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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, October 25, 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
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 Doug Cooke	District #10

Absent:

Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Election of Alternate Council Committee Chair

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

Councillor Edwards moved and Councillor Cooper seconded the nomination of Councillor LeFresne.

Councillor White’s motion to nominate Councillor Taylor did not receive a seconder.

Mayor Smith called three times for further nominations and on hearing none, the nominations ceased. As there were no further nominations, Councillor Edwards moved and Deputy Mayor Matheson seconded the motion to declare Councillor LeFresne Alternate Council Committee Chair by acclamation.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the agenda for October 25, 2007 be approved with the following additions:

- add 11b: Remembrance Day
- add 11c: Street Lighting in Colchester County
- add 11d: UNSM Resolutions

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- add 11e: Conflict of Interest
- add under No. 6, Presentations: Luanne Schenkels, Enlarged Soccer Field Sub-Committee of East Stewiacke Elementary PTA”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of meeting held on September 27, 2007 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on September 27, 2007.

Presentations

Mrs. Luanne Schenkels, Enlarged Soccer Field Sub-Committee of East Stewiacke Elementary PTA

The purpose of Mrs. Schenkels’ presentation was to speak on a written request received from the Enlarged Soccer Field Sub-Committee of the East Stewiacke Elementary Parent-Teachers Association regarding a letter of support for a new soccer field at the new school in Stewiacke. A copy of this written request is referred to later on tonight’s agenda under ‘Correspondence’. Similar correspondence is being considered this evening as well by the Stewiacke Town Council.

Mrs. Schenkels explained that the group she is representing is asking Council to consider a letter of support for a loan guarantee of \$28,055 for the purpose of having an enlarged soccer field built as part of the new school project in Stewiacke. The \$28,055 is required to enlarge the size of the playfield, which is included in the price of the contract, to a regulation size soccer field. The contractor, Avondale Construction, has verbally agreed to do the extra work for this price while they are still on the school construction site.

Mrs. Schenkels indicated that the Soccer Field Sub-Committee cannot act as guarantor as they are not considered an incorporated body. The Sub-Committee has been told by the Department of Education that they require this letter of support by Friday, October 26th.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

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“That Council approves that the Municipality of the County of Colchester provide a “letter of intent” in support of the loan of \$28,055 to the Enlarged Soccer Field Sub-Committee of the East Stewiacke Elementary Parent-Teacher Association for a soccer field initiative project at the new school in Stewiacke; and,

That the letter of intent be provided by Friday, October 26, 2007; and,

That the letter of intent be provided on the condition that there is a written guaranteed price of \$28,055 from the contractor, Avondale Construction Ltd., to the Municipality and the Enlarged Soccer Soccer Field Sub-Committee of the East Stewiacke Parent-Teacher Association.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith opposed)*

**Standing Committee
Report and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from a Council Committee meeting held on September 27, 2007:

**Highway 2 North,
Brookfield**

Mayor Smith asked Councillor LeFresne to assume the position of Chair.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That Council approves the addition of Highway 2 North to the sewer extension project in Brookfield up to and including civic address No. 225.”

motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Smith (In
Amendment)
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves the addition of Highway 2 North to the sewer extension project in Brookfield from civic address No. 415 to civic address No. 347.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Deputy Mayor Matheson, Councillors Cooke, Edwards, Cavanaugh and Lynds opposed)*

The motion to amend having been defeated, the main motion, as presented, was voted on and carried with Mayor Smith, Councillors Taylor and Edwards opposed.

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At this point, Mayor Smith resumed the position of Chair.

**10 Hillcrest Drive,
Brookfield**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the addition of 10 Hillcrest Drive to the sewer extension project in Brookfield.”

Motion Carried. *(Mayor Smith opposed)*

**Signage on
Highway 289**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council requests that the Department of Transportation and Public Works place signage on Highway 104 West at Exit 20 with an indication that it is also an exit for Highway 289 and Stewiacke Valley; and,

That after taking Exit 20 on Highway 104 West, signage be placed regarding Highway 289 and Stewiacke Valley; and,

That additional appropriate signage referring to Stewiacke Valley be placed along Highway 289 West to Stewiacke Valley; and,

That a copy of this request be forwarded to the Honourable Brooke Taylor, MLA for Colchester/Musquodoboit Valley.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Bible Hill Village
Centre Plan**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council directs the implementation of the Bible Hill Village Centre Plan as outlined in the following recommendations:

- (1) Council refer the planning study to the Planning Advisory Committee for incorporation of the policies into the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law.
- (2) Plan to extend the municipal water system to the site.
- (3) Staff review cost recovery methods to pay for infrastructure and report back to a future Council Committee meeting.
- (4) Executive Committee revisit the regional transportation issue with the Department of Transportation and approach Agritech Park for support.

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- (5) When appropriate, staff should coordinate implementation of the commercial block phase with the various landowners to ensure it meets the objectives of the study and the Municipal Planning Strategy policy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Property Information
Positions**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council authorizes staff to review the Property Information structure within the organization and to report back with recommendations for discussion at the Additions/Deletions meeting in conjunction with preparation of the 2008/09 General Operating Budget; and,

That Council approves the term of the position of the 911 Community Names Project being extended to March 31, 2008.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on August 29, 2007.

ACTION ITEMS

**Date and Location of
November Council
Committee**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the date of Thursday, November 15, 2007 for the regular session of Council Committee in Tatamagouche be approved.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**September
Nominating
Committee Report**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council adopts the Nominating Committee Report of September 27, 2007 which appointed Robert Gunderson to the Citizens’ Monitoring Committee; and Councillor Bob Taylor, Councillor Terri Mingo, Ms. Marion McDonald and Mr. Douglas Baird to the Police Advisory Committee; and,

That all appointments will be from September 2007 to November 2008.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Correspondence

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

- No. 15: letter received October 24, 2007 from Folly Lake Landowners' Association regarding an information meeting on a wind turbine project
- No. 10: letter dated October 16, 2007 from Burchell MacDougall regarding Truro Taxi Authority

ACTION

**Keith Coulter,
Correctional Service
Canada**

A copy of a letter received September 7, 2007 from **Keith Coulter, Correctional Service Canada**, requesting the week of November 18-25, 2007 be proclaimed Restorative Justice Week.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

"That the week of November 18-25, 2007 be proclaimed Restorative Justice Week in Colchester County."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Eddy Group Ltd.

A letter to Mayor Smith dated October 4, 2007 from **Eddy Group Ltd.**, regarding an application for sewer connection of lands located on Salmon River Road.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the letter from Eddy Group Ltd. regarding an application for sewer connection of lands located on Salmon River Road be referred to Council Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Kim McClellan

An email to Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Matheson and Councillor Cooper dated September 28, 2007 from **Kim McClellan**, concerning safety at the Brookfield intersection.

Deputy Mayor Matheson indicated that the work that was previously done on this intersection has not worked out. He requested that this matter be referred to Council Committee to consider Mrs. McClellan's request to look at installing a set of traffic lights at this intersection.

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the email from Kim McClellan concerning safety at the Brookfield intersection be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Anita MacLellan,
Tourism Committee,
Economy
Development Plan**

An email to Mayor Smith dated October 2, 2007 from **Anita MacLellan, Tourism Committee, Economy Development Plan**, regarding support for a study on enhancements to the Cobequid Interpretive Centre in Economy.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the email from the Tourism Committee for the Economic Development Plan regarding support for a study on enhancements to the interpretive centre in Economy be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

To get further clarification on this project and the Tourism Committee’s request for support, Council requested that before this comes back to Committee, that Ms. MacLellan be invited in to make a presentation.

**Allen McAvoy, Heart
& Stroke Foundation
of NS**

An email to Mayor Smith dated October 12, 2007 from **Allen McAvoy, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia**, requesting that November 2007 be proclaimed CPR Awareness Month.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the month of November 2007 be proclaimed CPR Awareness Month in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Luanne Schenkels

Emails dated October 19, 2007 from **Luanne Schenkels**, regarding a soccer field for the new school in Stewiacke.

This email was dealt with earlier in the evening under ‘Presentations’.

**Vincent Baird,
President, Folly Lake
Landowners’
Association**

A letter to Mayor Smith received October 24, 2007 from **Vincent Baird, President, Folly Lake Landowners’ Association**, regarding an information meeting on a wind turbine project.

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In response to an inquiry from Councillor Cooke, Mayor Smith, Councillors White, Cavanaugh and Taylor all indicated their intent to attend this information meeting being held on November 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

**John Rafferty,
Burchell MacDougall**

A letter to the Acting CAO dated October 16, 2007 from **John Rafferty, Burchell MacDougall**, regarding the Truro Taxi Authority.

Councillor Taylor indicated that he may bring this matter back to Council at some point once he has done some further research.

INFORMATION

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of an email/letter dated October 3, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, expressing the UNSM's opposition to changes in the Atlantic Accord. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Dr. John Hamm and
Mr. Russell
MacLellan, Co-Chairs,
Democracy 250**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated October 3, 2007 from **Dr. John Hamm and Mr. Russell MacLellan, Co-Chairs, Democracy 250**, regarding celebrations for Canada's First Democracy. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

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

**Rodney MacDonald,
Premier of Nova
Scotia**

A copy of a letter dated October 12, 2007 from **Rodney MacDonald, Premier of Nova Scotia**, regarding the Canada-Nova Scotia Clarifying Agreement on Offshore Accord. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Janet Pelley, Library
Director, Public
Library for
Colchester-East Hants**

A copy of an annual report for 2006-07 received from **Janet Pelley, Library Director, Public Library for Colchester-East Hants**. Council agreed to receive this report for information purposes.

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a Members' Advisory dated October 15, 2007 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, regarding international opportunities for municipalities. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of the E-News Flash dated October 17, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding holiday lighting programs for municipalities. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics for the month of September 2007 received from the **Building Inspector**. Council agreed to

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receive this report for information purposes.

Development Officer

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

Union of N.S. Municipalities

A copy of an email dated October 18, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding activities in support of Canada's troops. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Terry Terris, Delivery Services, Canada Post

A letter to Mayor Smith and Councillors dated October 22, 2007 from **Terry Terris, Delivery Services, Canada Post**, concerning the implementation of civic addressing. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

A copy of a Members' Advisory dated October 22, 2007 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, concerning the opening of FCM's Green Municipal Corporation. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Union of N.S. Municipalities

A copy of an E-News Flash dated October 23, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, concerning Board meeting outcomes from the October 22nd meeting. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Reports from Councillors Appointed to Outside Boards and Agencies

Councillor Edwards indicated that reports from the Central Nova Tourist Association show that, for the most part, numbers are up this year at the visitor information centres in the region.

Councillor Edwards reported on the last meeting he attended of the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce where discussion took place on the report cards for the 55 municipalities across the province.

Councillor LeFresne reported that the Fraser Cultural Centre had an oil spill a couple of weeks ago and may have to look for another location. They lost about 400 litres of oil.

Councillor Cooke indicated that he did not attend the last meeting of the Library Board. He did provide Councillor Cooper with information he had requested some time ago regarding an increase in rates for auditing services.

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported that he had attended a meeting of Regional Chairs yesterday in Sackville. The Resource Recovery Fund Board was at this meeting. There will be an increase in

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refunds now at the environmental depots which will mean a decrease in diversion credits for the municipalities. E-waste is supposed to be implemented by February 1, 2008.

Remembrance Day

As in previous years, Councillor Cooke indicated that there are three Remembrance Day services in his district and because of the times, he is unable to attend all three. Councillor Edwards volunteered to look after Londonderry and Deputy Mayor Matheson will attend the service in Five Islands. Councillor Cooke also indicated that he will be attending a wreath laying service at the future site of the Veterans' Memorial Park in Bass River on November 11th.

Street Lighting in Colchester County

Councillor Lynds indicated that some of the streetlights installed in Belmont were not working. He was advised that it is up to the Area Councillor to make the call to Nova Scotia Power when residents report street lights not working. Deputy Mayor Matheson said he would provide the phone number to Councillor Lynds.

UNSM Resolutions

In response to a request from Councillor Taylor, a meeting will be set up for UNSM delegates to meet with the Acting CAO to review the UNSM resolutions being put forward at the annual fall conference.

Conflict of Interest

Council had a brief discussion on a paper recently put out by the UNSM on conflict of interest rules. Of interest to Council is a recommendations being considered whereby members would be exempt from a conflict of interest if on a volunteer board for a non-profit organization in the community.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:58 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary