

## 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, January 31, 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 Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Keith Baas	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10

### Absent

Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 10b: Light - Beginning of Hwy. 311 and Hwy. 2
- 10c: Snow Removal
- 11b: Atlantic Recycled Rubber
- 12a: Add in-camera item, Property Matter”

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

### Minutes

“That the minutes of meeting held on November 29, 2001 be approved with the following amendments:

- S** under Presentations, Page 2001-88 - \$1.2 million should read \$1.2 billion
- S** under Correspondence, page 2001-96, Denis Burgess - third line, exception should read exemption”

Motion Carried.

**Business Arising  
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of November 29, 2001.

**Presentations**

Mr. Doug Neil, a local management consultant from Truro, made a presentation to Council on behalf of Elroy Hanes. Mr. Hanes' property, located at 1259 Highway #2, Hilden, is up for tax sale on February 8, 2002 at the County Courthouse.

**Correspondence**

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

- S** No. 3: copy of letter dated November 30, 2001 regarding establishment of assessment services by municipal units
- S** No. 10: letter dated January 10, 2002 concerning letter from CUPE on contracting out
- S** No. 22: letter dated January 14, 2002 requesting financial assistance for staffing the Visitor Information Centre, Tatamagouche
- S** Nos. 28-39: correspondence regarding equalization
- S** No. 40: letter dated January 14, 2002 requesting the County's consideration of snow removal for Broderick Lane
- S** No. 41: press release announcing funding approval of Brookfield Sewage Treatment Plant

**ACTION**

**Gabrielle Verri,  
A/Director, Dept. of  
Canadian Heritage**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 11, 2001 from **Gabrielle Verri, A/Director, Department of Canadian Heritage**, requesting a motion to proclaim February 15<sup>th</sup> as National Flag of Canada Day.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

"That February 15, 2002 be proclaimed as National Flag of Canada Day."

Motion Carried.

**Duane Rath,  
President and Carol  
Greenwood,  
Chairman, Truro &  
District Chamber of  
Commerce**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 19, 2001 from **Duane Rath, President and Carol Greenwood, Chairman, Truro and District Chamber of Commerce**, requesting funding support for the 2002 International Tulip Festival.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the letter from the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce requesting funding support for the 2002 International Tulip Festival be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Earl McKenna,  
Councillor,  
District 11**

A note to the CAO dated January 21, 2002 from **Earl McKenna, Councillor, District 11**, regarding a proposed location for a crosswalk across Pictou Road adjacent to McCallum Drive, Valley.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from Councillor McKenna regarding a proposed location for a crosswalk across Pictou Road adjacent to McCallum Drive, Valley, be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**R.E. Thibault,  
President, Atlantic  
Mini and Modular  
Homes (Truro) Ltd.**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated January 17, 2002 from **R.E. Thibault, President, Atlantic Mini and Modular Homes (Truro) Ltd.**, concerning the dissolution of a development agreement with the County.

Moved by Councillor Lynds  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the letter from Atlantic Mini and Modular Homes (Truro) Ltd. concerning the dissolution of a development agreement with the County be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Barry Hutt,  
Chairman and David  
Arenburg, Treasurer,  
Tru-Fel Building  
Society**

A letter to the Mayor and Councillors dated January 21, 2002 from **Barry Hutt, Chairman and David Arenburg, Treasurer, Tru-Fel Building Society**, requesting an exemption from municipal property taxes.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from Tru-Fel Building Society requesting an exemption from municipal property taxes be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Kimberly Paterson,  
Chair, 2002 Spring  
Workshop Planning  
Committee, AMA**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 28, 2002 from **Kimberly Paterson, Chair, 2002 Spring Workshop Planning Committee, Association of Municipal Administrators**, concerning a funding request for the AMA Spring Workshop.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from Kimberly Paterson requesting funding for the AMA 2002 Spring Workshop be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Chris Perry, Warden,  
Municipality of  
Yarmouth**

A copy of a letter dated November 30, 2001 from **Chris Perry, Warden, Municipality of Yarmouth**, regarding the establishment of an assessment service run by municipal units.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the issue of assessment services being provided by municipal units be referred to Council Committee for further discussion.”

Motion Carried.

**Ronald Russell,  
Minister,  
Transportation and  
Public Works**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 10, 2002 from **Ronald Russell, Minister, Transportation and Public Works**, concerning a letter from CUPE on contracting out.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That this item be referred to Council Committee requesting that a letter be sent to Minister Russell indicating that the Municipality of Colchester is looking forward to improved roads and bridges through the money saved on maintenance.”

Motion **Defeated**.

**Sandra Moore,  
Fraser Cultural  
Centre,  
Tatamagouche**

A letter to Council dated January 14, 2002 from **Sandra Moore, Fraser Cultural Centre**, requesting financial assistance for staffing the Visitor Information Centre in Tatamagouche.

In the absence of Councillor LeFresne, Councillor Lynds asked that this letter be moved forward to Additions/Deletions. The CAO advised that funding assistance for the Fraser Cultural Centre is already in the budget and would not need to be brought to Additions/Deletions unless

Council wishes to delete it. The CAO agreed to pass along this information to Councillor LeFresne.

## Equalization

As the following correspondence items all deal with equalization, it was decided to group them together for discussion purposes:

- A copy of a letter to Angus MacIsaac dated January 22, 2002 from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**, attaching a motion from UNSM Executive Committee on the next provincial/municipal fiscal program.
- A copy of a memorandum dated January 22, 2002 from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**, with an update on the fiscal exchange program.
- A letter to the Municipality dated January 21, 2002 from **Darrell Dexter, NDP Leader and Jerry Pye, Municipal Affairs Critic**, concerning municipal equalization.
- A copy of a letter dated January 21, 2002 from **Darian Huskison, Mayor, Town of Lockeport**, concerning municipal equalization.
- A copy of a press release dated January 18, 2002 from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**, concerning the demise of the municipal equalization proposal.
- A copy of a letter dated January 15, 2002 from **Bruce Hetherington, HRM Councillor**, regarding the Province's decision to abandon its proposed changes to the municipal equalization program.
- Letters to Jerry Blumenthal and Angus MacIsaac dated December 31, 2001 from **Robert Stead, Mayor, Town of Wolfville**, regarding the Province's decision to end the fiscal exchange proposal.
- A copy of a letter dated December 31, 2001 to the Halifax Herald from **Robert Wrye, Deputy Mayor, Town of Wolfville**, regarding coverage of the Province's equalization program.
- A copy of a letter dated December 21, 2001 from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**, in response to Angus MacIsaac's letter of December 20<sup>th</sup> regarding UNSM's reaction to the Province's announcement on not proceeding with implementation of a fiscal exchange with municipalities.

- A copy of a letter dated December 20, 2001 from **Bruce Lohnes, Mayor, Town of Stewiacke**, concerning UNSM's proposal on Roles and Responsibilities.
- A copy of a letter dated December 3, 2001 from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**, to Angus MacIsaac regarding property taxes being used to fund equalization.
- A copy of a memorandum dated December 4, 2001 from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**, regarding an update on the Roles and Responsibilities proposal.

Mr. MacIsaac provided a brief chronology of the past year on the subject of equalization leading up to the Province's announcement in December that it had decided not to proceed with the implementation of a fiscal exchange with municipalities. Mr. MacIsaac indicated that as of right now, we do not know what the solutions will be but we should hear in the next couple of weeks.

**Residents, Broderick Lane and North River Lane Land Owners Association**

A letter to the Mayor and Councillors dated January 14, 2002 from **Residents, Broderick Lane and North River Lane Land Owners Association**, requesting the County's consideration of snow removal for Broderick Lane.

A response to this letter was prepared by the CAO and placed on table this evening for Council's information. Mayor Smith explained that a motion was not necessary to authorize the CAO to send this letter as Council had given previous direction on this issue prior to agreeing to accept the land. At that time, Council agreed it would be willing to pay a proportional share of gravelling or grading costs in the summer months in the same way that property owners on private roads currently apportion costs. However, the Municipality will not participate in snow removal on Broderick Lane.

**Service N.S. and Municipal Relations**

A press release dated January 25, 2002 from **Service N.S. and Municipal Relations**, announcing funding approval of the Brookfield Sewage Treatment Plant through the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, Susheel Arora, Director of Public Works, advised that he has spoken to the contractor and designers. Construction will begin once the weather improves. He has also talked to the Department of Environment and Labour regarding approvals and permits. He indicated that we are looking at approximately four months of construction which will mean completion by early fall.

## INFORMATION

**John Archibald,  
District Director,  
Northern, Dept. of  
Transportation and  
Public Works**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 26, 2001 from **John Archibald, District Director, Northern, Department of Transportation and Public Works**, concerning the Province's new roadside advertising sign program. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Angus MacIsaac,  
Minister, Service  
Nova Scotia and  
Municipal Relations**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 27, 2001 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**, in response to our letter concerning the establishment of a new agency for delivery of assessment services. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Peter Terauds,  
Warden, Municipality  
of Annapolis**

A copy of a letter dated December 18, 2001 from **Peter Terauds, Warden, Municipality of Annapolis**, regarding an inter-municipal agreement option for delivery of assessment services. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Terry Hartling,  
Regional Manager,  
Northern Region,  
Service N.S. &  
Municipal Relations**

A letter to the CAO dated January 14, 2002 from **Terry Hartling, Regional Manager, Northern Region, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**, containing information about the 2002 property assessments. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Ches MacDonald,  
Secretary, N.S.  
Police Curling  
Association**

Letters to Mayor Smith dated December 14, 2001 from **Ches MacDonald, Secretary, N.S. Police Curling Association**, concerning funding for the Police Curling Provincial Playdowns and a response to this letter from the CAO. Council agreed to receive these letters for information purposes.

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

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 12, 2001 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**, concerning the passing of the Shopping Centre Development Act resolution. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Martha McCulloch,  
Manager, Maritimes  
Weather Centre,  
Environment Canada**

A copy of a letter dated December 18, 2001 from **Martha McCulloch, Manager, Maritimes Weather Centre, Environment Canada**, regarding the restructuring of the N.S. Weather Forecast Areas. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Gareth Drinnan,  
President, N.S.  
Highway Workers  
Union, Local 1867**

A copy of a letter dated December 13, 2001 from **Gareth Drinnan, President, N.S. Highway Workers Union, Local 1867**, concerning the Province of Nova Scotia contracting out. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Pat and Tom  
Donaldson, 15 Pine  
Grove Avenue**

A copy of a letter dated December 21, 2001 from **Pat and Tom Donaldson, 15 Pine Grove Avenue**, concerning the water contamination issue in Bible Hill. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Sheldon Dorey, Chief  
Administrative  
Officer, Town of  
Stewiacke**

A letter to the CAO dated December 28, 2001 from **Sheldon Dorey, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Stewiacke**, regarding the possible formation of a Joint Watershed Planning Committee. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A Member Advisory dated November 30, 2001 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding FCM's position on the road salt recommendation. Council agreed to receive this Member Advisory for information purposes.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A Member Advisory dated December 3, 2001 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning rights-of-way agreements and bylaws. Council agreed to receive this Member Advisory for information purposes.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A Member Advisory dated December 10, 2001 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding the federal budget addressing FCM's investment priorities. Council agreed to receive this Member Advisory for information purposes.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of a letter dated December 21, 2001 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding application for the FCM-CH2M Hill Sustainable Community Awards. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Alasdair Sinclair,  
Acting Chair,  
Voluntary Planning**

A copy of a letter from **Alasdair Sinclair, Acting Chair, Voluntary Planning**, advising that the final report on Non-Resident Land Ownership has been submitted to the provincial government (report on file in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Shelley Dooher,  
Manager, Volunteer  
Initiatives, HRDC**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated December 21, 2001 from **Shelley Dooher, Manager, Volunteer Initiatives, HRDC**, concerning the launch of the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Bruce Hood, Air  
Travel Complaints  
Commissioner,  
Canadian  
Transportation  
Agency**

A copy of a letter dated December 2001 from **Bruce Hood, Air Travel Complaints Commissioner, Canadian Transportation Agency**, concerning a report on air travel complaints. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.



**Colchester Regional  
Development Agency**

A copy of the Colchester Communities in Action Newsletter for December 2001 received from the **Colchester Regional Development Agency**. Council agreed to receive this newsletter for information purposes.

**Colleen Hunt,  
Program Officer,  
Department of  
Canadian Heritage**

A copy of an e-mail dated January 11, 2002 from **Colleen Hunt, Program Officer, Department of Canadian Heritage**, concerning National Flag of Canada Day 2002. Council agreed to receive this e-mail for information purposes.

**Ernie Bolivar,  
Mayor, Town of  
Bridgewater**

A copy of a letter dated January 16, 2002 from **Ernie Bolivar, Mayor, Town of Bridgewater**, regarding a proposed Towns' Caucus organization. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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

A copy of a letter to the UNSM dated January 22, 2002 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**, regarding the latest announcement of infrastructure projects. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Councillor Jerry  
Blumenthal,  
President, UNSM**

A copy of a letter dated January 24, 2002 from **Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**, regarding the latest announcement of infrastructure projects. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Building Inspector**

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics Report received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of November and December 2001. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

**Development Officer**

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the months of November and December 2001. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

**Duane Rath,  
President, Truro and  
District Chamber of  
Commerce**

A copy of a letter dated January 23, 2002 from **Duane Rath, President, Truro and District Chamber of Commerce**, announcing a "Show and Tell" conference in early April. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Don Dobson,  
Manager, Industrial  
Development, CPDS**

A memorandum to Mayors Smith and Mills dated January 9, 2002 from **Don Dobson, Manager, Industrial Development, Colchester Park Development Society**, which provides a summarized account of activities to date. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Gary MacIsaac,  
CAO, Municipality of  
Colchester**

A memorandum to Council dated January 29, 2002 from **Gary MacIsaac, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Colchester**, advising of the release of the N.S. Energy Strategy (copy of Strategy available in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Peter Doig, Director,  
Government  
Relations & Public  
Affairs, N.S. Power**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 22, 2002 from **Peter Doig, Director, Government Relations and Public Affairs, N.S. Power**, regarding the Good Neighbour Energy Fund. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Michael Baker,  
Minister of Justice  
and Attorney General**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 22, 2002 from **Michael Baker, Minister of Justice and Attorney General**, in response to the Mayor's letter of December 20<sup>th</sup> regarding wrongly accused institutional workers.

**Gareth Drinnan,  
President, N.S.  
Highway Workers  
Union, Local 1867**

A copy of a letter dated January 24, 2002 from **Gareth Drinnan, President, N.S. Highway Workers Union, Local 1867**, regarding contracting out (copy of video available in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Government of  
Canada**

A copy of a press release dated January 29, 2002 from the **Government of Canada**, regarding the KPMG study "Competitive Alternatives: Comparing Business Costs in North America" (report can be obtained through the Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this press release for information purposes.

**Council Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

**Council Committee  
Report**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the reports from Council Committee meetings held on December 13, 2001 and January 17, 2002:

**Requests for  
Exemption from  
Sewer Rate -  
Tatamagouche**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That Council approves the removal of P.I.D. numbers 20086591, 20086609, 20086625 and 20088050 from the Tatamagouche Sewer Boundary."

Motion Carried.

**Additions to Tax  
Exemption Bylaw**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves the addition of properties listed in the attached memorandum to Schedule ‘A’ of the Tax Exemption Bylaw, subject to approved readings of the amended Bylaw.”

Motion Carried.

**Balefill Reserve  
Fund and Loan  
Schedules**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the repayment schedules and allocations for the Balefill Closure Reserve Fund, the Cell Construction Loan, and Special Equipment Reserve, as presented to Council Committee on December 13, 2001 and that these schedules continue to be reviewed annually.”

Motion Carried.

**UNSM Annual  
Conference - 2004**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council authorizes staff to send letters to the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke and the Municipality of East Hants, asking for expressions of interest in preparing a proposal to host the 2004 UNSM Conference.”

Motion Carried.

**County-Owned  
Vehicles Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves:

- The administrative policy on County-Owned Vehicles, effective February 1, 2002, as recommended;
- An allocation of \$50,000 be transferred from the Operating Reserve to a new Vehicle Reserve Fund; and,
- The maintenance budget and area rate budget be adjusted to reflect allocations to the Vehicle Reserve for the following amounts:

Central Wastewater Treatment Facility	\$ 4,000
Sewage Treatment	\$15,000
Sewage Maintenance (Area Rate)	<u>\$22,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$41,500"</u></b>

Motion Carried.

**Salary Review**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves:

- The revised salary scales for the Municipality effective April 1, 2002 and the 2002-03 maintenance budget be adjusted accordingly;
- The revised listing by salary range of management and non-union positions and the 2002-03 maintenance budget be adjusted accordingly; and,
- Amendments to the following policies be approved:

Policy 1.04	Terminology and Definition
Policy 5.04	Overtime Administration
Policy 6.01	Employee Compensation
Policy 6.02	Compensation Survey
Policy 6.03	Salary Administration”

Motion Carried.

**Pension Plan Review**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves:

- Administration be given the authority to review the appropriateness of base year upgrades at the time of each actuarial evaluation of the pension plan and to implement such improvements to the pension plan;
- The Pension Plan retirement age for non-union employees be amended from 65 to a combined retirement age and years of service of 85;
- Non-union employees contribute to the Plan at the rate of 4-1/2% up to the YMPE and 6-1/2% above the YMPE;
- The benefit for earning up to the YMPE for non-union employees increase from 1.3% to 1.4% for both past and future service;
- The authorization of staff to direct the pension consultant and to implement these Plan amendments effective April 1, 2002; and,

- Amendments to Personnel Policy 6.17, Group Pension Plan.”

Motion Carried.

**Policy to Establish St.  
Andrews’ River  
Watershed Planning  
Advisory Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves the policy to establish the joint St. Andrews’ River Watershed Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Councillor Richard Elliott and Deputy Mayor Matheson be appointed to serve on the joint St. Andrews’ River Watershed Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried.

In addition to Council representatives, a newspaper advertisement will be run for a citizen representative to sit on this Committee. Depending on the response to this ad, the Nominating Committee will meet prior to the February Council meeting in order to review the candidates and select the representative.

**Extension of Balefill  
Management  
Contract**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the Balefill Management Contract with MacMillan and Associates be renewed for an additional four-year term expiring February 26, 2006 under the same terms and conditions.”

Motion Carried.

**Amendment to  
Materials Recovery  
Facility (MRF)  
Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Materials Recovery Facility contract be amended to allow for the following:

- change in accounting from a cash to accrual basis
- eligibility for management staff to access the employee benefit package”

Motion Carried.

## **Executive Committee**

In response to inquiries from some of the Councillors, an update was provided on the following issues:

- A question arose on the correct address for MacDonald's Autobody. Staff will check into and advise Council by memorandum.
- Staff are still working on the estimate for audit services.
- Regarding enforcement action against an illegal residential dwelling at 33 or 35 Old Tatamagouche Road, an Order was taken out on January 17<sup>th</sup> which calls for compliance within 30 days. If the owner does not comply, the Municipality can destroy and remove the structure.
- Regarding potential locations for the Public Works Garage, Mr. MacIsaac reported that County-owned land at the Central Wastewater Treatment Facility is no longer an option for the Garage as this would prohibit any expansion in the future for the Facility.

## **Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor Masters reported that PAC deliberations were, for the most part, completed at a meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> and staff will now put it to paper. Public participation meetings will take place in mid March with two meetings in two communities. Staff have met with the Village of Bible Hill. First draft of Review should go before Council in April.

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

### **CoRDA**

Councillor Taylor stated that CoRDA's Chief Executive Officer, Jo Ann Fewer, is scheduled to appear before Council Committee on February 14<sup>th</sup> at which time she will make a presentation on the Biosphere initiative and CoRDA's budget and business plan.

### **Chignecto-Central Regional School Board**

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported that a contractor for design/build of the new Brookfield High School has been selected and construction is expected to start in the spring. Next two meetings will be February 11 and 13.

### **Central Nova Tourist Association**

Councillor Edwards reported that he has a draft copy of CNTA's financial report should anyone wish to see it. The Association's annual general meeting will be held this weekend in Amherst. The Doers and Dreamers Guide is now out and as of March 15<sup>th</sup>, will also be available in French.

**Colchester Park  
Development Society**

Councillor Baas expressed his disappointment in the progress made in economic development and that he would like to see the six units concerned work more closely together.

**Library Board**

Councillor Cooke reported that he had attended a meeting of the Board on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. A feasibility study completed on the Library's move into the old Normal College building is very negative so the Board has given up on this idea.

**Regional Emergency  
Measures  
Organization**

Mayor Smith reported that he and Mr. MacIsaac had met with Minister Muir today in Halifax concerning the regional approach to an emergency measures response. Mayors Mills and Lohnes were also in attendance. Mayor Smith stated that after several years, we have not accomplished our goal in this area; however, we may be about to finalize it very soon.

**2002 FCM Delegates  
- Conference in  
Hamilton, Ontario**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Mayor Smith, Councillor Cooke, Councillor Taylor and Gary MacIsaac attend the FCM Conference in Hamilton, Ontario.”

Motion Carried.

**Art Purchase  
Program - Selection  
Committee  
Representatives**

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Councillor Elliott and Councillor Edwards be appointed to serve on the Art Selection Committee for the Municipality of the County of Colchester's Art Selection Program for 2002.”

Motion Carried.

**Light - Beginning of  
Hwy. 311 and  
Highway 2**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the issue of a light being installed at the beginning of Highway 311 and Highway 2 and paid for from the general rate be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

**Snow Removal**

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that he has received a positive response to the County's sidewalk snow removal service and that this message should be relayed to staff involved. It was noted that there is a marked difference in the service from last year.

**Brown Road,  
Economy - Petition  
for Street Light**

The Municipality received a follow-up petition where two of the original signatories withdrew their support for the project, leaving less than 50% support. This made the original petition invalid. Staff will advise petitioners that no street light area rate will be implemented.

**Atlantic Recycled  
Rubber**

Mr. MacIsaac provided an update on Atlantic Recycled Rubber since his report to Council Committee on January 17<sup>th</sup>. It looks like the Company will receive an operating permit from the Department of Environment and Labour. One of the specific requirements for this permit is, that within a specified number of months, the Company must address the drainage issue which caused a small fish kill during the November fire. The Company has submitted a building permit application for a dry sprinkler system for the storage area as well as for a dry sprinkler system for two other parts of the building. We have also received an application for a dry hydrant at the MRF fire pond. A Liaison Committee has been organized by Atlantic Rubber and they have asked for Council and citizen representation. Councillor Cavanaugh's name has been suggested along with a couple of names for citizen representatives. Mr. MacIsaac indicated that he had received a call from Atlantic Rubber today regarding the first meeting of this Committee.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera meeting at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 9:40 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m.”

Sheila Arsenault  
Deputy Clerk