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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, August 30, 2007 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 Hughie Matheson	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
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Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the agenda for August 30, 2007 be approved with the following additions/deletions:

- add 12b: Ratepayers’ Meeting, District 6
- add 12c: Champions’ Program
- add 12d: Diversity
- delete 13(1): Negotiations
- delete No. 9: September Committee Date”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of a meeting held on June 28, 2007 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held

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from Minutes

on June 28, 2007.

Presentations

**Colchester Natural Gas Committee - Mr. Mark Brown,
Mr. Mike Pawelko, Mr. Jason Haynes and Ms. Jo Ann Fewer**

Through a powerpoint presentation, the Colchester Natural Gas Committee provided an overview of the proposed Heritage Natural Gas System, including benefits of having natural gas as an alternate fuel source, competitive pricing, progress to date, next steps and timeline. The Committee was formed in order to raise community awareness of the natural gas project.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded Councillor Lynds

“That the presentation from the Colchester Natural Gas Committee be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Report and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from a Council Committee meeting held on August 16, 2007:

**Request for
Reimbursement of
Taxes - 164
Farnham Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the reimbursement of taxes to Mr. Gerald Crosby for properties located at 164 Farnham Road, in the amount of \$17,063, plus interest, source of funds to be general operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Fire and Emergency
Dispatch Services -
Contract Extension**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the extension of the Municipality’s Fire and Emergency Dispatch contract with Valley Communications Inc., in accordance with the following terms:

October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008 - \$75,485
October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009 - \$77,738
October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010 - \$79,992”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Junior Chamber
International**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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**Colchester -
Outstanding Young
Person's Awards**

“That Council approves the funding request from the Junior Chamber International Colchester in the amount of \$1,000, source of funds to be general operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Street Light Request

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council approves the installation of a street light for the intersection of Highway 102 and Highway No. 2, source of funds to be general operations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on July 12 and 30, 2007. A report on the meeting held on August 29th will be provided at a later date.

ACTION ITEMS

**Sidewalk Proposal -
Valley Elementary
School**

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the installation of a sidewalk at the entrance of Eagle Drive to the driveway of Valley Variety be referred to the capital budget process and that staff be instructed to look into the cost of the sidewalk and other safety improvement options.”

motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Mingo (In
Amendment)
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That staff also look into the cost of extending the proposed sidewalk at the entrance of Eagle Drive to Valley Crossroads.”

Motion **Defeated.**

*(Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor,
Masters, Cooper, Edwards, Cavanaugh,
LeFresne opposed)*

The motion to amend having been defeated, the main motion, as presented, was voted on and carried unanimously.

**Temporary
Borrowing
Resolution -**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Masters

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**Tatamagouche
Water Utility**

“That Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the temporary borrowing resolution for the Tatamagouche Water Utility Upgrade as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously

Correspondence

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

- No. 1: copy of UNSM Rural Caucus minutes of May 10, 2007 meeting
- No. 2: letter dated July 4, 2007 from Environment and Labour concerning environmental registry online
- No. 3: letter dated July 6, 2007 from Chignecto Central Regional School Board enclosing copy of 2007-08 School Board budget (copy of report on file in CAO’s office)
- No. 16: email dated July 24, 2007 from Sharon Dartt regarding Brookfield sewer extension
- No. 44: letter from Environment and Labour concerning herbicide management
- No. 47: letter dated August 17, 2007 from Terry Canning regarding garbage collection
- No. 49: email dated August 15, 2007 from Caldwell Roach regarding Request for Proposals for insurance broker services for County fire brigades and responses from Director of Corporate Services dated August 21 and 29, 2007
- No. 50: letter dated August 16, 2007 from Fulton Insurance Agencies Ltd. regarding Request for Proposals for insurance broker services for County fire brigades and response from Director of Corporate Services dated August 29, 2007
- No. 51: letter dated August 22, 2007 from Canada Post regarding implementation of changes to rural routes served by Truro Post Office

ACTION

**Robert Cook,
President/CEO, NS
Association of
Health
Organizations**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 3, 2007 from **Robert Cook, President/CEO, N.S. Association of Health Organizations**, requesting that September be proclaimed Continuing Care Month.

Moved by Councillor Lynds
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

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“That September 2007 be proclaimed Continuing Care Month in the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ken Eisner,
President, Saywood
Developments Ltd.**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated August 8, 2007 from **Ken Eisner, President, Saywood Developments Ltd.**, requesting a water line extension at the intersection of Ice Pond Drive and Fir Avenue.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the letter from Saywood Developments Ltd. requesting a water line extension at the intersection of Ice Pond Drive and Fir Avenue be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sheila Rafferty,
Branch President,
Arthritis Society of
NS, Colchester
Branch**

A letter to Mayor and Council from **Sheila Rafferty, Branch President, Arthritis Society of Nova Scotia, Colchester Branch**, requesting that September be proclaimed Arthritis Awareness Month.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That September 2007 be proclaimed Arthritis Awareness Month in the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**James & Monica
Chiasson, 636A
Truro Heights Road**

A letter to Council dated August 20, 2007 from **James and Monica Chiasson, 636A Truro Heights Road**, regarding a site proposal development plan for 640 Truro Heights Road.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from James and Monica Chiasson regarding a site proposal development plan for 640 Truro Heights Road be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**David Hill,
Chairperson,
Bayhead Property
Owners Association**

A copy of an email to Councillor LeFresne dated August 23, 2007 from **David Hill, Chairperson, Bayhead Property Owners Association**, regarding signage on private roads.

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Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the email from the Bayhead Property Owners Association regarding signage on private roads be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Allison Cook,
Secretary/Treasurer,
Salmon River Fire
Commission**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated August 20, 2007 from **Allison Cook, Secretary/Treasurer, Salmon River Fire Commission**, requesting a loan guarantee of \$400,000 to replace a fire rescue and equipment truck.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from the Salmon River Fire Commission requesting a loan guarantee of \$400,000 to replace a Fire Rescue and Equipment Truck be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Union of NS
Municipalities**

A copy of the Rural Caucus minutes of a meeting held on May 10, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**.

Referring to Page 3 of the minutes, Councillor Cooper inquired about the status of item 4.0(b), Capping Mandatory Municipal Contributions to Education. Staff reported that there has been no further information received on this matter since the Rural Caucus meeting on May 10th.

**Valerie Gauthier,
Director of Financial
Services, Chignecto
Central Regional
School Board**

A letter to the CAO dated July 6, 2007 from **Valerie Gauthier, Director of Financial Services, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**, enclosing a copy of the 2007-08 School Board budget (copy of report on file in CAO's office).

Referring to Page 6 of the report, Councillor Cooper voiced his concern on how the School Board's enhanced programs may affect existing resources such as Teaching Assistants.

**Mark Parent,
Minister of
Environment and
Labour**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 4, 2007 from **Mark Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour**, concerning the online environmental registry project.

Councillor Cooper indicated his support for this project going forward, particularly with respect to the pesticide spraying program becoming accessible to the public.

Sharon Dartt,

An email to the CAO dated July 24, 2007 from **Sharon Dartt**,

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Brookfield

Brookfield, regarding the Brookfield sewer extension project.

Deputy Mayor Matheson extended an invitation to Council to a Ratepayers' meeting being held in Brookfield on September 6th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting has been called because of residents' concerns with the Brookfield sewer extension project not going up Highway 2 North.

**Mark Parent,
Minister of
Environment &
Labour**

A letter to Mayor Smith from **Mark Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour**, concerning herbicide management.

Councillor Cooper requested that the issue of allowing the spraying of herbicides be referred to Council Committee.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the issue of allowing the spraying of herbicides be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Terry Canning,
Brookfield**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated August 17, 2007 from **Terry Canning, Brookfield**, regarding a presentation at the August Committee meeting from a resident in District 5 on deferral of garbage collection for civic holidays.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, staff advised that this issue had been referred to a future Council Committee meeting following the presentation on August 16th.

**Rod Jones, Caldwell
Roach AND Bruce
Wyllie, President,
Fulton Insurance
Agencies Ltd.**

An email to the CAO dated August 15, 2007 from **Rod Jones, Caldwell Roach** and a letter to the CAO dated August 16, 2007 from **Bruce Wyllie, President, Fulton Insurance Agencies Ltd.**, regarding a Request for Proposals for insurance broker services for County fire brigades and responses to both from the Director of Corporate Services.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor White, staff reported that two bids were received for the provision of insurance broker services. Award of the contract will take place mid to late October with the project getting underway in the next fiscal year.

**Terry Terris,
Delivery Services,
Canada Post**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated August 22, 2007 from **Terry Terris, Delivery Services, Canada Post**, regarding the implementation of changes to rural routes served by the Truro Post Office.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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“That an invitation be extended to Canada Post to make a presentation at a future Council meeting on the implementation of changes to rural routes in Colchester County that are served by the Truro Post Office.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

**John Cianfaglione,
Communications
Coordinator,
Offshore Energy
Research
Associations**

A copy of an email dated July 6, 2007 from **John Cianfaglione, Communications Coordinator, Offshore Energy Research Associations**, with attached July Fundy Tidal Energy Strategic Environmental Assessment Newsletter. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Valerie Gauthier,
Director of Financial
Services, Chignecto
Central Regional
School Board**

A letter to the CAO dated July 6, 2007 from **Valerie Gauthier, Director of Financial Services, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**, with a copy of approved School Board financial statements (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Union of NS
Municipalities**

A copy of July 2007 E-News Bulletin received from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of Development Activity Report for months of June and July 2007 received from the **Development Officer**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of Building Permit Statistics for months of June and July 2007 received from the **Building Inspector**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**W.D. Ring, CEO,
RRFB**

A letter to the CAO dated July 9, 2007 from **W.D. Ring, CEO, Resource Recovery Fund Board**, with an enclosed copy of the 2007 annual report (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Diane Standing,
Administration
Coordinator,
Colchester
Community
Workshops
Foundation**

A letter to the Mayor and CAO dated July 11, 2007 from **Diane Standing, Administration Coordinator, Colchester Community Workshops Foundation**, with copies of newsletter, 2006-07 annual report. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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**Peter Geddes,
Environmental
Assessment Officer,
Environment &
Labour**

A letter to the CAO dated July 11, 2007 from **Peter Geddes, Environmental Assessment Officer, Environment & Labour**, with a copy of the final report on environmental assessment registration of Glenholme Gravel Pit Expansion Development (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Gord Steeves,
President, FCM**

A copy of correspondence dated July 11, 2007 from **Gord Steeves, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning new funding opportunity for water and brownfields projects. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Leslie Griffiths,
Offshore Energy
Environmental
Research Association**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 11, 2007 from **Leslie Griffiths, Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association**, regarding environmental assessment of tidal energy development in Bay of Fundy. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Marie Mullally,
President & CEO,
NS Gaming
Corporation**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 20, 2007 from **Marie Mullally, President & CEO, NS Gaming Corporation**, with a copy of the 2006-07 annual report (copy of report on file in the CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Nancy Covington,
Tamara Lorincz and
Sheila Zurbrigg,
Halifax**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 22, 2007 from **Nancy Covington, Tamara Lorincz and Sheila Zurbrigg, Halifax**, concerning the Mayors for Peace Campaign. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**John Cianfaglione,
Communications
Coordinator,
Offshore Energy
Environmental
Research Association**

A copy of a media release dated July 30, 2007 from **John Cianfaglione, Communications Coordinator, Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association**, inviting applications from community based groups in Bay of Fundy region. Council agreed to receive this for information purposes.

**Jo Ann Fewer,
Executive Director,
CoRDA**

A copy of an email dated July 31, 2007 from **Jo Ann Fewer, Executive Director, CoRDA**, regarding a decision on environmental assessment on the Alton Gas Storage Facility. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Service Nova Scotia
and Municipal
Relations**

A copy of NS Property Assessment 2006 Annual Report from **Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations** (copy of report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**David Stevenson,
Tatamagouche**

A copy of emails from **David Stevenson, Tatamagouche**, indicating support of a new library in Tatamagouche to be located on Main Street. Council agreed to receive these emails for information purposes.

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**Murray Scott,
Minister of Justice**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 31, 2007 from **Murray Scott, Minister of Justice**, regarding provincial appointments to Police Advisory Boards. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**John Cianfaglione,
Communications
Coordinator,
Offshore Energy
Environmental
Research Association**

A copy of an email dated August 1, 2007 from **John Cianfaglione, Communications Coordinator, Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association**, with a copy of the August Fundy Tidal Energy Strategic Environmental Assessment Newsletter. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Charles Thompson

An email to the Mayor dated August 2, 2007 from **Charles Thompson**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Tim Tanner &
Amanda Thomas**

An email to the Mayor dated August 3, 2007, from **Tim Tanner and Amanda Thomas**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes

Phyllis Taylor

An email to the Mayor dated August 3, 2007, from **Phyllis Taylor**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Kim Cole

An email to the Mayor dated August 3, 2007, from **Kim Cole**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Rick Scott

An email to the Mayor dated August 3, 2007, from **Rick Scott**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Heather Collicott

An email to the Mayor dated August 3, 2007, from **Heather Collicott**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Aaron & Laura
Matheson**

An email to the Mayor dated August 5, 2007, from **Aaron and Laura Matheson**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Michael Myers

An email to the Mayor dated August 5, 2007, from **Michael Myers**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Peter Cerra

An email to the Mayor dated August 5, 2007, from **Peter Cerra**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for

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information purposes.

- Phil Hess** An email to the Mayor dated August 7, 2007, from **Phil Hess**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Keith Best** An email to the Mayor dated August 7, 2007, from **Keith Best**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Ron Burkholder** An email to the Mayor dated August 7, 2007, from **Ron Burkholder**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Trudy Niggli** An email to the Mayor dated August 8, 2007, from **Trudy Niggli**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Laurie & Mildred Fulton** A note to the Mayor from **Laurie and Mildred Fulton**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this note for information purposes.
- Jeanette Himmelman** An email to the Mayor dated August 8, 2007, **Jeanette Himmelman**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- David Parks** An email to the Mayor dated August 8, 2007, from **David Parks**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Councillor Raymond Tynes** A copy of an email dated August 9, 2007, from **Councillor Raymond Tynes**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- W. J. Irwin** A copy of an email dated August 8, 2007, from **W. J. Irwin**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Thaddee Renault** A letter to the Mayor dated August 5, 2007, from **Thaddee Renault**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.
- Jack McCarthy** An email to the Mayor dated August 6, 2007, from **Jack McCarthy**, regarding pride flag. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities** A copy of an email dated August 3, 2007 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding new funding opportunity for

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brownfields and water projects. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Jamie Ferguson, CEO,
Sport Nova Scotia**

A copy of a letter dated August 16, 2007, from **Jamie Ferguson, CEO, Sport Nova Scotia**, with a copy of the 2006-07 annual report (report on file in CAO's office). Council agreed to receive this letter and report for information purposes.

**John Greenhalgh,
Brookfield**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated August 17, 2007, from **John Greenhalgh, Brookfield**, regarding the Brookfield Sewer Extension contract awarding process. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Brian Holland, Clerk-
Treasurer, Municipality
of Barrington**

A copy of a letter dated August 20, 2007, from **Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Barrington**, regarding support for the establishment of a grey seal harvest. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Louis D'Amore,
President, International
Institute for Peace
through Tourism**

An email dated August 24, 2007, from **Louis D'Amore, President, International Institute for Peace through Tourism**, regarding rededication of a Peace Park in Colchester. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**Purchasing Card
Program**

The Purchasing Card Program came into effect in September 2006. The Program has worked well despite a few minor glitches with restrictions on items/establishments. For some of the cardholders, the maximum monthly amount established has been too low and as a result, the use of purchase orders has not decreased to any noticeable degree.

**Ratepayers' Meeting,
District 6**

Councillor Cavanaugh indicated that a Ratepayers' meeting will be taking place in District 6 in late September. This meeting is a followup to a public meeting held on August 20th regarding the proposed wind power project for the Nuttby area.

Champions' Program

Councillor Mingo indicated that she had been contacted by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to be part of the Champions' Program project. This Program is being developed to raise awareness of women in municipal politics. Councillor Mingo stated that part of her involvement in this project will be to speak to community groups about getting involved. She asked that Council support her in going ahead with this project.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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“That Council endorses the appointment of Councillor Mingo to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Champions’ Program Project to enable her to charge expenses associated with this appointment to the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Diversity

Councillor Mingo reported on recent discussions she has had with the Colchester Regional Development Agency on holding a symposium for community leaders and residents on diversity.

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

Councillor Taylor reported that he had attended a meeting on August 22nd of the Bible Hill Water Extension Committee. The Committee is working on an application for federal/provincial funding which should be ready for submission by the end of the month. He stated that the Municipality may be approached regarding start-up funding for the project.

Councillor Cooper reported that the St. Andrews Watershed Committee is starting up again. He also reported that the new school project is proceeding along well.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m.

**Tender - Balefill
Heavy Equipment**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council accepts the compliant bid in the amount of \$164,400 received from Atlantic Tractors and Equipment Ltd. for the purchase of a front-end loader for the Balefill, source of funds to be the Balefill Equipment Reserve.

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Matheson and Councillor Taylor opposed)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary