

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars and in person, on Tuesday, June 5, 2026.

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.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	(absent)
Councillor Paul Weatherby	District 1
Deputy Mayor Laurie Sandeson, Chair	District 2
Councillor Sheldon Richardson	District 3 (absent)
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Nigel Leggett	District 6
Councillor Sherry Martell	District 7 (absent)
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8 (virtual)
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9 (virtual)
Councillor Charlene Fletcher	District 10 (absent)
Councillor Allan Kennedy	District 11

Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst
 Jennifer Martin, Economic Development Officer

Presentations:

Citizen's Advisory Committee, Nova Institution for Women Brian Matthews, Chairperson

Mr. Matthews appeared before Council to give them information on the Advisory Committee.

The Nova Institution for Women, Citizen's Advisory Committee, is formed of a group of local residents who have been approved and appointed by the Commissioner of Corrections, Service Canada. They have three areas of focus:

- Observation: they have passes that allow them to enter the prison at any time. They are alerted to situations that arise and are invited to be present to ensure CSC is operating in a transparent manner. They are allowed to speak with inmates in the structured intervention unit.
- Liaison: they meet with inmates, staff and management to obtain information about day-to-day operations. They meet with inmate representatives monthly.
- Advice: they can make recommendations to management and through a national council to CSC.

Discussion was held on:

- The healthcare provided within the facility
- The maximum numbers of members allowed on the committee
- The lack of internet and how inmates get news while inside

**Moved by Councillor Weatherby
Seconded by Councillor Leggett**

“That the presentation be accepted as presented”.

Motion Carried.

**Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd.
Sue Taylor, Executive Director**

Ms. Taylor appeared before Council to request additional funding for CTCL.

Included in the presentation was information on the organization, which is the largest community transportation provider in the province with a population over 52,000. They are a staff of nine, six of which are drivers. They currently have nine vehicles:

- 2 x 18 passenger buses (wheelchair accessible)
- 2 x Toyota hybrid vans (wheelchair accessible)
- 1 x Dodge Caravan (wheelchair accessible)
- 2 x 9 passenger buses (wheelchair accessible)
- 1 x Kia Sorento
- 1 x 10 passenger bus on the way

At least one vehicle in the fleet must be wheelchair accessible.

This year's funding is going to be less than usual. Although the Province and County are each providing the same level of funding as last year, they will be receiving \$8,000 less from the Town of Truro this year. Why do they need additional funding?

- Fuel and repairs
- They have outgrown the current location and there is not enough parking for the fleet
- Staffing is an issue, especially drivers
- Repairs on larger vehicles takes longer
- Vehicles must be inspected every six months

Discussion was held on:

- If they are a seasonal service
- Do the Taxi's think they are competition
- Why don't they complete a full audit

**Moved by Councillor Kennedy
Seconded by Councillor Weatherby**

“That the presentation be accepted as presented and referred to staff”.

Motion Carried.

**Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development Society Update
Nick Sharpe, Executive Director**

Mr. Sharpe appeared before Council to discuss plans for an updated Truro Longjohn Festival.

Included in the presentation was:

- A brief overview of the festival as it stands now

- How the new event aligns with the Society's goals.
- Details on the enhanced event: a multi-site, multi-day event with programming such as buskers, local performers, sledding, Skating and sleigh rides.
- Expected economic impact
- Operational/governance model

Discussion was held on:

- The locations that would be used
- What events would/could be held outside the Truro core

Moved by Councillor Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Jonhson

"That the presentation be accepted as presented and referred to staff".

Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Kennedy

"The meeting adjourn at 7:11 pm."

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary