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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 Tuesday, April 27, 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 Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10

Absent:

Councillor Gerald Buott (arrived at 7:50 p.m.)	District #3
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

In the absence of Mayor Taylor, who arrived at 7:30 p.m., Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh assumed the position of Chair.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda for April 27, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the minutes of the meeting held on March 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 March 25, 2010.

Presentations

Mr. Doug Benedict, Manager, Colchester Ground Search

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and Rescue Association

In his presentation, Mr. Benedict made reference to the business plan for the Colchester Ground Search and Rescue Association. The Plan has been developed in support of funding that the Association needs to ensure an effective and sustainable first response capability. A copy of this Plan was circulated to Council members.

Mr. Benedict briefly described the membership structure and the work performed by the Association. With respect to funding, the Association currently receives annual funding from the County in the amount of \$10,000. Because of increasing growth in responsibility, lack of proper equipment and vehicles, the Association is asking Council to consider the following request:

1. Capital grants, in two stages, over the next five years totalling \$200,000 for the replacement and equipping of two search team vehicles; and,
2. An annual operating grant of \$25,000.

At this point, Mayor Taylor arrived at the meeting and assumed the position as Chair.

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from the Colchester Ground Search and Rescue Association be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the request from the Colchester Ground Search and Rescue Association for a capital grant and an annual operating grant be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were directed to obtain a budget and financial statements from the Association in preparation for when this request comes back to Council Committee.

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Mr. Jardine indicated that the purpose of his presentation was to make Council aware of the concerns of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) about the direction and future of the public post offices and the effect this would have on the local economy through job losses and post office closures.

Mr. Jardine asked for Council's support of two resolutions so that mail can continue to be delivered door to door in the areas that receive this service. Copies of the resolutions were circulated.

At this point, Councillor Buott arrived at the meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That the presentation from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the request from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers for support of two resolutions regarding the future of public post offices be referred to Council Committee; and,

That Canada Post be invited to make a presentation to Council on this matter.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Theresa Higgins, Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. (CTCL)

Ms. Higgins indicated that the purpose of her presentation was to ask Council to reconsider a funding request of \$5,000 which had been denied when CTCL recently applied under the Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Program. The grant was to be used for expenses in operating a community transportation service as most of the money they received last year was put towards a new bus at a cost of \$86,000. For the last four years, CTCL has received a grant of \$3,000 from the County. If the request is approved, Ms. Higgins stated that some of the funding would be used to advertise with the hope of increasing the number of people using their service.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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“That the presentation from the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd. be received and the funding request be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on April 15, 2010:

**2010 Midget Girls
Eastern Canadian
Fastball
Championships**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Inglis Jewellers Diamond Gators in support of the 2010 Midget Girls Eastern Canadian Fastball Championships being held in North River, August 26-29, 2010, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**National Aboriginal
Day Celebrations**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$750 to the Glooscap Heritage Centre in support of the National Aboriginal Day celebrations being held in Millbrook on June 21, 2010, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Central Nova
Tourist Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Central Nova Tourist Association in support of their spring annual general meeting being held in Truro on May 6, 2010, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted expenditure.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Proposed Operating
Grant for Colchester**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

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**County Volunteer
Fire Departments**

“That Council approves that any Colchester County volunteer fire department which generates less than \$50,000 in fire tax after applying a minimum area rate, to be determined by Council, will be eligible for an operating grant from the Municipality of Colchester; and,

That the total operating grant from the Municipality of Colchester not exceed the total amount that the area rate generates; and,

That the total funds generated by a fire department and the municipal operating grant not exceed \$50,000; and,

That a minimum area rate of 14 cents be established for the purpose of an operating grant for fiscal year 2010-11; and,

That a five-year business plan must be developed by each fire department receiving an operating grant.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Edwards opposed)*

**RRFB Enforcement
Program Funding**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves the creation of the Solid Waste Resource Enforcement Program Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee to develop an Enforcement Plan to promote waste diversion that is common to the Municipality of Colchester, Town of Truro and Town of Stewiacke, with the enforcement program funds being provided by the Resource Recovery Fund Board of Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Land Lease -
Kemptown**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and the CAO to execute an agreement with Seaside Communications for up to four terms of five years each for the purpose of locating a 40-meter communications tower on municipal land at the Colchester Balefill Site.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

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

ACTION ITEMS

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**First Reading -
Revisions to By-law
Respecting Outdoor
Fires**

At Council's suggestion, staff will make one amendment on Page 3 of the draft by-law for Second Reading, that being item 6(1) should read "Except as provided in Section 5....."

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That Council hereby approves by way of First Reading the Outdoor Fire By-law as amended."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management
Master Plan**

Mr. Dan McDougall, CAO, indicated that this item is being presented for information as a follow-up to a staff presentation at April Council Committee on the Waste Management Master Plan. At the end of the presentation, staff will be asking Council to consider authorizing May Council Committee to make a final decision on the funding for Components 1 and 2 of the Plan. Component 1 is an upgrade to the existing Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility; Component 2 is the process for collection, treatment and disposal of leachate.

In preparation for May Council Committee, Mr. Ramesh Ummat, Director of Public Works, provided a powerpoint presentation on the various options for funding Components 1 and 2 of the Plan.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

"That funding for Component 2 of the Waste Management Master Plan be referred to May Council Committee with authority to make a final decision."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That funding for Component 1 of the Waste Management Master Plan be referred to May Council Committee with authority to make a final decision."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

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ACTION

**Caroline Cameron,
Gaelic Council of NS**

A letter to the Municipality dated March 29, 2010 from **Caroline Cameron, Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia**, requesting a letter of support and financial assistance.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That a letter of support be provided to the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the request from the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia for an annual financial contribution for their five-year Forum Series and a small grant of \$250 for their Mini Forum being held in May be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Kenda MacLellan,
Canadian Mental
Health Association**

A letter dated April 21, 2010 from **Kendall MacLellan, Canadian Mental Health Association**, requesting that May 3-9, 2010 be proclaimed National Mental Health Week.

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the week of May 3-9, 2010 be proclaimed National Mental Health Week in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Sharron Byers,
Northumberland
Arts Council**

A letter dated April 22, 2010 from **Sharron Byers, Northumberland Arts Council**, requesting reconsideration of a non-profit grant.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the letter from the Northumberland Arts Council requesting

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reconsideration of a non-profit grant be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff were directed to obtain a budget and financial statements from the Northumberland Arts Council in preparation for when this request comes back to Council Committee.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the month of March 2010. Council agreed to receive this report for information.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of March 2010. Council agreed to receive this report for information.

Reports from Councillors Appointed to Outside Boards and Agencies

Councillor Blair reported that the meeting of the Hospital Community Advisory Board on April 6th was postponed due to illness of the Chair. Submissions have been received on 55 name suggestions for the new hospital. Next meeting is scheduled for May 4th. A meeting of the Police Advisory Board was held on April 19th. On April 23rd, Board members met with the new RCMP Deputy Commissioner for the Atlantic Region, Steve Graham. Councillor Blair also reported that she attended the monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill on April 13th, volunteer awards on April 21st, and the Fire Brigade's banquet on April 24th.

Councillor Masters reported that he will be attending the CoRDA monthly meeting on April 28th at 4:00 p.m. Before the meeting, there will be a reception celebrating the partnership between CoRDA and Millbrook First Nation.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended a meeting last evening of the Brookfield Community Association where they honoured volunteers from the community. He also attended a meeting of the Library Board earlier this evening where the main topic discussed was the budget for 2010-11.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended two meetings of the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee on March 29th and April 26th. He also attended two meetings of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission where it was reported that the Province will not be providing any further funding to the Commission so they are exploring other options. The Commission is inviting staff and Council to attend a tour scheduled for May 22nd from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Councillor Cooper reported that he had also attended a

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meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee on April 21st; a meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in his community regarding the future of the provincial Depot and repairs to roads. The community was assured that the Depot would remain and budget was intact.

Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended a ratepayers' meeting and an RCMP community meeting in Salmon River. Councillor Edwards indicated that in his absence, Councillor White will be attending Central Nova Tourist Association's annual general meeting on May 6th.

Councillor LeFresne reported that he is unable to attend the Tatamagouche Village Commission's annual general meeting on May 11th. Mayor Taylor agreed to go to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the provincial volunteer awards event in Halifax on April 12th. Norris Whiston was the recipient of the award from Colchester County. A community meeting was held on April 20th in North River regarding the Nuttby Mountain wind farm project. There will be an Open House on May 11th at the North River Fire Hall from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on May 12th in Earltown. A project tour is scheduled for June 22nd. Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh also reported that he had attended a meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee on April 21st as well as being part of the group that met on April 23rd with the new RCMP Deputy Commissioner, Steve Graham.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended a meeting of the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce and the annual banquet of the Great Village Fire Brigade.

In his absence, a copy of Councillor McKenna's report on meetings and events he had attended in the last month was circulated in the Council package for tonight's meeting.

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. In addition to the report, Mayor Taylor reported that this evening he had attended a 'welcome home' reception for the Pinkey curling team who recently won the gold medal at the Senior Women's World Curling Championships in Russia. It was suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the team.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:07 p.m."

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary