

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 28, 2008, 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 Bob White	District #9
Councillor Doug Cooke	District #10
Councillor Terri Mingo	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Soley Lynds	District #8
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Leave of Absence

Mr. Dan McDougall, Chief Administrative Officer, requested that Council consider a motion to excuse Councillor Lynds from the remainder of the term of this Council due to illness. This leave of absence is a requirement under the Municipal Government Act.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That a leave of absence be approved for Councillor Soley Lynds for the balance of the four-year term of Council which concludes in October, following the 2008 municipal election.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the agenda for August 28, 2008 be approved with the following additions:

- add 7b: Canada Post
- add 11b: Broderick Lane

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- add 11c: The Week the Women Went
- add 11d: Recyclables Processing Services - District of Lunenburg (on table)
- move Electronics Recycling Program” from Information Item No. 11 to Action Item No. 7c”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooke
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the minutes of meeting held on July 10, 2008 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meeting held on July 10, 2008.

Presentations

Mr. Bruce Langille

Mr. Langille was hired by the Municipality of Colchester, to help implement the new insurance program for the County’s fire brigades. He was requested to provide Council with an update on the program since it began on April 1, 2008. In 2006, Council had directed staff to establish a minimum and consistent level of fire protection services for all residents and business owners in Colchester County.

In his powerpoint presentation, Mr. Langille outlined the goals and objectives of the Program and identified the major issues of concern. To date, four claims have been filed under the Program. A report is submitted to the County on a monthly basis by Mr. Langille.

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the presentation from Mr. Bruce Langille on the Colchester Fire Service Risk Protection Program be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Terry Baillie

In his presentation, Mr. Baillie voiced his concern about the strong odour coming from the County’s pumping station on Marshland Drive. Mr. Baillie’s residence is at the end of Phillip Street and directly across the road from the pumping station. There were several instances of the odour during the month of August, the latest being on the 7th. He indicated that he has been complaining about

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the odour coming from the pumping station since 2004. During discussions with County staff, Mr. Baillie stated that he was instructed to keep a log of when the odour was most noticeable. He did not do so himself but a neighbour kept a log. A copy of this log was passed to staff. Mr. Baillie stated that all he is asking for is to have a permanent cap installed to alleviate the odour.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the presentation from Mr. Terry Baillie be received; and,

That staff be directed to look into options for eliminating the odour problem at the pumping station on Marshland Drive, including the installation of a cap, and report back at September Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith indicated to Mr. Baillie that he would be advised in writing of what Council chooses to do to rectify the situation.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Matheson presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on August 14, 2008:

**Civic Centre Project
Steering Committee**

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Matheson declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed himself from the table. Councillor LeFresne assumed the position as Chair.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the appointment of Councillor Bill Masters and Councillor Bob Taylor to the Civic Centre Project Steering Committee for the duration of the development phase (two to three years).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Deputy Mayor Matheson returned to the table and resumed his position as Chair.

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

Following a brief debate on the motion presented in the report, Council felt that there was still a need for additional information and

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further clarification on the purpose of the policy; for example, what groups it was designed to assist, and whether the liability insurance was to cover a special event or the organization itself.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the Insurance for Not-for-Profit Organizations Policy be sent back to staff for further information and clarification; and, that staff report back to Council with recommendations at a future Council Committee meeting.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Potential Joint-Use
Agreement -
Winding River
Consolidated**

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Smith and Councillor Mingo declared a conflict of interest on this item and removed themselves from the table. Deputy Mayor Matheson assumed the position as Chair and Councillor LeFresne placed the motion on the floor.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Winding River Consolidated School Joint-Use Agreement with the Chignecto Central Regional School Board as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

At this point, Mayor Smith and Councillor Mingo returned to the table and Mayor Smith resumed the position as Chair.

**County Personnel
Policy #4.02**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves that the current policy numbered 4.02 be repealed and the new policy numbered 4.02 be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Boundary Change
Request - Little Bass
River and Upper
Economy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Cooke

“That Council approves that the community boundary lines for Upper Economy and Little Bass River be changed to follow the

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broken green line identified on the attached map entitled 'Boundary Proposal Little Bass River'."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Executive and Audit Committee

The CAO advised that the property at 271 Main Street, Tatamagouche, had been cleaned up by the Municipality.

Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee

Councillor LeFresne presented the report from the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee meeting held on July 11, 2008:

Operating Budgets

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That Council approves the 2008-09 and 2009-10 Operating Budgets for the Tatamagouche Water Utility as presented."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Temporary Borrowing Resolution and Pre-Approval Resolution - Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matheson

"That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the temporary borrowing resolution and the resolution for pre-approval of debenture issuance, as presented, for the Tatamagouche Water Utility."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Canada Post

Councillor Cooper made reference to a post card he received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) concerning a federal government inquiry into public post offices and the services they provide. Councillor Cooper requested that Council consider writing a letter to Canada Post and CUPW to request further clarification on the contents of this post card.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That a letter be written to Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers requesting further clarification on the post card concerning the federal government's Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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On a related matter, Councillor Cavanaugh indicated that he was going to call a Ratepayers' meeting for 7:00 p.m. on September 9th regarding the rural mailbox assessment issue. This meeting is open to the public and the local MLA's and MP will be invited to attend. Councillor Cavanaugh also invited Councillors and any of their area residents to come to the meeting.

**Electronics
Recycling Program**

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That a letter be written to the Resource Recovery Fund Board and the Atlantic Canada Electronic Stewardship requesting that an e-waste drop-off centre be set up at the Enviro Depot in Tatamagouche.”

motion amended.

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

“That the motion be amended to add ‘and any other locations in Colchester County where enviro depots are located’.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The motion to amend having carried, the main motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Referring to the report on this item, Councillor Cooke requested staff to provide him with information on Option 2 concerning RRFB funding for an e-waste pickup program that takes place every two years in Tatamagouche, Economy and Stewiacke.

Correspondence

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

- No. 2: copy of letter dated August 11, 2008 from Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North, regarding plans to move the Five Islands lighthouse to Broderick Lane

ACTION

**Mary Lee,
President/CEO, NS
Association of Health
Organizations**

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 7, 2008 from **Mary Lee, President/CEO, N.S. Association of Health Organizations**, requesting that September be proclaimed Continuing Care Month in Colchester County.

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Moved by Councillor Edwards

Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the month of September 2008 be proclaimed Continuing Care Month in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Robert Christianson,
Clerk & Treasurer,
Village of Bible Hill**

A letter to the CAO dated July 10, 2008 from **Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer, Village of Bible Hill**, regarding an amendment to the land-use bylaw as it relates to fencing around new types of swimming pools.

Moved by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill regarding an amendment to the land-use bylaw to address new types of swimming pools be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

A letter to Mayor Smith dated July 10, 2008 from **Christine Blair, Chairwoman, Village of Bible Hill**, regarding an amendment to the land-use bylaw to regulate open air burning.

Moved by Councillor Taylor

Seconded by Councillor LeFresne

“That the letter from the Village of Bible Hill regarding an amendment to the land-use bylaw to regulate open air burning be received for information.”

Motion Carried.

(Deputy Mayor Matheson opposed)

**Ken Eisner, President,
Saywood & Groves
Holdings Ltd.**

A letter to Mayor Smith and Council dated July 23, 2008 from **Ken Eisner, President, Saywood & Groves Holdings Ltd.**, regarding the potential purchase of lots on Pictou Road.

Moved by Councillor Masters

Seconded by Councillor Mingo

“That the letter from Saywood & Groves Holdings Ltd. regarding the potential purchase of lots on Pictou Road be referred to Executive and Audit Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Brenda Fisher,
Stewiacke**

A letter to Council dated August 13, 2008 from **Brenda Fisher, Stewiacke**, regarding a complaint about vehicles parked at a local church.

The CAO advised that he has prepared a draft response (on table) to Ms. Fisher's for Council's consideration.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Matheson
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

"That the draft letter, as presented, be sent to Ms. Brenda Fisher in response to her correspondence dated August 13, 2008."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Karen Casey, MLA,
Colchester North**

A copy of a letter dated August 11, 2008 from **Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North**, regarding the plans to move the Five Islands lighthouse to Broderick Lane.

In response to an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Matheson, staff advised that Councillor Cooke would be addressing this matter later on this evening.

INFORMATION

**H.B. Steeves, Director
of Operational
Services, CCRSB**

A letter to the CAO dated July 28, 2008 from **H.B. Steeves, Director of Operational Services, Chignecto Central Regional School Board**, regarding future plans for the Salmon River Elementary School. Council agreed to receive this letter for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Reports received from the **Development Officer** for the months of June and July 2008. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics Reports received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of June and July 2008. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Project Engineers

The two Project Engineer positions have now been filled. Mr. Fida Mohammad commenced duties on July 15th and Ms. Michelle Newell commences duties on September 2nd.

**Property Information -
Manager and Term
Position**

Filling the position of Property Information Manager is at least a month away from completion. The 911 Community Names term position is in the process of being filled.

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Broderick Lane

Councillor Cooke provided an update on the Five Islands lighthouse being moved to Broderick Lane. The Preservation Society has received two quotes on moving the lighthouse, both of which were outside the limits of what the Society is able to pay. Councillor Cooke indicated that a representative from the Society, Gloria Lewis, may make a presentation to Council at the end of September.

Councillor Cooke also reported that the Lighthouse Society has a concern that the lighthouse may be sold with the property when it goes up for Sheriff's sale on August 29th. Council directed the County Solicitor to look into the matter.

The Week the Women Went

Councillor LeFresne provided an update on the Week the Women Went, a CBC television program that is being filmed in Tatamagouche. The women will be leaving Tatamagouche from September 7th to 13th. He also indicated that the film crew may want to attend the September 11th Council Committee meeting. Council agreed to allowing the film crew to sit in on the meeting.

Recyclables Processing Services - District of Lunenburg

After submitting a Request for Proposals to the District of Lunenburg on August 25, 2008, staff were advised in writing that a decision could not be reached at this time on the awarding of this proposal.

Reports from Councillors Appointed to Outside Boards and Agencies

Councillor Taylor inquired as to whether the Civic Centre Steering Committee could approve the appointment of the two citizen representatives on the Committee or would they have to be ratified by Council. Staff were directed to look into the matter for further clarification. It was recommended that September Council Committee be authorized to make this decision if it turns out that the citizen representatives cannot be appointed by the Civic Centre Steering Committee.

Conflict of Interest

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

Moved by Councillor Taylor
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That September Council Committee be given authority to make a final decision on the appointment of the two citizen representatives to the Civic Centre Steering Committee if necessary.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

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Councillor Cooper provided a report on the Watershed Committee. There has not been a meeting of the Committee; however, the Federation of Agriculture has been busy in the watershed and have encountered opposition.

Councillor Cavanaugh presented a report from the Flood Advisory Committee. The Committee met on July 17th at which time, nine projects were given the go ahead for this year.

Councillor LeFresne reported on the River Restoration Project which the County has funded in the amount of \$5,000. This year, the project received funding from the federal government in the amount of \$250,000 which enabled a fish ladder to be built.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:41 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary