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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, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Bob Taylor, Chair	
Councillor Christine Blair	District #1
Councillor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Gerald Buott	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Absent:

Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for March 25, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2010.

Presentations

Jo Ann Fewer, Executive Director, Colchester Regional Development Agency (CoRDA)

Ms. Fewer provided a powerpoint presentation on CoRDA’s 2010-11 Business Plan. Copies of the Business Plan had been circulated previously in Councillor mailboxes. A similar presentation had been

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made to the Executive and Audit Committee on February 25, 2010.

Ms. Fewer indicated that CoRDA is getting ready to launch a new strategic plan in June. A draft of the Plan is available if Councillors wish to obtain a copy.

Ms. Fewer noted that the budget being requested from the County for 2010-11 will be the same amount as last year.

Ms. Catherine MacRae, Chair, Colchester-East Hants Homelessness Committee and Ms. Dawn Heintz, United Way

In her presentation, Ms. MacRae introduced herself as the Chair of the Colchester-East Hants Homelessness Committee. The Committee has been struck to develop a long-term solution to an identified homelessness/inadequate housing issue or the “Out of the Cold Project”. A Request for Proposals was issued yesterday for a feasibility study to determine what the cost of the project would be and what type of housing facilities are available. The Committee requested that Council consider providing them with a letter of support in order to access funding through Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the presentation from the Colchester-East Hants Homelessness Committee be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the Municipality of Colchester provide a letter of support to the Colchester-East Hants Homelessness Committee to assist them in accessing funding for the ‘Out of the Cold Project’ through Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented the reports from Council Committee meetings held on February 24, March 11 and March 24, 2010:

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Sisters of Colchester

Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves that Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Colchester becomes part of the yearly maintenance budget beginning in fiscal year 2011-12 in the amount of \$5,000.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Length of
Council/Council
Committee Meetings**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves that the Tuesday immediately following the regular monthly meeting of Council Committee be designated as an additional meeting night, if required; and,

That this designation be defined in the Council Proceedings By-law.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Changes to
Municipal Funding
for Community
Trails Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the revisions to the Municipal Funding for Community Trails Policy as attached to an Action Item dated March 11, 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Integrated
Communities
Sustainability Plan
for Colchester**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council adopts the Sustainable Colchester 2029 Plan (ICSP) as attached to an Action Item dated March 11, 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Debert Infrastructure
Development - Phase 1**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council authorizes staff to start design work on Phase 1, Extension 1 of the Debert Infrastructure Development Project, source of funds to be the Debert House Sales Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Extension of Sewer

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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**Service Boundary -
Brookfield**

Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves that the Sewer Service Boundary in Brookfield be modified to include lands of Stillman Onsite Inc. (PID 2041 1807) located on Fisher Drive, Brookfield; and, that the cost of the extension, up to and including the cost of the solids separation tanks, be the responsibility of the developer.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Temporary Borrowing
Resolution - Regional
Civic Centre**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the temporary borrowing resolution of \$14.4 million for a new regional civic centre as attached to an Action Item dated March 11, 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Northern Region
Inter-Municipal
Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council authorizes the Municipality of Colchester to enter into an inter-municipal solid waste agreement with the municipalities and towns within the Northern Region; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the agreement as attached to an Action Item dated March 11, 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Land Purchase for
Cobequid Trail,
Lower Truro**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council accepts the Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal’s Offer to Sell the land located along the Cobequid Trail at Lower Truro; and,

That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to complete the terms of the Offer; and,

That the source of funds be the Open Space Recreation Fund Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Londonderry Station

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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**Community Church
Association**

Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves that the Londonderry Station Community Church Association receive capital project funding in the amount of \$5,000, source of funds to be the Bass River House Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Budget Approval/Tax
Rate Resolution**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That Council approves the 2010/11 Operating Budget with the additions/deletions as set out on March 24, 2010; and,

That the following Tax Resolution be approved as presented:

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the County of Colchester is required to levy rates which it deems sufficient to raise the sum required to defray the expenditure of the Municipality of the County of Colchester for the current twelve month fiscal period;

RESOLVED that pursuant to **Section 72 of the Municipal Government Act**, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester estimates that sums amounting to **\$18,819,899** are required for the lawful purpose of the Municipality for the year ending **March 31, 2011**, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the abatement and losses which occur in the collection of the taxes for the said year which may not be collected or collectible;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council authorize the levying and collection of a rate of **eighty-two cents (\$0.82)** on each \$100.00 of the assessed value of the residential and resource property assessed in the **2010** Assessment Roll;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council authorize the levying and collection of a rate of **two dollars twenty-five cents (\$2.25)** on each \$100.00 on the assessed value of Commercial Property and Business Occupancy assessed in the **2010** Assessment Roll;

FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to **Section 78 of the Municipal Government Act** in lieu of all rates and taxes of the Municipality, an owner of forest property to which the said section applies shall pay tax equal to twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per acre on holdings of 50,000 or less and forty (40) cents per acre on holdings

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greater than 50,000 acres and where an area, village or commission rate is levied for fire protection, the owner shall pay an additional tax of one (1) cent per acre;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Tax Collector or Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 12th day of August, 2010;

FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 15% per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 12th day of August, 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2010.

ACTION ITEMS

**2010-11
Council/Council
Committee Meetings**

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves the schedule of Council and Council Committee regular sessions for the 2010-11 fiscal year as amended.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

ACTION

**Wilf Bean, Interim
Director,
Tatamagouche Centre**

A letter to Council dated February 22, 2010 from **Wilf Bean, Interim Director, Tatamagouche Centre**, requesting a tax exemption for Andrew House at the Atlantic Christian Training Centre.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from the Tatamagouche Centre requesting a tax exemption for Andrew House at the Atlantic Christian Training Centre be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ron Wallace, Wallace
Property Rentals**

A letter to Council dated February 22, 2010 from **Ron Wallace, Wallace Property Rentals**, regarding an application for a development agreement at 61 Pictou Road.

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Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the letter from Wallace Property Rentals regarding an application for a development agreement at 61 Pictou Road be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Inglis Jewellers
Diamond Gators**

A letter to the Municipality received February 23, 2010 from **Inglis Jewellers Diamond Gators**, requesting financial support for the Midget Girls Eastern Canadian Fastpitch Championships.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the letter from the Inglis Jewellers Diamond Gators requesting financial support for the Midget Girls Eastern Canadian Fastpitch Championships be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Joyce Mingo,
Executive Director,
CNTA**

A letter to the Mayor dated March 11, 2010 from **Joyce Mingo, Executive Director, Central Nova Tourist Association**, requesting financial support for the CNTA annual general meeting.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the letter from the Central Nova Tourist Association requesting financial support for the CNTA annual general meeting be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Rhonda Claes,
Glooscap Heritage
Centre**

A letter to Council received March 17, 2010 from **Rhonda Claes, Glooscap Heritage Centre**, requesting financial support for the National Aboriginal Day celebrations.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the letter from the Glooscap Heritage Centre requesting financial support for the National Aboriginal Day celebrations be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Ross Thorne, Gays
River**

A letter to Council dated March 21, 2010 from **Ross Thorne, Gays River**, concerning a noise coming from the Nova Sporting Clays Gun Club.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the letter from Ross Thorne concerning a noise coming from the Nova Sporting Clays Gun Club be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Toni MacDonald,
Tatamagouche**

An email to Council from **Toni MacDonald, Tatamagouche**, requesting permission to do a fly-by during the Tatamagouche Tattoo event.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That a letter be sent indicating that the Municipality has no objection for the Canadian Forces to perform a fly-by over the Village of Tatamagouche during the Tatamagouche Tattoo event on July 24, 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**Community Park
Funding Program -
Winter 2010
Applications**

Under the Community Parks Funding Program, four applications were received and approved for the February 26, 2010 deadline for a total amount of \$36,916.

**Community Trail
Funding Program -
Winter 2010
Applications**

Under the Community Trail Funding Program, seven applications were received and approved for the January 31, 2010 deadline for a total amount of \$60,714.77.

**Insurance for Not-for-
Profit Organizations -
Grant Applications**

Under the Insurance for Not-for-Profit Organizations Program, 13 applications were received for a total amount of \$3,928. All but one application (Camp Evangeline) met the criteria for funding. Through a memorandum on table, staff advised Council that one of the applicants, Brule Community Centre, will not be eligible until the fall of 2010 to avoid a dual payment in the current fiscal year. The Centre had received funds under this Program in the fall of 2009.

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

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended a Truro and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, a policing community meeting in Bass River, and a Wind Farm Workshop with the Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the following meetings relating to wind farms: a Wind Farm Workshop and a meeting with the Nuttby Mountain Committee at the Community Hall with representatives from Nova Scotia Power. There will also be two Open Houses held in May - one in North River and one in Earltown.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended an RRFB meeting in Amherst and a meeting of the Library Building Committee.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended a meeting of the Industrial Parks Committee where it was mentioned that Debert is being recognized as a place for a distribution centre and there is a well-known business looking at it. He also attended a couple of meetings related to the new civic centre in the last week or so.

Councillor Blair reported that the next Police Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for April 19th. On March 2nd, she attended a meeting of the Community Advisory Board for the hospital which is in the process of involving the community in naming the hospital. April 6th is the next date for this Committee to meet. Councillor Blair reported that she had attended two meetings of the Village of Bible Hill where they are in the midst of their budget process as well as a meeting dealing with the sewer pumping station replacement project. Six bids were received for Phase 4 of the water extension project with costs ranging from \$1.3 million to \$1.7 million, both of which are within budget. Councillor Blair indicated that she had also attended two meetings concerning a bike trail in Bible Hill.

Mayor Taylor provided his report to Council on meetings and events he had attended in the last month. A copy of the Mayor's report was circulated on table.

Recess

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting recess to an in-camera session at 9:20 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Land Lease at
Kempton**

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the Action Item concerning a land lease at the Municipality’s Kempton Facility be referred to April Council Committee with authority to make a final decision.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh opposed)*

**Approval of MRF
Agreements**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to enter into a two-year operating; and, three-year marketing agreement with Northeastern Resource Recovery Limited, subject to review of the agreements by the Municipality’s Solicitor.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:54 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary