

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

The Regular Session of the Council Committee of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually, via Zoom Webinars and in-person on June 12, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm.

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

<b>Roll</b>	Mayor Christine Blair	
	Cllr. Paul Weatherby	District 1
	Deputy Mayor Laurie Sandeson, Chair	District 2
	Cllr. Sheldon Richardson	District 3
	Cllr. Mike Cooper	District 4
	Cllr. Tim Johnson	District 5 ( <i>regrets</i> )
	Cllr. Nigel Leggett	District 6
	Cllr. Sherry Martell	District 7
	Cllr. Lisa Patton	District 8
	Cllr. Marie Benoit	District 9
	Cllr. Charlene Fletcher	District 10
	Cllr. Allan Kennedy	District 11

**Staff Present**

Dan Troke, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Phil Redden, Director of Solid Waste  
 Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works  
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Paul Smith, Director of Community Development  
 Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor  
 Tracey Veno, Recording Secretary  
 Jenn Mantin, Economic Development Officer  
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst  
 Devin Trefry, Research, Policy and Community Engagement Officer  
 Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager

**Approval of Agenda** Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Cooper  
 "That the agenda be approved as presented." Carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** Moved by Councillor Patton, seconded by Councillor Kennedy  
 "That the minutes of the meetings held on May 6 and 15, 2025, be approved as circulated." Carried unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes** None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Community Event Grant Request – Northumberland Arts Council** Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager, reported that a request was received under the Community Event Grants Policy (CEG) from the Northumberland Arts Council for the upcoming Mini Makers and Itty-Bitty Buskers Fest. The request is for \$2,640 and meets criteria of the CEG Policy. With only \$26,826 of the \$60,000 budget being committed, sufficient funds are available to support the request.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Weatherby

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Northumberland Arts Council's \$2,640 funding request for the Mini Makers Market and Itty-Bitty Buskers Fest be approved, with source of funds being Community Event Grants." Carried unanimously.

**Community Event Grant  
Request – Bible Hill Garden  
Club**

The Recreation Manager reported that a request has been received under the Community Event Grants Policy (CEG) from the Bible Hill Garden Club for the Provincial Exhibition Flower Show taking place August 5-10, 2025. The request is for \$1,000 and meets criteria of the CEG Policy. Sufficient funds are available under the Community Event Grants to support the request.

Moved by Councillor Patton seconded by Councillor Martell

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the Bible Hill Garden Club's \$1,000 funding request for the Provincial Exhibition Flower Show be approved, with source of funds being Community Event Grants." Carried unanimously.

**MacElmon Road Servicing**

Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works, presented a report seeking feedback on the potential servicing of MacElmon Road in Debert. The report outlined the current lack of servicing, potential land sale and development opportunities if servicing were improved, various servicing options, and possible revenue and return on investment. Discussion focused on development potential, land accessibility, archaeological concerns in nearby areas, the attractiveness of the land to buyers, and possible government funding sources.

Moved by Councillor Cooper, seconded by Councillor Patton

"That Council Committee recommends to Council that the extension of services on MacElmon Road to service 3 proposed new lots be referred to the capital budget process, with scope of work as described under Option 1." Carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Deer Study 2025 Update**

This item provided results of the Deer Pellet Group Inventory Study conducted in the Bible Hill, Valley, Brookside, Salmon River, Lower Truro, Truro Heights and Hilden during the Spring of 2025. Also included with the staff report and study was a letter of response from the Province on the Municipality's request to expedite the managed deer hunt. Based on the Province's response, staff are investigating options to advance the managed deer hunt.

**Fundy Discovery Site  
Pedestrian AT Bridge – RFP  
Results**

This item presented background information and key highlights of the six (6) Request for Proposals submissions for the construction of a pedestrian bridge at the Fundy Discovery Site. The proposals are currently under a detailed technical review, with further information and recommendations to be presented at the end of June Council meeting.

Brief discussion was held on the overall concept of the bridge being downsized from original plans, available funding sources and municipal contributions, as well as annual maintenance costs and security concerns.

**Director's Report**

A report from the Director of Solid Waste was circulated in the package for tonight's meeting.

Brief comment and discussion was held regarding the status of the wind turbines as well as the change in the cell capping process and cost savings with the HDPE membrane capping.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Patton, seconded by Councillor Benoit

"That the meeting go into closed session at 6:34 pm." Carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Patton

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 7:49 pm." Carried unanimously.

**Property Matter – Acquisition of Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education Land**

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Mayor Blair

"That Council proceed with the acquisition of PID 20455531 in Tatamagouche from the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education for use as parkland for the Village of Tatamagouche." Carried unanimously.

**Property Matter - Lot 1 MacElmon Road**

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Patton

"That Council approves revisions to a business & development plan in Debert Business Park, as described in closed session".

**Negotiations – Marketing Levy Administration Services Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Patton, seconded by Councillor Fletcher

"That Council Committee could recommend to Council to approve the Services Agreement as presented in closed session and direct the Mayor and CAO to execute the Agreement." Carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councillor Martell, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary