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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, October 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 Glen Edwards	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6
Councillor Jimmie LeFresne	District #7
Deputy Mayor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Bob White	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Earl McKenna	District #11

Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Taylor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Councillor Cavanaugh be nominated as Deputy Mayor.”

Mayor Taylor called three times for further nominations and, on hearing none:

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the nominations for Deputy Mayor cease.”

By acclamation, Councillor Cavanaugh was declared Deputy Mayor for a two-year term.

Election of Alternate Council Committee Chair

Mayor Taylor called for nominations for the position of Alternate Council Committee Chair.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That Councillor Cooper be nominated as Alternate Council Committee Chair.”

Mayor Taylor called three times for further nominations and on

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hearing none:

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the nominations for Alternate Council Committee Chair cease.”

By acclamation, Councillor Cooper was declared Alternate Council Committee Chair for a one-year term.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the agenda for October 25, 2010 be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #12b: CFIB Survey
- add Item #12c: Highway Signage
- add Item #12d: Remembrance Day Plans.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the minutes of the meeting held on September 30, 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 September 30, 2010.

Presentations

There were no public presentations received for this evening’s meeting.

Staff Presentation

Kim Paterson, Administrative Assistant/Researcher

Ms. Paterson provided a powerpoint presentation on the BizPal project which is a free online service that simplifies the business permit and license process for entrepreneurs, businesses, governments and third-party business service providers. Users simply answer a series of questions on their type of business and BizPal will automatically generate a list of permits and licenses from all levels of government with basic information on each as well as links to government sites. A copy of Ms. Paterson’s presentation was circulated in the Council package for this evening’s meeting.

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During Ms. Paterson's presentation, the following questions/suggestions were noted:

- suggestion that BizPal information be included in next County newsletter as well as suggesting to CoRDA that they may want to have a link on their website;
- is there a disclaimer on the website;
- is this a private company website and will businesses who use the site be required to pay any fees for this service;
- why does Colchester require more permits than a neighbouring municipality;
- will all businesses require a license from SOCAN or need to register with WCB.

At a future meeting, Council will be asked to consider participating in the BizPal project. At that time, staff will provide answers to these questions.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Masters

"That the presentation on the BizPal project be received."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on September 30, 2010:

**Public Works
Winter Term
Position**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

"That Council approves the conversion of two Wastewater Collection Worker term positions to two permanent positions in Public Works Wastewater Collection, effective November 1, 2010."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Request to Purchase
Recreation Land -
Crowland Drive,
Valley/East
Mountain**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

"That Council directs that the Municipality of Colchester not sell the recreation land on Crowland Drive at this time and that staff be instructed to improve the maintenance of the site."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Art Purchase Policy
Amendment**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves the adoption of the changes to the Art Purchase Policy as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tax Exemption By-
law - Amendment to
Property List**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the addition of the following properties to the Tax Exemption Property List for fiscal year 2010-11 and beyond:

- Masstown Community Association - property on Highway #2, Masstown
- Lower Onslow Community Centre Society - property at 12391 Highway #2, Lower Onslow
- Debert Military History Society - property at 35 Acadia Avenue, Debert.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Taking Action on
Poverty Conference -
Economic
Development Grant
Request**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$500 in support of the Taking Action on Poverty Conference being held October 26-28, 2010 in Truro, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Process Technician
Position - Central
Wastewater
Treatment Facility**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves one additional position of Process Technician in Public Works, raising the current strength of Process Technicians from two to three; and,

That one part-time Environmental Compliance Officer position be shared with the current position of Waste Management Officer; and,

That the Director of Public Works be authorized to purchase an additional vehicle for the Wastewater Treatment Division.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Year-Round
Curbside Solid
Waste Collection -
Shortt's Lake**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves that year-round curbside solid waste collection services continue to be provided to the residents of Cottage Lane; and,

That staff develop a program that would provide year-round curbside solid waste collection to all accessible private roads in Colchester County for Council review and decision; and,

That staff be instructed to look into various options to finance this universal service.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Truro Amateur Boxing
Club - Junior
Provincials and Canada
Games Showcase**

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$750 to the Truro Amateur Boxing Club in support of the Nova Scotia Junior Boxing Championships on October 29, 2010 and the Canada Games Showcase event on November 12, 2010, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor McKenna opposed)*

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That staff be directed to conduct a review of the Economic Development Grants Policy and bring back to a future meeting with any recommended changes for Council's consideration.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Revision of Sewer
Service Boundary -
Brookfield**

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That Council approves the revision to the Sewer Serviced Area boundary in Brookfield as indicated on the map attached to the Action Item dated October 25, 2010.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Replacement of
Water Utility Truck**

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the issue concerning the replacement of a water utility truck be referred to November Council Committee with authority to make a final decision.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

CFIB Survey

Councillor Cooper voiced his concerns with the recent survey released by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. He indicated that he had spoken to Leanne Hachey, Vice-President of CFIB Atlantic, about his concerns and she had indicated her willingness to talk to Council about this report.

Councillor Cooper asked if Council would be interested in inviting Ms. Hachey in to do a presentation as well as approaching CFIB regarding the Municipality of Colchester not being considered as separate and apart from the Town of Truro.

Councillor Masters suggested that Ms. Hachey may be invited to do a presentation at a future CoRDA meeting. If this is the case, interested Councillors could be invited to attend.

Highway Signage

Councillor Masters indicated that there has been no change in the missing signage issue in his district since he raised the matter at Council some time ago. Mayor Taylor agreed to bring this forward again at the next quarterly TIR meeting scheduled for November 2, 2010.

Remembrance Day

Staff inquired as to whether all communities that have a Remembrance Day service are covered by a member of Council. Councillor Masters agreed to attend the Brookfield service as Councillor Buott will be away. Councillor Edwards agreed to cover off Londonderry and Great Village for Councillor Taggart who will be attending services in Five Islands and Bass River.

Correspondence

ACTION

A letter received September 9, 2010 from **Don Head, Commissioner, Correctional Services Canada**, requesting that November 14-21 be proclaimed Restorative Justice Week.

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Moved by Councillor White

Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the week of November 14-21, 2010 be proclaimed Restorative Justice Week in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Reports from Councillors Appointed to Outside Boards & Agencies

Councillor Blair presented her written report indicating the meetings she had attended since her last report. A copy of this report was circulated on table. Meeting date for the next Hospital Community Advisory Committee is set for January 11, 2011. Meeting dates for the Police Advisory Board are set for January 17, April 18, July 18 and October 17, 2011.

Councillor Masters reported that the next PAC meeting is November 2nd. CoRDA met on October 20th. The Civic Centre Project Steering Committee had a meeting on October 18th. Pledges continue to come in, approximately \$1.9 million at this point.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended a meeting of the Vehicle and Maintenance Committee for the Library Board. They are purchasing two new vehicles to transport equipment and materials to the four library locations.

Councillor Cooper reported that the Shubenacadie Canal Commission is meeting this evening. He also attended a Co-operative meeting and a meeting of the Local School Advisory Council.

Councillor LeFresne indicated that he had attended a meeting on the new library for Tatamagouche. He indicated that to date, only 68% of the plans had been received and the project has yet to go to tender.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended an event on the weekend on behalf of the Mayor at the NSPE Antique Farm

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Equipment Museum.

Councillor McKenna reported that the Lawn Bowling Committee is beginning to zero in on different types of turf. The Committee will soon begin doing presentations to the communities.

Mayor Taylor presented his written report, a copy of which was circulated in the Council package for this evening's meeting.

Recess

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Councillor McKenna

“That the meeting recess to an in-camera session at 9:17 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 9:54 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

CAO Evaluation

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council receives the report on the CAO's evaluation and approves an annual increment pursuant to the existing employment contract.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Edwards
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary