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**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

The Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 6:00 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 Hughie Matheson	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
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**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for February 22, 2007 be approved with the following addition:

- add 12b: Great Village - Lornevale Road Sewer Extension”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2007 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Responding to an inquiry from Councillor Taylor, Mr. Gary MacIsaac, CAO, advised that he has not yet written to the Department of Environment and Labour regarding cost sharing in the sewer extension project in Brookfield as he would prefer to

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discuss funding availability with them first.

**Standing Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the regular session of Council Committee held on February 8, 2007:

**Debert Industrial  
Parks Concept Plan**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council endorses the Debert Industrial Parks Concept Plan as presented to Council Committee by way of a staff presentation on February 8, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Property Tax  
Write-Offs**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves property taxes and interest totalling \$4,302.53 be written off, as presented in an Action Item dated February 8, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Low Income Tax  
Exemption Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves an amendment to the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy to reflect changes to income levels, as presented in an Action Item dated February 8, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester Fire  
Brigades Cookbook**

In a memorandum from staff attached to the Committee Report, Council were advised that if the following motion was approved, that the \$250 contribution would go to the printing company to help them recover their printing costs.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves a contribution in the amount of \$250 in support of the Colchester Fire Brigades Cookbook, contingent upon confirmation that the funds go directly to the Colchester fire

brigades and not to the company printing the cookbook, source of

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funds to be the 2006-07 general operating budget.”

Motion **Defeated**.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves a contribution in the amount of \$250 to the Colchester Firefighters Association to help defray the cost of printing the Colchester Fire Brigades Cookbook, source of funds to be the 2006-07 general operating budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Planning Advisory  
Committee**

Councillor Masters presented the report from the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on February 1, 2007. Two of the items on the Report concerning Portapique United Church and Canadian Tire will be addressed later this evening during the public hearings’ portion of the agenda.

**Executive and Audit  
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on February 5 and February 8, 2007.

**Flood Advisory  
Committee**

Councillor Cavanaugh presented the final report of the Flood Advisory Committee for 2006-07. The Committee completed five projects during this fiscal year.

**Tatamagouche Water  
Utility Committee**

Councillor LeFresne presented the report from a meeting of the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee held on February 2, 2007:

**Water Rate Study**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council authorizes the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee to proceed with a Water Rate Study and advise the provincial Utility and Review Board of this intent; and,

That the study look at a shift in the revenue burden away from the fire protection rate; and,

That the study look at an increase in water rates to provide sufficient funds to operate the Utility in a breakeven position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Annual Operating**

In a memorandum to Council attached to the Committee Report,

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**Grant**

staff recommended that if the following motion was approved, that the annual operating grant be referred to the Additions/Deletions meeting scheduled for March 8, 2007.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council approves that the Tatamagouche Water Utility receive an annual operating grant from the Municipality equivalent to the amount of the Utility’s property tax.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Second Reading - Tax Exemption By-law**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Tax Exemption By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Second Reading - Repeal of By-laws By-law**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Repeal of By-laws By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Second Reading - Amendment to Penalties By-law**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading the Penalties By-law as attached to these minutes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**First Reading - Amendment to Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land - Use By-law**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves at First Reading the amended Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-law, as presented, for purposes of forwarding these documents to a Public

Hearing, reserving consideration of the amendments until Second Reading following the Public Hearing.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Spring 2007  
Debenture Funding**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance, subject to Interest Rate Resolutions, for the sidewalks and regional hospital as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Great Village -  
Lornevale Road Sewer  
Extension**

Councillor Cooke indicated that he would like to have another discussion on this issue. He asked Council to consider referring the matter to capital budget deliberations in March.

Moved by Councillor Cooke  
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the matter of a sewer extension on Lornevale Road in Great Village be referred to Council’s capital budget deliberations in March 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence**

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

- No. 14: letter dated February 12, 2007 from Colchester East Hants Health Authority providing an update on the Colchester Regional Hospital Replacement Project
- No. 15: letter dated January 25, 2007 from Canada Post Ombudsman regarding a complaint about postal service
- No. 16 and No. 17: E-News Flash dated February 16 and 22, 2007 from the UNSM concerning the Cap Assessment Program
- No. 18: letter dated February 15, 2007 from Truro and District Chamber of Commerce concerning a centralized gaming facility at the Truro Raceway and Provincial Exhibition facilities

**ACTION**

**Joyce Mingo,**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 5, 2007 from **Joyce**

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**Executive Director,  
CNTA**

**Mingo, Executive Director, Central Nova Tourist Association,**  
requesting financial assistance for their annual spring conference.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from the Central Nova Tourist Association requesting financial assistance for their annual spring conference be referred to Additions/Deletions.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Referring to this letter and No. 5 under Information Correspondence, also from the Central Nova Tourist Association, Councillor Cooper expressed his concern that the letter referred to what is happening in the Town of Truro and not in the County of Colchester. Staff agreed to contact the Association to make them aware of this oversight.

**Christine Blair,  
Chairwoman, The  
Village of Bible Hill**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 6, 2007 from **Christine Blair, Chairwoman, The Village of Bible Hill**, regarding a joint application to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill regarding a joint application to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund be referred to capital budget deliberations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Chief Lawrence Paul,  
Millbrook Band  
Council**

A letter to Mayor Smith received February 13, 2007 from **Chief Lawrence Paul, Millbrook Band Council**, requesting a letter of support for Indian Reserve status for three parcels of land in Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from the Millbrook Band Council requesting a letter of support for Indian Reserve status for three parcels of land in Colchester County be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were directed to invite the Millbrook Band Council in to make a presentation to Council before this issue is brought forward to Council Committee.

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**Peter MacKinnon,  
CEO, Colchester East  
Hants Health  
Authority**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 12, 2007 from **Peter MacKinnon, CEO, Colchester East Hants Health Authority**, providing an update on the Colchester Regional Hospital Replacement Project.

A motion to invite the Colchester East Hants Health Authority in to make a presentation to Council on the status of the hospital project was withdrawn by Council when staff advised that the group was scheduled to appear before Council Committee on March 8, 2007.

**Michel Tremblay,  
Canada Post  
Ombudsman**

A letter to the CAO dated January 25, 2007 from **Michel Tremblay, Canada Post Ombudsman**, regarding a complaint about whether the new standards for rural mail delivery will be available to the public.

Councillor Cavanaugh asked for further clarification of this letter as it did not seem clear on what they were trying to say. Mr. MacIsaac advised that Canada Post is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act as it is now a private corporation. Therefore, it does not have to make the new standards document available to the public.

**Councillor Russell  
Walker, President,  
UNSM AND Kenneth  
R.B. Simpson,  
Executive Director,  
UNSM**

Copies of E-News Flash dated February 16 and 22, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding the Cap Assessment Program.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, Mayor Smith reported on a recent Rural Caucus meeting he attended in Kentville. A motion was passed at the meeting to arrange a Mayors and Wardens' meeting for early March regarding the Province's Cap Assessment Program. The UNSM is urging the Province to hold the cap at a minimum of 10 percent rather than having the cap threshold linked to the Consumer Price Index.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the Nova Scotia Cap Assessment Program be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were directed to not bring this item forward to Council Committee until the Mayors and Wardens' meeting had taken place.

**Greg Mosher,  
President, Truro &  
District Chamber of  
Commerce**

A copy of a letter dated February 15, 2007 from **Greg Mosher, President, Truro and District Chamber of Commerce**, concerning a centralized gaming facility at Truro Raceway and Provincial Exhibition facilities.

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Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter be written to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission inviting them to make a presentation to Council on the plans for the Centralized Gaming Facility at the Truro Raceway and Provincial Exhibition facilities.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

**Development Officer**

A copy of a Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of January 2007. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Building Inspector**

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics Report received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of January 2007. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Wayne Faulkner,  
District Manager,  
Dept. of Environment  
& Labour**

A letter to the CAO dated January 23, 2007 from **Wayne Faulkner, District Manager, Department of Environment and Labour**, regarding the increased number of vectors in the Pleasant Valley area. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Joyce Mingo,  
Executive Director,  
CNTA**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated January 29, 2007 from **Joyce Mingo, Executive Director, Central Nova Tourist Association**, regarding the Association’s annual grant. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Paul Collins,  
Coordinator, Museum  
Assistance Program,  
N.S. Tourism, Culture  
& Heritage**

A copy of a letter dated January 30, 2007 from **Paul Collins, Coordinator, Museum Assistance Program, N.S. Tourism, Culture and Heritage**, regarding a Strategic Development Initiative. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.  
Municipalities**

A copy of the Cap Program Analysis dated February 2007 received from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Murray Scott,  
Minister of Justice &  
Attorney General**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated February 1, 2007 from **Murray Scott, Minister of Justice and Attorney General**, concerning the Minister’s Task Force on Safer Streets and Communities. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Jennifer Spencer,  
Great Village**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated February 6, 2007 from **Jennifer Spencer, Great Village**, concerning a sewer extension to



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Lornevale Road in Great Village. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Karen Casey, MLA,  
Colchester North**

A letter to Jennifer Spencer dated January 23, 2007 from **Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North**, concerning a sewer extension to the Lornevale Road in Great Village. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Paul Putnam,  
Inspector, Dept. of  
Environment &  
Labour**

A copy of a letter dated February 9, 2007 from **Paul Putnam, Inspector, Department of Environment and Labour**, regarding a noise complaint and idling of vehicles in Bible Hill. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Minister of Service  
N.S. & Municipal  
Relations AND Chair,  
Assessment Services  
Transitional Board**

A copy of a letter dated February 14, 2007 from **Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and the Chair, Assessment Services Transitional Board**, concerning the first phase of the Property Valuation Service Corporation Act. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Allan Bonnyman,  
Chair, Colchester  
River Restoration  
Project**

A copy of the North Colchester Restoration Project 2006 Annual Report received from **Allan Bonnyman, Chair, Colchester River Restoration Project**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Assessment Capping -  
Requirements to Apply**

Property owners must initially apply for relief from the Assessment Capping Program. Once this application has been made, the property will be automatically considered for relief in future years.

**Community Park  
Funding Program**

The Community Park Funding Policy supports community recreation projects by contributing up to 50% of the total cost of their capital project up to \$40,000. By the application deadline of February 28, 2006, five requests for funding were received and approved for a total of \$75,172. Due to remaining funding in this budget year and funds in the reserve account, a second application process was held. Brookfield Athletic Association was the only group to apply for funding in the amount of \$12,922.

**Community Trail  
Funding Program**

The Community Trail Funding Program supports community organizations in the maintenance and development of trails for public use by providing grants up to 50% of the total project cost. Four applications were received for the January 31, 2007 deadline: Kenomee Trail Society - 2 applications approved for \$970 and \$4165.50  
Colchester Trails Association - 1 application for \$1,000 (denied)  
North Short ATV Club - 1 application for \$1,800 (denied)

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

There were no reports from Councillors appointed to outside boards and agencies.

**Public Hearing -  
Deregistration of  
Municipal Heritage  
Property - Portapique  
United Church**

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application to deregister a municipal heritage property. The application was made by the Trustees of the Portapique United Church. The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and have been made available to the public.

The Clerk advised that the guidelines of the Heritage Property Act regarding notification and advertising of the public hearing have been followed.

Mayor Smith reminded all Councillors that only those present throughout the public hearing can vote on the deregistration when it is eventually considered by Council. This hearing is Council's opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of the deregistration when the motion is presented to Council. Staff are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise as a result of the public's input.

Ms. Pam Macintosh, Acting Planner, presented a brief overview of this application. The Trustees of the Portapique United Church have requested that Council remove the heritage status of the Church located at 6910 High 2, Portapique, due to the property now being listed for sale. The Church was officially closed on December 31, 2006.

Mrs. Mary Hodge addressed Council on behalf of the Trustees of the United Church. Mrs. Hodge indicated that the deregistration is being requested due to the declining number of members. There is no running water or funds available to run activities in the Church. This request has the support of the Presbytery.

Councillor Masters presented a report on behalf of the Planning Advisory Committee. This application was discussed at a Committee meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at which time it was recommended that Council proceed with the deregistration.

The Clerk advised that no written submissions have been received regarding this application.

As Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Masters then placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Masters

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Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves the deregistration of the Portapique United Church, 6910 Highway 2, Portapique, as a municipal heritage property.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith indicated that this application to deregister a municipal heritage property does not require approval of the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

As there was no further business, Mayor Smith declared this public hearing closed.

**Public Hearing -  
Development Agreement  
- Canadian Tire  
Corporation Ltd.**

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Mayor Smith called this public hearing to order respecting an application for a development agreement made by the Canadian Tire Corporation Limited and the Canadian Tire Real Estate Ltd., for an expansion to their store on Robie Street, Lower Truro. The text for this application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and have been made available to the public.

The Clerk advised that the guidelines of the Municipal Government Act regarding advertising of the public hearing have been followed.

Mayor Smith reminded all Councillors that only those present throughout the public hearing can vote on the development agreement when it is eventually considered by Council. This public hearing is Council’s opportunity to hear the application and every concern of area residents. Individual Councillors will have an opportunity to debate the merits of the development agreement when the motion is presented to Council. Staff are present at this hearing to answer any technical questions that may arise as a result of the public’s input.

Ms. Macintosh provided Council with an overview of this application. Terrain Group Inc., on behalf of Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited and Canadian Tire Corporation Limited, have made an application for a development agreement that would permit the expansion of the existing store on Robie Street by 24,157 square feet, with the ability to expand an additional 4,670 square feet, bringing the total store size to 74,328 square feet. Expansions are proposed for the retail portion, the seasonal garden centre and the warehouse portion located at the rear of the building. Terrain Group have requested that a previous agreement approved but not executed in 2005 be cancelled in order to permit this new application. As the proposed development agreement is consistent with policies and objectives outlined in the Municipal Planning Strategy, staff are

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recommending approval of the project.

Mr. Nick Pryce, Senior Planner for Terrain Group, made a brief presentation to Council on the application. He indicated that the hydrotechnical issues have been addressed with respect to the property being located on a flood plain. They have been in discussion with the Department of Transportation who are happy with what has been done to reduce the number of accesses along Robie Steet. The traffic report indicates that everything is good.

Councillor Masters presented a report on behalf of the Planning Advisory Committee. This application was reviewed by the Committee at its meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Committee had some concerns with the parking lot configuration which have now been addressed. The Committee is recommending that the development agreement application be approved.

The Clerk advised that no written submissions have been received regarding this application.

As Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor Masters then placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council approves the Municipality entering into a development agreement with Canadian Tire Corporation Limited and Canadian Tire Real Estate Limited that would allow an expansion to the existing retail store on Robie Street in Lower Truro.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith indicated that this is a development agreement application which does not require approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Council’s decision on this application is appealable to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. Any appeal of Council’s decision must be made within 14 days of the advertising of same in the local newspapers. As there was no further business, Mayor Smith declared this public hearing closed.

## **Presentations**

Mr. James Kirkpatrick, Lafarge Canada Inc.

At the request of Council, Mr. Kirkpatrick was requested to make a presentation on RRFB’s proposed contract with the Lafarge Cement Plant in Brookfield to burn used tires as a source of fuel. This

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request was made to Lafarge due to residents' concern with the emissions generated by burning such fuels in cement kilns.

Mr. Kirkpatrick provided a brief overview of the Plant. He also provided an overview of how cement is made and how tires would be used as fuel. Lafarge is currently using coal as their main fuel source which is their second biggest single cost. The burning of tires will replace 20% of their coal requirement. Worldwide, there are over 60 cement plants using either whole or chipped tires as fuel. Benefits of this proposal to the province of Nova Scotia include: reliable year-round collection of tires, increased employment, proven environmental safe-end use and sustainability of the Brookfield cement plant.

With regard to how Lafarge plans to proceed with this proposal, Mr. Kirkpatrick indicated that the Department of Environment and Labour has commissioned Dalhousie University to conduct a study on the use of tires for fuel in various industries. If the results of this study are favourable, Lafarge will submit an application to the Department of Environment and Labour to use tires as a source of fuel. If they are granted a permit, then an application is submitted to their own company to make modifications on how the tires are processed. This project is expected to be completed within the next ten months.

Mr. Ken Lear

Mr. Lear indicated that he has a cottage at Shortt's Lake. His main concern is there is not enough information available about the plant in Brookfield and what is coming from the stacks.

*At this point in the meeting, Councillor Lynds left the meeting due to illness. He was accompanied by Councillors LeFresne and White and the CAO, Mr. MacIsaac.*

Mr. Fred Blois

Mr. Blois expressed his disappointment in the report from the RRFB and the fact that they did not consider using Lafarge's sister plant in Quebec for the disposal of these used tires. He is also concerned with the emissions coming off these tires. He would like to see Council's support in examining this issue very closely before making any recommendations.

*At this point, Mayor Smith excused himself from the meeting to assist with Councillor Lynds. Deputy Mayor Matheson assumed the position of Chair.*

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Mrs. Lydia Sorflaten

Mrs. Sorflaten indicated that, in view of the fact that Lafarge's Brookfield Cement Plant has been awarded the contract to collect and burn the province's used tires, the Citizens Against the Burning of Tires respectfully request that Council accept a 2017 signatures petition. The petition requests that Council take all necessary measures to ensure that tires are not incinerated in the province of Nova Scotia.

Ms. Noreen Stark

Ms. Stark's presentation consisted of a series of questions:

- who sees the results of the testing after it is done and is it made public?
- what is the lifespan of Lafarge with or without the burning of tires?
- with the burning of oil, does some of the oil product come from the Sydney tarponds?
- if the temperature was not stable, would this affect the burning process and what is emitted?
- the plants in Ontario and Quebec are looking at burning human waste and animal by-products - would the plant in Brookfield consider doing the same?

Chris Richard, Environmental Manager, Lafarge

Mr. Richard responded to Ms. Stark's questions:

- testing is up to the Department of Environment and Labour and will be made public if citizens want it. Company website posts the results of tests done to the stack
- lifespan of plant will depend on availability of limestone
- no oil product from the Sydney tarponds
- temperature of kiln does fluctuate - can ensure that tire delivery system is shut down automatically when this happens
- plant in Ontario has made application to use other materials such as animal waste and tires. Plant in Quebec does not use coal and are also looking at other alternatives

Mr. Richards also indicated that if the Dalhousie report is negative, that Lafarge would withdraw their proposal.

*At this point in the meeting, Mayor Smith, Councillors LeFresne and White and Mr. MacIsaac returned to the table. Mayor Smith resumed the position of Chair.*

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Jo Ann Fewer, Executive Director, Colchester Regional  
Development Agency (CoRDA) and  
Bill Hay, Chair of CoRDA Board

Ms. Fewer indicated that her powerpoint presentation would focus on the future goals of CoRDA rather than past achievements.

The objectives of CoRDA's 2007-08 Business Plan are:

- support to existing businesses
- recruitment of new businesses
- creation of new businesses
- creation of dynamic welcoming community
- business parks

CoRDA is proposing to deliver on these objectives with no change in budget requirements from its funding partners. For Colchester, CoRDA is asking for \$122,976 in 2007-08.

Mr. Tom Mosher, President, YMCL Engineering Limited

*Deputy Mayor Matheson declared a conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the table.*

By way of background, Mr. Mosher's company was hired by the Municipality to conduct an aging building audit on the three arenas in Colchester County. Copies of the three consultant reports were circulated to Council as part of their package for tonight's meeting.

In his presentation, Mr. Mosher outlined who the project team was, the project activities (inspection, structural evaluation, etc.), and what the team was looking for with regard to safety issues within the three arenas.

During the presentation and subsequent discussion, Council raised several concerns that they had with the audit reports and with Mr. Mosher's presentation itself. Their greatest concern was the impracticality of achieving the timelines in the reports and because of differences in the reports and Mr. Mosher's presentation. A particular concern was the contrast between YMCL's written recommendation, that the priority items all had to be completed within three months and Mr. Mosher's verbal presentation that he would be satisfied if Council started to act on the priorities within three months.

At the end of the debate, staff were requested to direct specific questions to the consultant in writing that were put forward by Council during the presentation.

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Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That staff be directed to forward specific questions to YMCL Engineering Limited and report back to a future Council meeting when a response has been received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

Mr. Clair Peers and Mr. Charles Demond

Mr. Peers indicated that the purpose of this presentation was mainly to provide information on what is going on in the County with regard to wind power. Mr. Peers is the President of Cobequid Area Wind Farms and Mr. Demond is with Atlantic Wind Power and Pubnico Wind Power. A few years ago, Cobequid Area Wind Power partnered with Atlantic Wind Power to pursue development of wind power in the County.

Mr. Demond indicated that the Municipality of Cumberland has been working on a by-law with respect to wind power and that it may be something that Colchester County may wish to pursue.

Moved by Councillor Taylor  
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the presentation from Cobequid Area Wind Farms and Atlantic Wind Power be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary