

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Court House, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, April 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Mike Smith, Chair	
Councillor Bob Taylor	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Deputy Mayor Hugh Matheson	District #3
Councillor Richard Elliott	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Moment of Silence

Council observed a two-minute moment of silence for the four Canadian soldiers recently killed in Afghanistan.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- S** 17: Add an in-camera item under Negotiations
- S** 17: Add an in-camera item under Personnel Matter
- S** 16a: Information item, Adopt-a-Highway Program”

Motion Carried.

Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the minutes of meetings held on March 19 and 28, 2002 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

Referring to the March 28th minutes on the presentation from the RCMP, several Councillors indicated they had received no contact from their area RCMP officer nor had they received the up-to-date contact list. Staff agreed to follow up on this matter.

Presentations

There were no public presentations received.

Correspondence

Council requested the following 'Correspondence' items be moved from Information to Action:

- S** New correspondence (on table) from the N.S. Provincial Exhibition commission dated April 25, 2002 requesting financial support for the Atlantic Dairy Championship Show
- S** No. 4: letter dated February 2002 enclosing Report on Fire Safety
- S** No. 9: 'Litterature' newsletter from the N.S. Adopt-a-Highway Program
- S** No. 7: UNSM Provincial Budget Brief - major impacts on municipalities
- S** No. 15: letter dated April 9, 2002 regarding violence and repression against Falun Gong practitioners in China
- S** No. 17: letters of opposition concerning bylaw proposals for St. Andrews River Watershed
- S** No. 16: letter dated April 19, 2002 regarding comments on assessment services

ACTION

**Andy Kenny,
President, Central
Colchester Soccer
Association**

A letter to Council from **Andy Kenny, President, Central Colchester Soccer Association**, requesting use of County-owned property on Avon Street for youth soccer.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That the letter from the Central Colchester Soccer Association requesting the use of County-owned property on Avon Street for youth soccer be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried.

**Wayne Franklin,
Construction
Manager, Northern,
Transportation and
Public Works**

A letter to the Municipality dated April 11, 2002 from **Wayne Franklin, Construction Manager, Northern, Transportation and Public Works**, requesting submission of a prioritized list of cost-shared paving of subdivision streets.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the letter from the Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting submission of a prioritized list of cost-sharing paving of subdivision streets be referred to Council Committee and that Council Committee be authorized to approve final priority list.”

Motion Carried.

**Residents of
Coldstream Drive,
Teviot Place,
Englewood Court,
Silverwood Drive,
Parkside Drive,
Woodgrove Court**

A petition received from **residents of Colstream Drive, Teviot Place, Englewood Court, Silverwood Drive, Parkside Drive, and Woodgrove Court**, to rezone a residential area to R1 (Single Unit Residential) in the proposed Land-Use Zoning Map.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the First Reading of the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use Bylaw be deferred to May Council and that the petition to rezone a residential area to R1 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Jeff Yuill, Chairman,
Nova Scotia
Provincial Exhibition**

A letter dated April 25, 2002 from **Jeff Yuill, Chairman, Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition**, requesting financial support for the Atlantic Dairy Championship Show, October 15-19, 2002.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter dated April 25, 2002 from the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition requesting financial support for the Atlantic Dairy Championship Show be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Jon Carey,
Chairman, Select
Committee on Fire
Safety**

A copy of a letter dated February 2002 from **Jon Carey, Chairman, Select Committee on Fire Safety**, enclosing the Report of the Select Committee on Fire Safety (full report on file in Clerk’s office).

Referring to Page 12, Select Committee recommendation No. 2, Mr. MacIsaac indicated that the Municipality will now be responsible for fire inspections and these inspections will be carried out by the County Building Inspector.

N.S. Adopt-A-Highway Program

A copy of the 'Litterature' newsletter for Spring 2002 received from the **N.S. Adopt-A-Highway Program**.

Deputy Mayor Matheson advised that two groups in his district expressed interested in participating in the N.S. Adopt-A-Highway Program. The groups asked him what to do with the garbage collected and whether or not the County would be willing to forego the tipping fee for disposal of this garbage.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That the issue of waiving tipping fees for participants in the N.S. Adopt-A-Highway Program be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried.

Until this issue is considered at Committee, Council agreed to waive the tipping fees for the two groups in Deputy Mayor Matheson's district.

Union of N.S. Municipalities

A copy of a Provincial Budget Brief from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding major impacts on municipalities.

Mr. MacIsaac updated Council on the impacts of the provincial budget. The equalization grant dropped by \$350,000 but has been red circled, therefore, Colchester County should receive the same amount this year as it did last year. Municipal contributions to education are up by about \$200,000, but this was a previously budgeted item.

**Tony C.L. Wong,
Falun Dafa
Association of
Canada**

A letter dated April 9, 2002 from **Tony C.L. Wong, Falun Dafa Association of Canada**, regarding violence and repression against Falun Gong practitioners in China.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

"That a letter be written to the Prime Minister to condemn the violence and repression against Falun Gong practitioners in China."

Motion **Defeated**.

Residents of St. Andrews

Copies of letters of opposition from the **residents of St. Andrews**, concerning the bylaw proposals for the St. Andrews' River Watershed.

Deputy Mayor Matheson indicated that this issue is eventually going to come before Council. The next Watershed Planning Advisory

Committee meeting is April 29th; the next public meeting is May 7th. Councillors were encouraged to attend the public meeting. Details of the May 7th meeting will be placed in Councillor mailboxes once available.

**Angus MacIsaac,
Minister, Service
N.S. and Municipal
Relations**

A copy of a letter dated April 19, 2002 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Service N.S. and Municipal Relations**, to Councillor Jerry Blumenthal regarding his comments in the Chronicle-Herald on the Assessment Services Division and its employees.

Mayor Smith referred to his letter sent to the Truro Assessment Office in which he stated that he was appalled by the comments in the newspaper from the President of the UNSM and Council's wish to distance itself from these views. Staff were directed to place a copy of Mayor Smith's letter in Councillor mailboxes.

INFORMATION

**House of Assembly
NDP Caucus**

A copy of press releases from the **House of Assembly NDP Caucus** dated March 21 and 22, 2002 regarding the Province's collection of extra taxes from N.S. Power. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a notice from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** concerning important changes to Green Municipal Funds allowing for more innovative environmental projects. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**District Health
Authority**

A copy of the Family Help newsletter from the **District Health Authority** for March 2002. Council agreed to receive this newsletter for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics Report from the **Building Inspector** for the month of March 2002. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report from the **Development Officer** for the month of March 2002. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of the N.S. Legislation Report Spring Session dated April 5, 2002 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**John G. Leefe,
Mayor, Region of
Queens Municipality**

A copy of a letter to Councillor Jerry Blumenthal dated April 15, 2002 from **John G. Leefe, Mayor, Region of Queens Municipality**, concerning the UNSM Sub-Committee Report on Assessment

Services. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**David Newlands,
Executive Director,
N.S. Tourism and
Culture (Heritage
Division)**

A copy of a letter dated April 9, 2002 from **David Newlands, Executive Director, N.S. Tourism and Culture (Heritage Division)**, regarding a 2002-03 budget reduction for the Heritage Property Program. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**John Bray, Director
General,
Communications
Branch, Indian &
Northern Affairs
Canada**

A copy of a letter from **John Bray, Director General, Communications Branch, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada**, regarding the celebration of National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2002. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Councillor Jerry
Blumenthal,
President, Union of
N.S. Municipalities**

A copy of a letter to the Editor from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning a ban on smoking in public places. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of the N.S. Legislation Report Spring Session dated April 12, 2002 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Barry Friesen, Solid
Waste Resource
Manager,
Environment and
Labour**

A copy of an e-mail dated April 24, 2002 from **Barry Friesen, Solid Waste Resource Manager, Environment and Labour**, enclosing a copy of a Tim Horton's press release on tackling litter in Nova Scotia. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of the N.S. Legislation Report Spring Session dated April 19, 2002 from the **Union of N.S. Municipalities**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Council Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

**Council Committee
Report**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on April 11, 2002:

**Great Village Sewage
Treatment Plant**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves:

- That the Municipality proceed with construction of the Great

Village sewage treatment plant in late 2002 or early 2003; and,

- That a project budget figure of \$1,000,000 be established as a ceiling, with source of funds to be the existing reserves; and,
- That the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program be advised that the Municipality is in the process of replacing the Great Village sewage treatment plant without cost sharing on the basis that the Municipality wishes to concentrate its efforts in securing cost sharing for the Tatamagouche sewage treatment plant; and,
- That staff report back on a potential survey for extension of sewer collection services in Great Village; and,
- That staff report back with additional design options for the Great Village sewage treatment plant.”

Motion Carried.

**Proposal to Conduct
a Watershed and
Floodplain Evaluation**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves funding for a proposal to conduct a watershed and floodplain evaluation from the Flood Advisory Committee budget over a two-year period to a maximum of \$50,000; and on condition of hiring a suitable Masters’ student to conduct the Study. Funds to be approved by Council on receipt of progress reports with a statement of expenses incurred.”

Motion Carried.

**Sewer Area Rate
Expansion - First
Truro Shopping
Centres Ltd.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves that property P.I.D. #20416665 be included in the designated sewer area and be subject to the Urban Service Area Rate.”

Motion Carried.

**Annual Bank
Resolution Renewals**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the banking documents as presented.”

Motion Carried.

**Grandparents' Rights
for Nova Scotia**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council supports the position adopted by Grandparents’ Rights for Nova Scotia and a letter to this effect be sent to the Premier, Cabinet Ministers and MLA’s.”

Motion Carried.

**Policy to Establish
the Clifton District
Planning Advisory
Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the policy to establish the Clifton District Planning Advisory Committee as amended.”

Motion Carried.

Executive Committee

There was no business arising from minutes of meeting held on March 27, 2002.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

Councillor Masters reported that PAC met following the public meetings recently held to make adjustments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use Bylaw, in particular, apartment building setback regulations.

**Reports from
Councillors
Appointed to Outside
Boards and Agencies**

**Central Nova Tourist
Association**

Councillor Edwards provided a report on tourism activities. The Port of Halifax recently received the “Best Port Welcome” award from a UK-based magazine, Dream World Cruise Destinations. The Doers and Dreamers Guide reported \$147 million in Nova Scotia from the tourism industry, 22% of visitors to the province are using the Guide for information.

**Chignecto-Central
Regional School
Board**

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported that the ground has been broken for the new high school in South Colchester and footings will be poured in two weeks time. There is a meeting on Monday night, April 29th, concerning the transfer of students. Mr. MacIsaac reported that the invoice for the ten percent enhancement has been received.

**Community Liaison
Committee, Atlantic
Recycled Rubber**

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that he was invited to a meeting of this Committee last week; however, the meeting was postponed until the next week.

**UNESCO Biosphere
Initiative**

Councillor Baas reported that he had attended a Biosphere meeting in Parrsboro on April 18th with about 250 people in attendance. There will be another meeting on May 6th in Advocate. Councillor Baas indicated that there is strong opposition against this initiative.

Library Board

Councillor Cooke reported that he had attended a meeting of the Board on April 23, 2002.

**Extension of Sewer
Collection Services -
Great Village**

At the April Council Committee meeting, staff were instructed to report back on a potential survey for extension of sewer services to approximately 60 homes on the east side of the river. Before Committee was an Action Item which recommended that a non-binding survey be conducted to a group of property owners. However, upon reviewing the costs involved with this sewer extension, Committee agreed to receive this Action Item for information.

In lieu of proceeding with a survey on the east side of the river, Councillor Cooke requested that staff provide similar costing to extend sewer services along the Lornevale Road.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That staff be directed to look into the feasibility of extending the current sewer line in Great Village along the Lornevale Road with the possibility of serving 25 additional homes, and report back to Council on the estimated costs.”

Motion Carried.

**Design Options for
Great Village Sewage
Treatment Plant**

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality identifies Option 3, which is the relocation of the existing sewage treatment plant in Brookfield to Great Village as the preferred option, and that staff be directed to explore this scenario in more detail.”

Motion Carried.

Report on Truro and District Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Conference

Mr. MacIsaac read aloud the memorandum dated April 25, 2002 to the three Councils from the Mayors of Colchester County, Town of Stewiacke and Town of Truro (copy placed on table for this evening's session). Mayor Smith advised that this memorandum is the result of the first meeting held on April 22nd of the three Mayors and Chief Administrative Officers. Another meeting of this group is tentatively set for May 3rd. A second meeting of all organizations involved in economic development and the three Councils in Colchester County is set for early June. Mayor Smith encouraged all Councillors to attend. Once known, specifics of this meeting will be made available to Council.

Council Proceedings Bylaw Amendment - Second Reading

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Council Proceedings Bylaw as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried.

Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use Bylaw - First Reading

Given that the First Reading was deferred earlier in the session under 'Correspondence', Council agreed to receive this action item for information only at this time.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution - Brookfield Sewage Treatment Plant

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the attached temporary borrowing resolution for the Brookfield Sewage Treatment Plant.”

Motion Carried.

Security Alarm Bylaw

Council agreed to defer this matter to a future Council meeting.

Seasonal Collection Survey - A. Stewart Road

Mayor Smith advised that this item was being brought forward this evening for referral to Council Committee. A survey of property owners on A. Stewart Road is currently underway to determine interest in a different type of garbage collection. If survey results indicate residents want curbside collection service, this would be a significant policy issue for Council.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the garbage collection issue on A. Stewart Road be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

N.S. Adopt-A-Highway Program

This issue was dealt with earlier under ‘Correspondence’.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera meeting at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:12 p.m.”

Motion Carried.

Sheila Arsenault
Deputy Clerk