

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, Deputy Mayor Stewart acknowledged that the Municipality of Colchester is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Laurie Sandeson	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, Chair	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Others Present

Rob Simonds, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst (for Technical Support)
 Paul Smith, Acting Director of Community Development
 Joanna Burris, Sustainability Planner

Presentations

Solar Colchester and Cozy Colchester - Update Presenter: Joanna Burris, Sustainability Planner

Ms. Burris appeared before Council to update them on the Municipality's Solar Colchester and Cozy Colchester Programs.

Included in the presentation was

- An overview of the programs
- Program benefits for the community and homeowners
- The role of PACE Atlantic
- Eligibility requirements for homeowners
- A map of the completed project locations
- Key messages for Council to pass on to residents and media

Discussion was held on:

- Details of the most recent open house
- The possibility of Councillors getting posters to hand out
- Approved contractors and how they are vetted

Moved by Councillor Gregory
 Seconded by Councillor Sandeson

“That the presentation be received.”

Wind Turbine Development By-law – Overview of Municipal Requirements

Presenter: Paul Smith, Director of Community Development

Mr. Smith appeared before Council to refresh them on the Wind Turbine Development By-law.

Included in the presentation was

- A background on the by-law and its development
- By-law administration
- Locations conditions
- Operating conditions
- Public notice and consultation
- Enforcement

Discussion was held on

- Requirements for the Citizen's Monitoring Committee
- Noise studies and what happens if they fail the requirements
- The issue of public opposition to projects
- Decommissioning plans
- The potential of putting a moratorium on new projects if they by-law is to be updated.

Moved by Mayor Blair

Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

"That the presentation be received."

Nova Scotia Renewable Energy Programs – SWEB Development**Presenter: Jason Parisé**

Mr. Parisé appeared before Council to

Included in the presentation was

- A company overview
- List of community funds the company contributes to
- Map of projects in the Maritimes
- Information on the rate-base and green choice programs
- Site selection requirements
- Information on the proposed Blueberry Acres project

Discussion was held on

- Federal vs Provincial environments assessments
- The feedback from the recent open house
- What a realistic number would be for the local contributions
- Deicing systems for the turbines

Moved by Councillor Johnston

Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the presentation be received."

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gregory

Seconded by Councillor Benoit

"That the meeting adjourn at 8:15 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary