

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, November 28, 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 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

Absent

Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- S Add 10b: Sugar Moon Maple Farm
- S Add 11(2): Legal Advice (In-Camera)

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the minutes of October 30 and November 14, 2002 be approved with the following amendments:

- S October 30th Regular Council (bottom of Page 2002-76): Last sentence under Conflict of Interest should read, ‘*Councillor McKenna presented the Arenas Policy Update on behalf of Council Committee*’. Page 2002-77: following approval of the motion on the Arena Funding Policy, sentence should read, ‘*At this point, Deputy Mayor Matheson returned to the table*’.

S November 14th Special Council: replace Page 2 with copy placed on table (item on Recess amended)”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from minutes of meetings held on October 30 and November 14, 2002.

Presentations

Kevin Quinlan, Principal, N.S. Community College (Truro Campus)

In his presentation, Mr. Quinlan indicated that the Province is currently considering a capital development initiative to renovate the existing NSCC buildings. If funding is obtained, significant changes could take place at the Truro campus.

The NSCC’s approach to education is one that engages Nova Scotians in new ways to apply knowledge and skill. Mr. Quinlan indicated that 80% of his time is spent outside the organization informing the public of what the NSCC could and should be doing in communities across the province.

The NSCC, established in 1996, has 13 campuses, six community learning centres as well as online learning. The College has a student enrolment of over 8,000, 5,000 people involved with customized training and an additional 13,000 involved in continuing education programs. The average student age is 26.

At the end of his presentation, Mr. Quinlan circulated a copy of the NSCC 2001-02 Annual Report.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the presentation from Mr. Kevin Quinlan be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Janet Pelley, Regional Library Director, Colchester East Hants Regional Library and Councillor John Patterson, Municipality of East Hants

Councillor Patterson indicated that since June of 2002, he has been Chair of the Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board. The purpose of this presentation is to solicit Council’s support in convincing the Province of Nova Scotia to come through with the recommended funding formulas for library operating expenses. The Board is concerned that the Province has not committed funding increases that reflect previously identified needs over the past number of years and this is impacting on present

operations and service levels. The Board is asking Council to write a letter to the Minister of Education, with a copy to MLA's, requesting that the Minister provide the recommended funding formulas to the regional library boards.

At the end of the presentation, Ms. Pelley circulated a copy of a brochure entitled "Funding Crisis in Nova Scotia Public Libraries.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the presentation from the Colchester East Hants Regional Library Board representatives be received for information."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

"That the request to the Municipality urging the Province to provide the recommended funding formulas for library services be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

S/Sgt. Hugh Walker and Sgt. David Darrah, RCMP Bible Hill

S/Sgt. Walker provided Council with a progress report on the reorganization of the Detachment over the past six to eight months. Tatamagouche, Stewiacke and Bible Hill are now under one command structure with Corporals located in Stewiacke and Tatamagouche. Due to resources being centralized and officers being deployed elsewhere, they have yet to fill the position in Bass River even though the County has been paying for this service. There has been a temporary placement (TCE) in this area for six months. Five Islands continues to be policed by Parrsboro.

Colchester currently pays for 27 officers, four of which have been vacant since April of 2002 and the 0.5 position for Bass River has not been filled since it was approved by Council in April 2001.

Sgt. Walker also indicated that the Northern Corridor Traffic Service (highway patrol) is now running one unit from Amherst to Enfield; therefore, the Colchester County Detachment is now responsible for minor car accidents and traffic mishaps. This service is paid for by the Province. He also stated that since September 11th, criminal record checks are required for all new employees which utilizes the services of one full-time clerk in their office in Bible Hill. The Block Parent

organization is asking that a criminal record check be carried out on everyone in the household volunteering to be a block parent. An increased number of false alarms is also consuming RCMP resources.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the presentation from the RCMP be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the vacancy issue in the Colchester County Unit of the RCMP be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Council Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on November 14, 2002:

**Petition for Sidewalk
- Truro Heights Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to identify East Brunswick Street as the first priority for sidewalk construction and the Truro Heights sidewalk as the number 2 priority; and,

To construct these portions of sidewalk in 2003-04; and,

The sidewalk portion of the area rate for the 2003-04 Urban Service budget be increased to 15 and ½ cents from 14 cents; and,

The construction of the Truro Heights sidewalk not be held up if a funding agreement for East Brunswick Street cannot be reached between the three jurisdictions involved (Colchester County, Town of Truro and Department of Transportation and Public Works).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Visit to Fredericton
Balefill Site**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council approves a visit to the Fredericton Balefill Site by Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, the Emergency Measures Coordinator (Carl Shaw), the Solid Waste Manager (Tom MacMillan), and the Chief,

Valley-Kempton Fire Brigade (Merlyn Smith).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Derelict Vehicle
Removal Program**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the continuation of the Derelict Vehicle Removal Program during the months of April to August 2003; and,

That the Municipality extend the contract with Blenkhorn’s Auto Recyclers Limited for removal of derelict vehicles for one additional year, 2003, under the same terms and conditions.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed)*

**Road Name Change -
Penny Mountain
Road (P)**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the motion to approve the renaming of the portion of the abandoned section of the Penny Mountain Road DOTPW Public right-of-Way to Penny Mountain Road (P) be tabled until further information is received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Strategic Planning -
Focus Groups**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to go forward with a survey of our business community as part of the strategic planning process, with costs not to exceed \$20,000.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson and Councillor Cavanaugh opposed)*

**Support for
Broadband Access**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves the Municipality’s endorsement of the application from the North Shore Community Development Association for funding related to broadband access.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith asked that a letter be written to the North Shore Community Development Association indicating Council’s official endorsement of this application.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson on the November 13, 2002 minutes, Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, stated that a report would be provided to Council In-Camera on the Request for Proposals for Sludge Removal.

Mr. MacIsaac informed Council that the minutes of the November 25, 2002 meeting would be brought forward at the January 2003 Council session.

Correspondence

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

S Nos. 1, 2 and 3: Members Advisory from FCM dated November 8, 2002 concerning FCM's budget recommendations to the House of Commons Finance Committee; letter from EMO dated November 15, 2002 regarding funding support from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund; and, September/October 2002 Healthlines newsletter from the Colchester East Hants Health Authority

ACTION

**Jim Fraser,
Chairman, Pictou
County Solid Waste
Management**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated October 29, 2002 from **Jim Fraser, Chairman, Pictou County Solid Waste Management**, concerning refuse disposal after 2005.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the letter dated October 29, 2002 from Pictou County Solid Waste management concerning refuse disposal after 2005 be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor
Matheson, Councillors Cooke and
Elliott opposed)*

**Terry Canning,
Deputy Fire Chief,
Brookfield Fire
Department**

A letter to Mayor and Council dated November 14, 2002 from **Terry Canning, Deputy Fire Chief, Brookfield Fire Department**, regarding the Fire Department's desire to acquire the Brookfield Memorial School property.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

"That the letter dated November 14, 2002 from the Brookfield Fire Department regarding its desire to acquire the Brookfield Memorial School property be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Robert Parker,
Board Chair,
Chignecto-Central
Regional School
Board**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 26, 2002 from **Robert Parker, Board Chair, Chignecto-Central Regional School Board**, concerning a “no smoking policy” on all School Board properties.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Municipality respond to this letter in writing indicating Council’s opposition to municipal law enforcement officers being asked to assist the School Board in enforcing a no smoking policy on and around school properties.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Elliott opposed)*

**Massimo Bergamini,
Director of
Communications,
FCM**

A copy of a Members Advisory dated November 8, 2002 from **Massimo Bergamini, Director of Communications, FCM**, concerning FCM’s budget recommendations to the House of Commons Finance Committee.

AND

**T.A. Olive, Minister
Responsible for
Emergency
Measures Act, EMO**

A letter to the CAO dated November 15, 2002 from **T.A. Olive, Minister Responsible for Emergency Measures Act, EMO**, regarding funding support from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund.

A copy of the September/October 2002 Healthlines newsletter received from the **Colchester East Hants Health Authority**.

AND

**Colchester East
Hants Health
Authority**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the Municipality send a letter of response to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Emergency Measures Organization and the Colchester East Hants Health Authority.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

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

Economic

Mayor Smith updated Council on the latest events concerning the delay

**Development Update
- Camp Debert
Assets**

of the proposed integration of the three economic development organizations (CPDS, CoRDA and the Truro Industrial Society) into one new regional organization. Referring to his letter to CPDS dated September 12, 2002 in which he asked the question “if legal impediments can be resolved, will CPDS agree to transfer former Camp Debert assets to the County”, Mayor Smith reported that he has still not received a yes or no answer from CPDS to this question. Until this question is answered, no further progress can be made towards the integration of these three organizations, including the hiring of the Executive Director. CPDS has also not given any written response to the draft trust agreement which was forwarded to them a month ago. Mayor Smith stated that he needs to meet with the Economic Development Transition Committee but he would like to have a clear mandate from Council before going ahead.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Transition Committee hold a meeting and if the transfer of Camp Debert assets issue cannot be resolved, that a public meeting of the three Mayors take place to share information on the proposed integration.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Balefill Water Study

The contract for the Balefill Water Study was awarded to MGI Limited as staff felt their proposal addressed the Municipality’s requirements in a cost effective manner. The cost of this study as per the MGI proposal is \$19,715 (plus HST). At Council’s request, staff will circulate a general overview of MGI Limited.

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

Citizen Monitoring Committee

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that the Committee met on November 20th. All members were in attendance with the exception of Gordon Eaton. The Committee decided to look at increasing its membership and will be circulating a recruitment flyer in residents’ mailboxes throughout the Kemptown area.

Truro and District Chamber of Commerce

Councillor LeFresne reported that the Truro Chamber is looking at having Tatamagouche join its organization. This issue will be discussed further at a future Chamber meeting.

CoRDA

Councillor Taylor indicated that he would circulate a copy of CoRDA's update of activities in Councillor mailboxes. CoRDA and Truro and District Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Career Meet and Greet on December 19th at the Glengarry. All Councillors received an invitation to this event.

Councillor Baas reported that CoRDA presented a Wind Energy Workshop in Debert and he suggested that Council should be looking at green energy.

Moved by Councillor Baas
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

"That the issue of green energy be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

St. Andrews River Watershed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law

Mr. MacIsaac reminded Council of the public hearing for the St. Andrews River Watershed Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law to be held on December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Stewiacke Fire Hall.

Sugar Moon Maple Farm

Councillor LeFresne reported that he had attended a conference in Halifax this past week of the Nova Scotia tourism industry. There were some 500 delegates in attendance. The Food and Beverage Operator of the Year Award was presented by the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia to Sugar Moon Maple Farm.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the Municipality send a letter to the owners of the Sugar Moon Maple Farm congratulating them on winning the Food and Beverage Operator of the Year Award."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera meeting at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:14 p.m.

Biosolids Removal Contract

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council refer the award of the Sludge Tender back to the Chief Administrative Officer, in accordance with Council’s tendering policy, and he be directed to award the contract as he sees fit.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Masters, Baas, Taylor, Cavanaugh opposed)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:16 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Deputy Clerk