

## 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 Monday, October 2, 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

### Regrets

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

### Others Present

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

### Presentations

#### **Clean Foundation – Clean Energy Financing Presenter: Mr. Michael MacKay**

Mr. MacKay provided information on the Clean Foundations Clean Energy Financing Program, also referred to as the Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) financing. The program allows municipalities to provide low interest financing to qualifying homeowners for clean energy upgrades.

Details of the presentation included financing steps for homeowners, applicable service fees, results of pilot project, types of upgrades, and energy savings information. Mr. MacKay also provided details on the municipal process which requires establishing a PACE By-law that would allow the municipality to offer financing to property owners. Once established, Clean Foundation works with the municipality to create a program tailored to their need. Financing payments are collected by the municipality similar to the collection of property taxes, with a maximum 10 year payback window.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the presentation from Mr. MacKay on the Clean Foundations Clean Energy Financing Program be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bicycle Nova Scotia Blue Route  
Presenter: Ben Buckwold**

In his presentation, Mr. Buckwold provided an outline of the Blue Route project which has been worked on for the past several years. The Blue Route has a larger presence in Colchester County with four route connections.

Mr. Buckwold informed Council of the Blue Route vision which includes 3000 km of connected bicycle routes marked on roads, streets, and trails. The presentation also included information on the increased interest in cycling, why it is becoming more popular, the potential for increased tourism and economic development, Blue Route objectives, bicycle route types, and an overview of the project management and implementation.

Discussion was held on the importance of cycling safety with concern being expressed on shoulders of roads not getting proper/sufficient maintenance. Mr. Buckwold indicated that maintenance issues relative to road shoulders are being pursued as the project moves forward.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

“That the presentation from Mr. Buckwold on Bicycle Nova Scotia Blue Route be accepted.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary