

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, January 4, 2022.

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 Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Regrets

Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
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Others Present

Rob Simonds, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Tim Smith, Mgr., Computer and Information Systems (for Technical Support)
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development
 Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
 Jennifer Martin, Economic Development Officer
 Peter McCracken, Manager of Corporate Planning and Strategic Initiatives

Presentations

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds

Presenter: Jennifer Thompson, CEO, Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board

Ms. Thompson appeared before Council to give them an update on the Provincial Exhibition grounds and future development plans for the property.

Included in the presentation was:

- An overview of the 65 acre property, including a map of the current state
- List of events held on the property including the annual provincial exhibition and the Truro Raceway
- Recent upgrades to various buildings on the property including new roofs on the barns and renovation of the grandstand building
- Information on the RFP that is currently out for a management team to take over the daily operations of the property
- RFP requirements to honour current arrangements with various owners including the farm equipment museum, the Horsemen's Club, Truro Raceway and 4H

Discussion was held on:

- The expectation that the management team would also invest in the property
- The role of volunteers once a management team is in place
- Renovations issues to look at such as efficiency and accessibility
- Upgrades that should be made to the office building
- Clarification on who will award the RFP and what would happen if there were no acceptable submissions

Moved by Councillor Patton
 Seconded by Councillor Benoit

“That the presentation be received.”

TCPEP 2021-22 Business Plan
Presenter: David Phillips, CEO

Mr. Phillips appeared before Council to give a high-level overview of the business plan for TCPEP.

Included in the presentation was:

- An overview of TCPEP and its goals
- TCPEP’s building blocks for economic growth which includes housing, workforce development, people attraction and business ecosystem growth
- Several long-term, big ticket ideas

Discussion was held on:

- The need for more skilled labour in the area and how TCPEP could help facilitate that
- Targeting people who are already predisposed to living in the area
- The creation of a residence to be used as temporary housing for professionals moving to the area

Moved by Councillor Sandeson
 Seconded by Mayor Blair

“That the presentation be received.”

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gregory
 Seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the meeting adjourn at 8:08 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
 Recording Secretary