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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, November 29, 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 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 Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #6

**Public Hearing -
Development
Agreement - Pictou
Road and
Huckleberry Lane,
Valley**

Conflict of Interest

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest regarding this public hearing and removed himself from the table.

Mayor Smith called the public hearing to order respecting an application for a development agreement involving G&P Developments Ltd. for the construction of six-4 unit buildings on a 2.8 acre parcel of land between Pictou Road and Huckleberry Lane in Valley.

The test for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and have been made available to the public.

Mr. Bruce Purchase, the Acting Clerk, advised that the guidelines of the Municipal Government Act regarding advertising of the public hearing have been followed.

Mayor Smith reminded 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

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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.

Mr. Paul Smith, Senior Planner, provided a brief overview of the application. Mr. Gordon Kaulback, G&P Contracting Ltd. has made application for a development agreement that would allow for the establishment of six-4 unit apartment buildings on a lot located between Pictou Road and Huckleberry Lane containing 2.8 acres. The proposed residential structures will measure 62 x 65 feet, contain 4,030 square feet in floor area and be identical to the buildings previously built on the adjacent land by G&P Contracting along Cassandra Court. A total of 36 parking spaces are to be provided and the site will be landscaped with grass and trees while existing trees will be maintained wherever possible.

As the project is consistent with all objectives expressed through planning policy and the Municipality's Service Delivery Strategy, staff recommend that this application for a development agreement be approved.

Mr. Gordon Kaulback, Applicant

Mr. Kaulback advised that these buildings are the same as those he had built previously except these ones have an apartment for the disabled.

In the absence of Councillor Masters, Councillor Taylor presented a report on behalf of the Planning Advisory Committee. At a meeting on November 6th, staff satisfactorily addressed Committee concerns regarding the driveway on Pictou Road and storm drainage; therefore, the application is being recommended to Council for approval.

Mr. Purchase advised that no written submissions had been received regarding the application.

Councillor Taylor placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

"That Council approves the proposed development agreement with G & P Contracting Ltd. for the purpose of establishing a six-4 unit

residential project on lands located between Pictou Road and Huckleberry Lane as described in the Planner's Report dated

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith advised 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 local newspapers.

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

At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

**Public Hearing -
Zoning Map
Amendment - Burris
Drive/Lexington
Drive, Valley**

Mayor Smith called this public hearing to order respecting an application from Mr. Jonathan Lepper on behalf of Salmon River Development Ltd. for rezoning involving a 29-acre parcel of land known as Phase 6 of the Hidden Valley Estates Subdivision in Valley from R-2C Residential Double Unit Conversion to R-1 Residential Single Unit.

The text for the application and a related staff report have been circulated to Council members and have been made available to the public.

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

Mayor Smith reminded Councillors that only those present throughout the public hearing can vote on the amendment 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 amendment 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.

Mr. Paul Smith presented a brief overview of the application for the rezoning of a 29-acre parcel of land in Valley located between Burris Drive and Lexington Drive which comprises the final phase of the Hidden Valley Estates Subdivision. The purpose of the request is to ensure consistent zoning throughout the subdivision and to more adequately address objectives of property covenants. Staff conclude that the proposed rezoning is consistent with policies and objectives outlined in the Municipal Planning Strategy and recommend that the application be approved.

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There was no one in the audience to speak on behalf of the applicant.

Councillor Taylor presented a report on behalf of the Planning Advisory Committee. At a meeting on November 6th, staff satisfactorily addressed Committee's concerns regarding storm water management; therefore, the application is being recommended to Council for approval.

Mr. Purchase advised that no written submissions had been received regarding this application.

Ms. Donna Cox

Ms. Cox expressed concern with flooding as her property is located downstream from the 29-acre parcel of land. Staff advised that the lots will be subject to review through the subdivision process.

Councillor Taylor placed the following motion on the floor:

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That Council approves the rezoning of lands associated with Phase 6 of the Hidden Valley Estates Subdivision in Valley from R-2C Residential Double Unit Conversion to R-1 Residential Single Unit as described in the Planner's Report dated November 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith advised that this is a by-law rezoning 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 local newspapers.

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for November 29, 2007 be approved with the following additions:

- add 14b: Unsightly Property, Lower Onslow
- add 14c: Joint Use Agreement
- add 10b: Derelict Vehicle
- add 10c: Civic Centre

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- add 10d: Sale of Municipal Owned Properties on Pictou Road (on table)”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on October 25, 2007.

Presentations

Ms. Anita MacLellan, Tourism Committee and Cobequid Interpretive Centre

Ms. MacLellan indicated that back in 2006-07, a Tourism Committee was struck to look at a community development process for Economy and in particular the Cobequid Interpretive Centre. The Committee looked at what was needed to make the area of Economy a destination point in the province. At present, the building that accommodates the Interpretive Centre is small and the displays need improvement. The Committee is requesting a letter of support from Council to carry out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services. The purpose of the RFP is to determine the feasibility of carrying out enhancements to the Interpretive Centre.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the presentation from the Economy Development Plan Tourism Committee be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council endorses a letter of support for the Economy Development Plan Tourism Committee to carry out a Request for

Proposals to determine the feasibility of enhancements to the Cobequid Interpretive Centre.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Staff Presentation

Update on 2007-08 Capital Projects
- Mr. Ramesh Ummat, Director of Public Works

In his presentation, Mr. Ummat provided an update on the status of current and future capital projects.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson on a new project dealing with replacement of a force-main in Hilden, staff were asked to follow up on what size the pipe is on the Truro side of the force-main.

Standing Committee Report and Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from a Council Committee meeting held on November 15, 2007:

Site Selection for New Tatamagouche Branch Library

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That Council approves that the Village Commons be the site for the new Tatamagouche Branch Library.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2008-09 Capital Budget

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That Council approves that items 4(a) through (g), as outlined in the Action Item dated November 15, 2007, be referred to staff for costing and that these projects be brought back to Council Committee in February 2008 for discussion; and,

That Council consider, during the budget process, setting aside funds each year, to be placed in a reserve, for the Bible Hill Master Plan; and,

That Council discuss, during the budget process, setting aside funds for upgrades to the County-owned property on Broderick Lane; and,

That, during the budget process, discussions be held on the need for having a water tower in Bible Hill.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sidewalk on Harmony Road

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves that the Municipality enter into a cost-sharing arrangement with the Nova Scotia Department of

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Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for the construction of the sidewalk on Harmony Road, from East Prince Street to Deuville's Rink, on the lines similar to the arrangements for sidewalks on Robie Street and in Brookfield."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request for Sewer
Connection on
Salmon River Road**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That Council approves that the Salmon River Sewer Service Boundary be amended to include proposed lot E-2, being a portion of PID 20036059."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on October 25, 2007.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held on November 6, 2007.

ACTION ITEMS

**Temporary
Borrowing
Resolutions -
Regional Hospital
and Solid
Waste/Sidewalks**

At this point in the meeting, Councillor White removed himself from the table.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That Council authorizes the Mayor and Acting CAO to sign both temporary borrowing resolutions for the Regional Hospital and the renewal for the Hilden sidewalk and invessel system, as presented."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councillor White returned to the table.

**Municipal Conflict
of Interest Act**

Following a discussion on the UNSM Municipal Conflict of Interest Discussion Paper, Council directed the County Solicitor to forward a response to the UNSM covering the following points:

- Council does not support the creation of a Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
- Council should have authority to rule on conflict of interest issues; and,
- Councillors should be exempt from a conflict of interest when involved in non-profit community organizations.

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Derelict Vehicle

Councillor Cooke indicated that there is an issue on the Mines Bass River Road in Londonderry concerning a derelict vehicle. The property owner across from where the vehicle is parked has tried to get the vehicle towed away. The owner of the vehicle thinks it is parked on his property. Councillor Cooke believes the car is parked on the Department of Transportation right-of-way and asked Council to consider writing to the Department to see if this is the case.

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor White

“That a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to determine whether the derelict vehicle on Mines Bass River Road in Londonderry is parked on their property and if so, have it moved onto the property of the owner of the vehicle or, have it removed entirely.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Civic Centre

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Taylor on the status of the civic centre, Mayor Smith advised that the Town of Truro has asked for a meeting and one has been arranged between the Town Council and the Municipality’s Executive and Audit Committee. This will take place on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Smith pointed out that although the Town is meeting with Executive, other Councillors may attend the meeting if they wish to do so.

**Sale of Municipal
Owned Properties on
Pictou Road**

Conflict of Interest

Councillor LeFresne declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council gives authority to Council Committee to authorize the sale of the three County-owned properties on Pictou Road previously owned by the Bartlett Estate.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council requested that the Director of Community Development be available at December Committee to give an opinion on any future development for these properties.

At this point, Councillor LeFresne returned to the table.

Correspondence

Council requested the following ‘Correspondence’ items be moved

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from Information to Action:

- No. 6: E-News Flash dated November 14, 2007 from UNSM regarding update on initiatives and announcements
- Nos. 2 and 3: letter dated October 29, 2007 from MLA, Colchester North and letter dated October 31, 2007 from MLA, Truro-Bible Hill regarding funding support for Scotia Pool
- No. 7: letter dated November 15, 2007 enclosing signed Memorandum of Understanding between two orders of government
- No. 15: letter dated November 26, 2007 from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding highway signage for Upper Stewiacke, Stewiacke Valley, Route 289 at Exit 20, Trans-Canada Highway 104

ACTION

**S/Sgt. Jeffrey
Christie, RCMP
Colchester District**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated October 31, 2007 from **S/Sgt. Jeffrey Christie, RCMP Colchester District**, regarding consultation on future service delivery.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from the RCMP regarding consultation on future service delivery be referred to the 2008-09 budget deliberations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That a letter be written to the RCMP indicating that their letter to the Municipality dated October 31, 2007 does not reflect the discussions that took place at an Executive and Audit Committee meeting on October 25, 2007.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Walter McElhinney,
Treasurer, Onslow
Belmont Fire
Brigade**

Conflict of Interest

Councillor White declared a conflict of interest on the following correspondence and removed himself from the table.

A letter dated November 1, 2007 from **Walter McElhinney, Treasurer, Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade**, requesting a loan guarantee for a rescue van.

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade requesting a loan guarantee for a rescue van be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.

**Kelly Kolke, Chair,
Truro Sport
Heritage Society**

A letter dated November 8, 2007 from **Kelly Kolke, Chair, Truro Sport Heritage Society**, regarding funding support for Black History Month in February 2008.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the letter from the Truro Sport Heritage Society requesting funding support for Black History Month be referred to December Council Committee and that Committee be given authority to act.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In preparation for December Committee, staff were requested to look into whether this request could be considered under the Economic Development Grants Policy.

**Michael Price,
Principal, Valley
Elementary School**

A letter to Councillor Mingo dated November 26, 2007 from **Michael Price, Principal, Valley Elementary School**, regarding the need for a sidewalk on the east side of the Salmon River Road from the corner of Eagle Drive, and crosswalk safety issues in the same area.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from the Valley Elementary School regarding a sidewalk on the east side of the Salmon River Road from the corner of Eagle Drive be referred to the 2008-09 capital budget deliberations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

In discussions following the passing of this motion, it was noted that the sidewalk is already on the capital budget list; therefore, the letter will be forwarded to capital budget deliberations in support of this project.

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Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the issue of lighting for the crosswalk at the corner of Eagle Drive and Salmon River Road be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**George Kharma, 14
Junco Court, Valley**

A petition for changes on Eagle Drive received from **George Kharma, 14 Junco Court, Valley**, (1 of 59 petitions attached - copies of other petitions on file in CAO's office).

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That a letter and a copy of the petitions be forwarded to the Honourable Karen Casey, MLA for Colchester, indicating residents' wish, for safety reasons, to have a four-way stop installed at the intersection of Eagle Drive and Salmon River Road; and, to seek her support in requesting that the Province take the necessary steps to repair the poor condition of Eagle Drive.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Elaine Wagner,
Appeals Officer, N.S.
Utility & Review
Board**

A copy of a letter dated November 28, 2007 from **Elaine Wagner, Appeals Officer, N.S. Utility and Review Board**, advising of the withdrawal of the Big 8 appeal.

Staff indicated that the reason for recommending this letter be referred to Council Committee is to address a process issue with the Department of Environment and Labour.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

“That the letter from the N.S. Utility and Review Board regarding the withdrawal of the Big 8 appeal be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Jeff Yuill and

A letter to Mayor Smith dated November 28, 2007 from **Jeff Yuill**

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**Vaughan Dickie,
N.S. Provincial
Exhibition
Commission**

and Vaughan Dickie, N.S. Provincial Exhibition Commission,
requesting financial support to help offset a loss from a concert event.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That the letter from the N.S. Provincial Exhibition Commission requesting financial support to help offset a loss from a concert event be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor LeFresne opposed)*

In preparation for when this request comes back to Council Committee, staff were requested to contact the Commission for additional financial information.

**Union of Nova Scotia
Municipalities**

A copy of an E-News Flash dated November 14, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding an update on initiatives and announcements.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Taylor, staff advised that the Municipal Clean Air and Climate Change Program could be looked at as a possible source of funding for the Municipality’s energy assessment of its own facilities.

**Karen Casey, MLA,
Colchester North
AND Jamie Muir,
MLA, Truro-Bible
Hill**

Letters to Mayor Smith dated October 29 and October 31, 2007 regarding funding support for Scotia Pool.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, staff advised that there has been no further word on this issue other than these letters. Councillor Taylor reported that he had approached MLA Brooke Taylor as well but had not heard back from him.

**Jamie Muir,
Minister, Service NS
& Municipal
Relations AND
Robert Wrye,
President, UNSM**

A copy of a letter dated November 15, 2007 from **Jamie Muir, Minister, Service N.S. and Municipal Relations, and Robert Wrye, President, Union of N.S. Municipalities**, enclosing a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding on financial and governance provisions.

Deputy Mayor Matheson recommended that this document be referred to Council Committee for discussion on what, if any, effects it will have on the Municipality.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson

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Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the letter from Service N.S. and Municipal Relations and the Union of N.S. Municipalities regarding a Memorandum of Understanding on financial and governance provisions be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Brian Storrie,
Provincial Highway
Signing Officer, NS
Transportation &
Infrastructure
Renewal**

A letter to the Acting Chief Administrative Officer dated November 26, 2007 from **Brian Storrie, Provincial Highway Signing Officer, N.S. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal**, regarding highway signage for Upper Stewiacke, Stewiacke Valley, Route 289 at Exit 20 and the Trans-Canada Highway 104.

Councillor Cooper requested that staff follow up with the District Traffic Supervisor for Transport and Infrastructure Renewal to see what can be done regarding signage along Route 289.

Moved by Councillor Mingo
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter be written to Minister Brooke Taylor, MLA for Colchester/Musquodoboit Valley, and Mr. Charlie Parker, MLA for Pictou West, requesting their support for signage along Route 289.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

**John Cianfaglione,
Offshore Energy
Research
Associations**

A copy of an email dated October 29, 2007 from **John Cianfaglione, Offshore Energy Research Associations**, attaching the October edition of ‘Currents’ newsletter. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Tracy Dash

A copy of an email dated November 6, 2007 from **Tracy Dash** regarding funding support for a student travelling to Italy for the 65th Anniversary Ceremony of Remembrance. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

**Gary Humphrey,
New Horizons for
Seniors Program,
Human Resources &
Social Development
Canada**

A letter received November 6, 2007 from **Gary Humphrey, New Horizons for Seniors Program, Human Resources and Social Development Canada** regarding the implementation of a New Horizons for Seniors Program. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

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**Union of N.S.
Municipalities**

A copy of the E-News Flash dated November 16, 2007 from the **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**, regarding the UNSM Board meeting outcomes. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Jennifer Spencer,
Great Village**

A letter to Council dated November 17, 2007 from **Jennifer Spencer, Great Village**, regarding provincial funding for the Lornevale Road sewer extension project. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

**Leanne Roberts,
Tatamagouche**

An email to Mayor Smith dated November 20, 2007 from **Leanne Roberts, Tatamagouche**, regarding the Tatamagouche Library site decision. Council agreed to receive this email for information purposes.

Building Inspector

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

Development Officer

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

**Federation of
Canadian
Municipalities**

A copy of a notice dated November 22, 2007 from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, seeking technical experts for the Green Municipal Fund Peer Review Committee. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**Offshore Energy
Environmental
Research Association**

A copy of a media release dated November 28, 2007 and a newsletter for November 2007 received from the **Offshore Energy Environmental Research Association**. Council agreed to receive this correspondence for information purposes.

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

**Insurance for Not-
for-Profit
Organizations**

The first deadline for the Not-for-Profit Insurance Program was on October 15, 2007 for which 17 applications were received for a total request of \$5,380. Staff are currently reviewing the policy and guidelines for this program and will bring recommendations for amendments to a future Council meeting. A second application deadline will be held in February.

Deputy Mayor Matheson indicated that organizations are having difficulty getting three quotes from insurance companies so the

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Program is not getting to the groups it has been designed for. He therefore recommended that this issue be referred to Council Committee.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That the Not-for-Profit Insurance Funding Policy be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tender - MRF
Heavy Equipment**

The tender was let for a front-end loader to be purchased from the MRF Equipment Reserve. Four bids were received with the low bidder being selected for a JCB telescopic wheeled loader from Wajax at a price of \$77,200. The balance remaining in the MRF Equipment Reserve is \$400,000.

**Unightly
Property, Lower
Onslow**

Councillor White indicated that an unsightly property hearing for his area will be coming forward at December Council Committee and he encouraged Councillors to go out and look at it before that time.

**Joint-Use
Agreement**

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Smith and Councillor Mingo both declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed themselves from the table.

Councillor Edwards reported that the joint-use agreement for the Harmony Heights School has yet to be signed.

Mr. Purchase reported that the last meeting the School Board had with the Town and County on this matter was March 2007. At that time, the fourth draft was reviewed and both the Town and County had concerns. As the result of a conversation with the Director of Operations for the School Board a couple of weeks ago, a new draft of the agreement was received via facsimile today. Staff will be reviewing this latest draft over the next week or so.

At this point, Mayor Smith and Councillor Mingo returned to the table.

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

Councillor Taylor indicated that he had prepared a written report from the 2007 UNSM Fall Conference and that he would bring forward at a future meeting three or four items from that report.

Councillor Mingo reported on the UNSM Champions Program. The Committee met today and had a training session in October. Plans are underway to make presentations to groups starting in January

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2008.

Deputy Mayor Matheson reported that he had attended the following meetings/events:

- Northern Region meeting in Amherst concerning the deposit system and where it is headed.
- Announcement in Millbrook regarding Investment in the Strait Area
- Dedication at Truro Cenotaph to honour three Canadian soldiers from this area who lost their lives in Afghanistan

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended a meeting today of the Central Nova Tourist Association and tourism is up two percent this year in Nova Scotia.

Recess

Council agreed to recess to an in-camera session at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 10:35 p.m.

**Sludge Disposal
Contract**

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and the Acting CAO to enter into a three-year contract with Fundy Compost Inc., commencing on February 1, 2008 and ending on January 31, 2011.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Lynds

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:37.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary