

## 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 Wednesday, October 30, 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 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 Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
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### Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Smith called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Masters moved and Councillor Elliott seconded the nomination of Councillor Hugh Matheson.

Mayor Smith called three times for further nominations, and hearing none, the nominations ceased.

Having received no further nominations, Councillor Matheson was declared Deputy Mayor.

### Election of Alternate Council Committee Chair

Council agreed to move this item ahead on the agenda.

Mayor Smith called for nominations for the position of Alternate Council Committee Chair.

Councillor Baas moved and Councillor Cooke seconded the nomination of Councillor Earl McKenna.

Mayor Smith called three times for further nominations, and hearing none, the nominations ceased.

Having received no further nominations, Councillor McKenna was declared Alternate Council Committee Chair.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

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

- S** Item No. 9(2): add minutes of meeting of Executive and Audit Committee held October 29, 2002 (on table)
- S** add 9(4), meeting of Nominating Committee held on October 30, 2002
- S** add 15b: Chain of Office
- S** add 15c: Home Security Systems
- S** add 19b: Courthouse Cleaner Position (on table)
- S** Item No. 20, In-Camera: delete Property Matter, add Legal Advice”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the minutes of the meeting held on September 26, 2002 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **Business Arising from Minutes**

Referring to the item on Public Hearings, it was noted that no appeals have been received with respect to the development agreement with Valley Meadows Limited at 308 Pictou Road or the rezoning of a portion of land owned by Vance Hanes Auto Parts Limited on the Jollytown Road.

## **Presentations**

Andy Kenny, President, Central Colchester Soccer Association

Mr. Kenney indicated that he understood that a motion was before Council this evening to permit the Central Colchester Soccer Association the use of property located on Avon Street. Due to the shortage of soccer fields in the area, the Association had filed a request with the County earlier this year on what it plans to do with this property. There are currently 1,300 children in the soccer league, 800 of which are in the “mini” category. The intended use is not to build a showcase soccer field but to have one large enough for the children to play (one-third the size of the Tim Horton’s field) as well as a parking area. The season for soccer would run for the months of June, July and August, Monday to Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Association would build the field as far away from Avon Street as possible, no lights would be installed and any equipment used would be portable.

At this point, the Association is only looking for permission to explore the potential of the property to see if it is suitable for a soccer field and parking

area.

Margi Shaw, Avon Street

Ms. Margi Shaw, resident of Avon Street, stated that she was very surprised that Council would entertain an application for soccer fields in the Avon Street area with no consultation with the residents. There are a number of issues that residents would like addressed:

- S flooding
- S increased traffic
- S decreased property values
- S decrease or elimination of wildlife

Ms. Shaw indicated that the residents of Avon Street would like a detailed plan that would show the location of the soccer field, including the parking area; what soil is to be moved; elevation levels; and whether the proposal would have a negative impact on flooding. They also wanted to know what Council is prepared to do if the soccer field is unacceptable to those living on Avon Street; how Council would guarantee that flooding would not increase; and how traffic and parking would be handled. Ms. Shaw also made reference to a petition she had brought with her signed by 180 residents of Avon Street and Riverside Avenue.

Ms. Shaw stated that she had been told by the Emergency Measures Organization that they would be very concerned if a soccer field was developed in this area. At the request of Council, Ms. Shaw agreed to contact the Emergency Measures Organization and ask them to put this concern in writing.

Linda Buchanan, Avon Street

Ms. Buchanan's concerns were:

- S removal of foliage causing additional flooding
- S responsibility for flood damage (County or Soccer Association)
- S signage for parking on both sides of the road
- S access for emergency vehicles if parking allowed on both sides of the road
- S decreased property values

Jessie Mooring

Mr. Mooring, who has lived on Avon Street for 45 years, stated that he is concerned that the birds would be disturbed by those using the soccer field.

Tom MacCallum

Mr. MacCallum stated that the Emergency Measures Organization had indicated to him that Avon Street/Riverside Avenue was the most vulnerable area for flooding.

Christine Blair

Ms. Christine Blair inquired whether the Department of Transportation and Public Works had been contacted about this proposal. In response to her question, Ms. Blair was informed that the Municipality had not contacted the Department of Transportation and Public Works concerning the traffic issue relative to Avon and Main Streets.

As there were no further presentations from the public, the following recommendation from a Council Committee meeting held on October 10, 2002 was put:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to enter into a lease arrangement with the Central Colchester Soccer Association for the use of a portion of County land (PID #20058780) off Avon Street as soccer fields.”

motion amended.

Moved by Councillor Baas (In  
Amendment)  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That an addition to the original motion be, ‘subject to a design plan being submitted by the Association and presented at a public meeting.’ ”

Motion Carried. *(Councillors Taylor, Lynds, McKenna opposed)*

The motion to amend having carried, the main motion was put and carried.  
*(Councillors McKenna, Taylor, Cooke, Lynds and LeFresne opposed)*

Council committed to having this public meeting in the new year. Residents were encouraged to put into writing any clear evidence of impacts they have and either send to Council or bring to the public meeting. Council also committed to allowing a reasonable amount of time prior to the public meeting for residents to review the design plan from the Soccer Association.

**Staff Presentation**

Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development  
Sue Burley, Manager of Recreation Services

Mr. Macpherson reported on the Physical Activity Campaign, also known as the Mayor's Challenge (item No. 14 on the agenda refers). A variety of studies recently released by the Nova Scotia Government has shown that physical inactivity is a growing problem. One of the biggest areas identified under recreational services in the County is to increase the level of physical activity of our citizens.

Ms. Burley indicated that in order to increase physical activity amongst residents, Leisure Services have prepared a strategy that will motivate people to adopt an active lifestyle. They would like to challenge Colchester residents to set goals and keep track of their success. To encourage by good example, Mayor Smith has challenged himself to increase his daily physical activity and bike a distance equivalent to biking across Canada in a year (a distance of over 7,000 km.).

If approved, the start time for this initiative would be January 2003 with a budget of \$5,000 being requested in the 2002-03 fiscal year.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That Council supports in principle the concept of a physical activity campaign; and,

That \$5,000 in funding be approved for activities in the 2002-03 fiscal year; and,

That staff report back on this initiative as the program is developed.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooke opposed)*

**Council Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on October 10, 2002:

**Tipping Fees -  
Balefill Facility**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves the raising of tipping fees for tire fluff to \$95 and that appropriate amendments to the Solid Waste By-law be brought forward.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Municipal Elections  
Act - Discussion Paper**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“1.1 - Residency Requirements

That Council recommends that the Municipal Elections Act remain unchanged with respect to the three-month residency requirement.

4.2 - Posting Municipal Voters Lists

That Council approves that the Municipality recommend a wider posting of the elector lists, including in private businesses.

6.6 - Tax Credits for Campaign Donations

That Council recommends Option No. 1 as indicated in the Discussion Paper, “Retain the current provisions - no tax credit or rebate for municipal or school board campaign donations”.

9.1 - Presence of Candidates at the Polling Station

That Council recommends that the Municipal Elections Act remain unchanged with respect to the presence of candidates at the polling station.

12.1 - Combined Municipal/School Board Elections

That Council recommends that Colchester identify the reluctance to change as a substantive weakness in the Discussion Paper and reiterate the recommendation that municipalities be responsible only for municipal elections.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Arenas Policy Update**

*Conflict of Interest: Deputy Mayor Matheson declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on this matter. Councillor McKenna presented the Arenas Policy Update on behalf of Council Committee.*

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the Arena Funding Policy as presented to Council Committee on October 10, 2002.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Deputy Mayor Matheson returned to the table.*

**Structure of Public Works Department**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That Council approves a new project engineering position at Range 8; and the adjustment of the 2002-03 budget by \$13,125 to reflect the current year costs for salary, benefits and training and the adjustment of the 2003-04 maintenance budget to reflect a full year’s salary, benefits and training costs.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Firefighters Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to fund the purchase of a “Rescue Randy” as requested by the Colchester Firefighters Association at a price of \$2,365 plus HST.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Purchase of Thermal Imaging Camera**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council authorizes the Municipality to purchase a thermal imaging camera and supporting equipment for the Special Hazards Response Unit at a cost of \$31,000 plus HST, less any funding received from EMO Nova Scotia, with the source of funds to be general operations; and,

That the Municipality look at cost sharing of the thermal imaging camera and supporting equipment with the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor McKenna opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the Municipality write a letter to the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke suggesting that, if they agree to cost sharing the thermal imaging camera and supporting equipment, that the Joint Expenditure Board formula be used for their contribution.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson opposed)*

At this point, Councillor LeFresne excused himself from the meeting due to illness.

**Protocol for Declaring  
a State of Local  
Emergency**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council authorizes the Municipality of Colchester to approve the Protocol for Declaring a State of Local Emergency and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the protocol.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Road Name Change -  
Loch Haven Lane (P)**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the portion of the abandoned section of the Irwin Lake Road, DOT Public Right-of-Way, from Highway 236, Old Barns, to 3048322 Nova Scotia Ltd. (David Loughead)/J.D. Irving Ltd. property lines, be named Loch Haven Lane (P) and that the Department of Transportation and Public Works be notified of this approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit  
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on October 3, 10 and 29, 2002.

**Tatamagouche Water  
Utility**

Mr. Gary MacIsaac, Chief Administrative Officer, referred to the first Tatamagouche Water Utility newsletter which was sent out recently to residents and circulated to Council. The Committee is now a standing committee of Council and includes the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Council also approved the addition of a third citizen representative to the Committee.

The newsletter reported on test results at the Tatamagouche Water Utility which found the concentration of Trihalomethanes (THM's) to be above the new standard. No calls have been received to date by Mr. MacIsaac or Councillor LeFresne since the newsletter was sent out.

**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee held a meeting earlier this evening to appoint citizen representatives to the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee and the Citizens Monitoring Committee.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Mr. Bill Weagle be appointed as the third citizen representative to the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke



“That Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Gavin Leggate, Mr. Harold Parsons and Mr. Gordon Eaton be appointed as citizen representatives to the Citizens Monitoring Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Elliott  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That, as employees of the Municipality, Mr. Cecil Irving and Mr. William MacKenzie not be appointed as citizen representatives to the Citizens Monitoring Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Due to Council’s discussion on a conflict of interest concern with respect to County employees on these committees, it was recommended that at some point, Council should revisit this issue.

All nominees and appointees will be advised in writing of Council’s decisions.

**Loan Guarantee -  
Cobequid District Fire  
Brigade**

*Conflict of Interest: Councillor Masters declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion on these matters.*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a “letter of intent” in support of the loan of \$300,000 for the Cobequid District Fire Brigade to purchase a new fire vehicle and in the event this is not satisfactory to the lending institution, that the Municipality provide a loan guarantee for this amount.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Loan Guarantee -  
Village of Bible Hill -  
Fire Vehicle**

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a guarantee in the amount of \$450,000 to the Village of Bible Hill for the purchase of a fire vehicle and that the Mayor and Chief Administrative officer be authorized to sign the resolution for the guarantee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor Masters returned to the table.*

**Consulting Contract -  
Landfillfire.com**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the Municipality engage the services of Landfillfire.com in accordance with the proposal dated October 20, 2002;

That funding in the amount of \$26,930 plus HST be approved; and,

That this arrangement be subject to confirmation from the Colchester Firefighters Association that they are in agreement with the expertise of this company.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. MacIsaac advised that he had received a phone call today from the President of the Colchester Firefighters Association confirming their support of this proposal.

**Garbage Collection and  
Disposal By-law - First  
Reading**

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council hereby approves the First Reading of the Garbage Collection and Disposal By-law as attached; and,

That the same tipping fee schedule be applied to the Town of Truro and the Town of Stewiacke.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Proposal to Twin  
Colchester County with  
Haarlemmermeer**

Moved by Councillor Baas  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the proposal to Twin Colchester County with Haarlemmermeer be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Taylor, Elliott, Lynds and  
Mayor Smith opposed)*

**Chain of Office**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

“That the issue of a Chain of Office for the Mayor be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

*(Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson  
and Councillor Elliott opposed)*

**Home Security  
Systems**

Moved by Councillor Edwards  
Seconded by Councillor Elliott

“That the issue of home security systems and false alarms be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence**

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

- S** Nos. 4 and 8: letter from Service N.S. and Municipal Relations dated September 26, 2002 regarding a UNSM Pre-Conference Strategic Planning Seminar and letter from UNSM dated September 30, 2002 regarding the UNSM Strategic Plan
- S** No. 3: letter from Minister of Industry regarding information kit on Broadband for Rural and Northern Development Pilot Program
- S** Nos. 2 and 12: letter from Service N.S. and Municipal Relations dated September 24, 2002 concerning meeting with St. Andrews River Citizens Coalition and letter from St. Andrews River Citizens Coalition dated October 9, 2002 concerning citizens’ grievance
- S** Nos. 9 and 16: press release from FCM regarding quality of life for Canadians and correspondence from Reductions and Learnings Initiative concerning new climate change opportunity for municipalities
- S** No. 23: letter from Department of Environment and Labour dated October 24, 2002 regarding fast food litter
- S** No. 24: press release dated October 29, 2002 concerning seminar held in Sackville, N.B. on October 28<sup>th</sup>

**ACTION**

**Lorraine Gailey,  
Veterans Affairs  
Canada**

A copy of a letter dated October 4, 2002 from **Lorraine Gailey, Veterans Affairs Canada**, requesting week of November 5-11, 2002 be proclaimed Veterans’ Week.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the week of November 5-11, 2002 be proclaimed Veterans’ Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Alderman John Schmal,  
President, FCM**

A copy of correspondence dated October 3, 2002 from **Alderman John Schmal, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning a resolution to urge action on clean air in communities.

Following a brief discussion, Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**District Health Authority 4 and Truro and Area Local Drug Awareness Committee**

A request received from the **District Health Authority 4 and Truro and Area Local Drug Awareness Committee** to proclaim November 17-23, 2002 as Drug Awareness Week.

Moved by Councillor Lynds  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the week of November 17-23, 2002 be declared Drug Awareness Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A letter dated September 26, 2002 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Service N.S. and Municipal Relations**, concerning a UNSM Pre-Conference Strategic Planning Seminar; and a copy of a memorandum

AND

dated September 30, 2002 from **Jerry Blumenthal, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning a draft UNSM Strategic Plan.

**Jerry Blumenthal, President, UNSM**

Mr. MacIsaac advised that for the last two years, Service N.S. and Municipal Relations have held a pre-conference seminar prior to the UNSM Conference to which one elected official and one municipal administrator are invited to attend. This year, Mayor Smith and Mr. MacIsaac will be attending a Strategic Planning Seminar on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Allan Rock, Minister of Industry**

A copy of correspondence from **Allan Rock, Minister of Industry**, enclosing an information kit on the Broadband for Rural and Northern Development Pilot Program (full package available in Clerk’s office).

Mayor Smith indicated that he had attended a breakfast meeting in Tatamagouche concerning broadband access to rural communities. He also reported that he had provided a personal letter of support for an application by the North Shore Community Development Association as this matter had not been before Council. Council agreed to refer this matter to Committee so that Council could consider supporting this application.

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

A letter to Mayor Smith dated September 24, 2002 from **Angus MacIsaac, Minister, Service N.S. and Municipal Relations**, concerning a meeting he had with the St. Andrews River Citizens Coalition; and a letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated October 9, 2002 from the **St. Andrews River Citizens Coalition**, concerning a citizens’ grievance.

AND

**St. Andrews River Citizens Coalition**

Deputy Mayor Matheson asked for a briefing on this meeting as he had been unable to attend.

Mr. Macpherson reported that he had attended the five-hour meeting. The meeting followed an Open House format where people asked questions. Information was received which he will take back to the Joint Planning

Advisory Committee at its meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Recommendations on the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law will go forward to Council for first reading in November, followed by a public hearing and second reading in early December.

**James Knight, FCM**

**AND**

**Steve Blight and Rob James, Pilot Emission Removals, Reductions & Learnings Initiative**

A copy of a press release from **James Knight, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding a Speech from the Throne and its recognition of the role of municipal government in improving quality of life for Canadians (copy of Speech available in Clerk's office); and a copy of correspondence dated October 17, 2002 from **Steve Blight and Rob James, Pilot Emission Removals, Reductions and Learnings Initiative**, announcing a new climate change opportunity for municipalities.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Baas

"That the paper on Plasma Gasification, which was circulated to Council by Councillor Baas, be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**David Morse,  
Minister, Environment  
& Labour**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated October 24, 2002 from **David Morse, Minister, Environment and Labour** in response to the Municipality's letter regarding fast food litter in the province of Nova Scotia.

Council agreed that the Municipality request a copy of the report from the Province on the outcome of its meeting with Tim Horton's.

**Greater Halifax  
Partnership**

A copy of a press release dated October 29, 2002 concerning a Halifax-Moncton Growth Corridor seminar held in Sackville, New Brunswick on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Smith reported that he and Deputy Mayor Matheson had attended this seminar and that he found it interesting and worth going to. There will be follow-up meetings and he felt that the Municipality should be represented.

**Bob Chiarelli, Mayor,  
City of Ottawa**

A copy of correspondence dated September 2002 from **Bob Chiarelli, Mayor, City of Ottawa**, concerning Encounters with Canada's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Development Officer**

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

**Building Inspector**

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

**Krista Wood,  
Colchester East Hants  
Health Authority**

A copy of a press release dated October 7, 2002 from **Krista Wood, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, concerning smoking issues. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Robert Strang,  
President, Smoke-Free  
Nova Scotia**

A letter to Mayor and Council dated October 8, 2002 from **Robert Strang, President, Smoke-Free Nova Scotia** concerning Council's first reading of a smoke-free by-law and Mayor Smith's response dated October 22, 2002. Council agreed to receive these letters for information purposes.

**AND**

**Mayor Michael Smith**

**Sherri Hanley, Policy  
Analyst, FCM**

A copy of a press release dated October 11, 2002 from **Sherri Hanley, Policy Analyst, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding the federal response to the softwood lumber issue. Council agreed to receive this press release for information purposes.

**Clyde Purvis, CAO,  
Municipality of Pictou  
County**

A copy of a letter to John Manley dated October 11, 2002 from **Clyde Purvis, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Pictou County**, concerning the increasing cost of banking machines. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of correspondence dated October 16, 2002 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding FCM's intervention in a rights-of-way case. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Kenneth Simpson,  
Executive Director,  
UNSM**

A copy of a memorandum dated October 21, 2002 from **Kenneth Simpson, Executive Director, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, concerning a proposed resolution to increase UNSM dues for 2003. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Linda Buchanan**

A letter to Mayor and Council from **Linda Buchanan**, concerning the proposed soccer field on Avon Street. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Krista Wood,  
Colchester East Hants  
Health Authority**

A copy of highlights from a meeting held on October 15, 2002 received from **Krista Wood, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Robert Cormier,  
Director, Public  
Safety/Fire Marshal,  
N.S. Dept. of  
Environment & Labour**

A copy of a memorandum dated October 7, 2002 from **Robert Cormier, Director, Public Safety/Fire Marshal, N.S. Department of Environment and Labour**, regarding responses received from stakeholders for fire safety regulations. Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**Janet Pelley, Regional  
Library Director,**

A copy of a memorandum dated October 22, 2002 from **Janet Pelley, Regional Library Director, Colchester East Hants Regional Library**,

**Colchester East Hants  
Regional Library**

enclosing the Library's annual report (copies of annual report had been previously circulated in Councillor mailboxes). Council agreed to receive this memorandum for information purposes.

**David McD. Mann,  
President and CEO,  
Emera**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated October 8, 2002 from **David McD. Mann, President and CEO, Emera**, concerning results of privatization of N.S. Power Inc. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of a Member Advisory dated October 25, 2002 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning a municipal perspective on the Government of Canada Draft Climate Change Plan. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Federation of  
Canadian  
Municipalities**

A copy of a Member Advisory dated October 29, 2002 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding an FCM appeal of a CRTC municipal rights-of-way ruling. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**David Briggins,  
Manager, Water &  
Wastewater Branch**

A copy of a letter dated October 22, 2002, from **David Briggins, Manager, Water and Wastewater Branch**, enclosing a press release and copy of the provincial Drinking Water Strategy (copy of Strategy available in Clerk's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Sludge Composting  
Contract - Request  
for Proposal (RFP)**

The current sludge contract will be up on January 31, 2003. Staff are preparing the necessary Request for Proposal (RFP) documentation and expect it to be let in November, with awarding of the contract prior to January 31, 2003. The RFP is covering both processing and transportation of the sludge. Council will be kept aware of the RFP as it progresses.

**Procedures for  
Handling Tire Fluff**

The procedure for disposing of tire fluff was changed after the September fire at the Balefill. The tire fluff is no longer tipped directly into the cell. Instead, it is dumped on the tipping floor and is mixed with other garbage so that it can be baled. To avoid tire fluff arriving late in the day being left on the tipping floor overnight, staff have advised Atlantic Recycled Rubber that all deliveries of tire waste must be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Courthouse Cleaner  
Position**

As a result of a competition for this position, 54 applications were received, of which eight applicants were interviewed. Mr. Kenneth Brown of Hilden was the successful candidate and he will commence duties on November 4, 2002.

**Reports from  
Councillors  
Appointed to Outside**

CoRDA

Councillor Taylor reported on the breakfast meetings held as part of

**Boards and Agencies**

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Small Business Week. They were well attended and he felt they should be done again.

**St. Andrews' Watershed Joint Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor Elliott indicated that a strategy proposal meeting is being held on Monday, November 4, 2002.

**Recess**

Council agreed to recess to an In-Camera meeting at 11:05 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:10 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:20 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Deputy Clerk