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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, September 30, 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 Glen Edwards	District #5
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

Regrets:

Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
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**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda for September 30, 2010 be approved with the following addition:

- add 10b: Elizabeth Bishop Society 2011 Festival.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Blair  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the minutes of the meeting held on August 26, 2010 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on August 26, 2010.

**Presentations**

Ms. Wendy Robichaud

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Coastal Communities Network

The purpose of Ms. Robichaud's presentation was to make Council aware of an upcoming event being held at the Tatamagouche Centre, November 24-26, 2010. The rural policy forum, entitled "Shaping Our Future" is for anyone interested in community development and sustainable communities. The event will provide an opportunity to find out what each community in Nova Scotia is doing and how information can get out to the communities. Ms. Robichaud indicated it would be beneficial to have a member of Council attend the forum.

Ms. Robichaud also circulated a brochure entitled Nova Scotia Community Counts which is a website that provides data about Nova Scotia communities free of charge.

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That the presentation from Ms. Wendy Robichaud from Coastal Communities Network be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Valley-Kemptown & District Volunteer Fire Brigade

Chief Nigel Leggett and First Deputy Chief Glen Macaulay made a presentation to Council regarding a project that the Valley-Kemptown & District Volunteer Fire Brigade is proposing to undertake. The project involves the purchase of a 100-foot aerial ladder device or platform estimated to cost from \$1.0 to \$1.2 million. The ladder would provide brigades with the ability to access multi-level buildings and taller structures within any fire district in the County. An aerial device could also reduce the personnel requirements over traditional ground ladders. A copy of the complete project proposal was circulated in this evening's meeting package.

Chief Leggett asked for Council's formal endorsement of this project so that the Brigade can continue with the planning process. If the County endorses the project as proposed, the Brigade will not be ordering the vehicle until the final costs and financial viability are realized.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the presentation from the Valley-Kempton & District Volunteer Fire Brigade on a proposed aerial ladder device project be received and referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Ms. Krista McMullin and Mr. James Shedden  
Colchester East Hants Health Authority

Ms. McMullin indicated that the objectives of her presentation were to:

- provide current picture of tobacco use and tobacco control in Nova Scotia;
- define policy role in affecting positive change;
- outline benefits of smoke-free outdoor spaces; and,
- look at possible next steps.

Due to complaints received from recreational facility staff, parents and the general public, Ms. McMullin asked that Council consider providing protection for the general public from exposure to second hand smoke by expanding smoke-free areas within Colchester County. A copy of this presentation was circulated to Council members.

Moved by Councillor Buott  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the presentation from the Colchester East Hants Health Authority on smoke-free parks be received and referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee  
Reports and  
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented the reports from Council Committee meetings held on August 12 and September 16, 2010:

**County Personnel  
Policies**

Staff noted that Council did not approve these policies at its regular meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> but requested further revisions be made to policy # 5.10. These revisions have now been made.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves that the current Personnel Policies numbered 5.10 and 5.11 be repealed; and, that revised Personnel Policies numbered 5.10 and 5.11 be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Policy - Purchasing  
and Tendering**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves that the policy entitled Purchasing and Tendering of Goods, Services and Construction Projects dated September 24, 2009 be repealed and the amended policy be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Emergency Dispatch  
Services Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves that the Municipality of Colchester enter into the Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement with Valley Communications Inc., as presented; and, that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management  
Master Plan -  
Component 2 (Phase  
1) Leachate  
Conveyance**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves Option #2 as presented in the Action Item dated September 16, 2010 which is the construction of both the back runs to Lift Stations #22 and #24 of the Pictou Road Sewer Extension Project at a cost of \$354,000.”

Motion **Defeated**.

*(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor  
Cavanaugh, Councillors Blair,  
Masters, Cooper, Edwards, MacKenzie,  
Taggart and McKenna opposed)*

Council’s reasoning behind defeating this motion was based on the limited residential/commercial development that is expected in this area over the next number of years.

**Gas Tax Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Blair

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“That Council approves that the Municipality of Colchester enter into the Federal Gas Tax Municipal Funding Agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia, as presented; and, that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Agreement.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2010.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Debert Water Utility - Three-Year Operating Budgets**

Moved by Councillor McKenna  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the 2010-11 Operating Budget, as presented, for the Debert Water Utility; and,

That Council approves engaging consultants to prepare a water rate study in preparation for an application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors White and Taggart opposed)*

**Shortt’s Lake Pilot Project**

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the issue of the implementation of year-round curbside collection for the residents of Cottage Lane, Shortt’s Lake, be referred to the October 14<sup>th</sup> Council Committee with authority to make a final decision.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Waste Management Master Plan, Component 2 (Pictou Road Sewer Extension) - Award of Contract**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh  
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the award of the work for construction of the sewer extension project on Pictou Road from Jollytown Road intersection to the Balefill Facility to M/s ACL Construction Limited based on the tender price submitted, including options, of 3,220,504.50 (plus applicable taxes); and,

That the Municipality not install the two optional backruns to Lift Stations #22 and #24 at an estimated cost of \$354,000; and,

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That Council directs staff to carry an internal contingency amount of \$286,650 for this construction project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Date of October  
Council Meeting**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Council approves the date of Monday, October 25, 2010 for the regular session of October Council due to a number of Council delegates attending the 2010 Fall UNSM Conference in Sydney, October 26-28.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Elizabeth Bishop  
Society 2011 Festival**

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

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$1,000 for the Elizabeth Bishop Society Festival being held in August 2011, source of funds to be identified in the 2011-12 budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*At this point, Councillor White returned to the table.*

**Correspondence**

**ACTION**

**Andy Sherin,  
Conference  
Coordinator, Taking  
Action on Poverty  
Conference  
Organizers**

A letter to Mayor dated September 15, 2010 from **Andy Sherin, Conference Coordinator, Taking Action on Poverty Conference Organizers**, requesting financial support for conference registration fees and reception.

Moved by Councillor Taggart  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the letter from the Taking Action on Poverty Conference Organizers requesting financial support for conference registration fees and reception costs be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Ron Wallace,**

A letter to Council dated September 15, 2010 from **Ron Wallace,**

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**Wallace Property Rentals**

**Wallace Property Rentals**, requesting an amendment to a development agreement for 59 Pictou Road, Bible Hill.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from Wallace Property Rentals requesting an amendment to a development agreement at 59 Pictou Road, Bible Hill, be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

**Building Inspector**

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Under the Community Park Funding Program, three applications were received for the September 15, 2010 deadline for a total approved amount of \$26,412.

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

Councillor Blair reported that the Community Hospital Board meets on October 5<sup>th</sup> and the Police Advisory Board on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Blair also reported that she had attended the annual meeting of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended the two civic centre meetings (Joint Council and general public) held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and since then, has received a number of positive phone calls on the new facility.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended a meeting with RRFB in Amherst, a library meeting in Stewiacke, the Joint Council meeting on the civic centre and the Terry Fox Run.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended a REMAC meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>; the meeting with Minister Ramona Jennex on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Joint Council meeting on the civic centre.

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Councillor Edwards reported that he had attended the meeting with Minister Ramona Jennex on September 20<sup>th</sup>, both meetings on the civic centre, the Battle of Britain and a CNTA meeting last week.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she had attended both the Joint Council and general public meetings on the civic centre.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the meeting with Minister Ramona Jennex, both meetings on the civic centre, an Ed Lorraine bursary meeting and two Executive and Audit Committee meetings today.

Councillor White reported that he had attended the Onslow-Belmont First Responder Vehicle event and two meetings at CoRDA.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended both the Joint Council and general public meetings on the civic centre.

Councillor McKenna reported that he had attended two meetings of the Lawn Bowling Committee and another one is being held tomorrow.

Mayor Taylor referred to his written report showing the events and meetings he had attended during the past month which was circulated on table for this evening's meeting. Referring to the REMAC meetings, Mayor Taylor reported that the Committee had done a lot of preparation work in anticipation of Hurricane Earl.

Mayor Taylor recommended and Council agreed that a thank you letter be sent to the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade for their donation of a first responder truck to the Economy Fire Brigade.

**Recess**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting recess to an in-camera session at 10:25 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:42 p.m.”



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Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Minimum Bids - Tax  
Sale Properties**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves minimum bids of \$250 and \$1.00  
respectively on properties located in Great Village and Bible Hill.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor White  
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault  
Recording Secretary