500, this would cover the project cost. However, Mr. Sorsdahl indicated that not all owners are willing to contribute.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the presentation from Rodger Sorsdahl on the Mattatall Lake Outflow Remediation Project be accepted."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Canadian Mental Health Association – Branching Out Building Campaign**Presenter: Ms. Susan Henderson, Executive Director**

Ms. Henderson began her presentation by indicating that the Canadian Mental Health Association has purchased the former Bargain Shop building and vacant lot which will be their new location.

A detailed overview was provided on the plans for the new facility along with programs and services to be offered. Some of these include:

- the Soup Café and new Truro Sings;
- a tea and talk room;
- retail space;
- an inviting street front;
- lunch counter;
- parking lot and restorative garden;
- friendship club;
- board and program rooms;
- counselling areas;
- independent living support; and,
- transitional housing.

Ms. Henderson indicated that they are hoping for support from Council for the project. The amount being requested is \$50,000 over five years.

Discussion was held on the budget for the project with Ms. Henderson advising that they are looking at \$2 million for the entire renovation. To date, fundraising efforts have resulted in pledges and promissory contributions amounting to approximately \$530,000. Additionally, support from Towns of Truro and Stewiacke as well as the Municipality of East Hants is being sought.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the presentation from Ms. Susan Henderson on the Canadian Mental Health Associations’ Branching Out Building Campaign be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was noted that the request for funding be added to the agenda of a future Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting adjourn at 8:07 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary