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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, November 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

Employee Service Recognition Awards

Employees were presented with awards by Council in recognition of their years of service with the Municipality. There were 12 employees receiving an award for five years of service, seven employees for 10 years, eight employees for 15 years, one employee for 20 years, two employees for 25 years, and three for 30 years.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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

- add Item #11b: Santa Claus Parade
- add Item #8b: Replacement of Water Utility Truck (on table)
- add Item #8c: Flood Advisory Committee (on table)
- add Item #11c: Report on Flood Protection Measures
- add to Item #13, In-Camera: (1) Land Matter (2) Negotiations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Buott

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Seconded by Councillor Cooper

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

Presentations

Ms. Wendy Robinson was not available to make a presentation on the Stewiacke Trail System.

Mr. Joe Ballard, Colchester Historical Society Museum & Archives

Mr. Ballard made reference to the Colchester Historical Society Museum and Archives receiving a \$10,000 grant from the County over the last number of years. Mr. Ballard indicated that the purpose of his presentation this evening was to request a contribution from the Municipality of \$12,000 for the upcoming fiscal year, 2011-12.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the presentation from the Colchester Historical Society Museum and Archives be received and the request for funding be referred to budget deliberations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on November 9, 2010:

BizPal Project

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Buott

“That Council approves that the Municipality of Colchester participate in the BizPal project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Colchester Ground

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

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Search and Rescue

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves the following with respect to Colchester Ground Search and Rescue:

- a) That the Municipality of Colchester fund 100% of insurance costs for standard/typical ground search and rescue buildings and equipment, effective immediately;
- b) That the Municipality of Colchester provide a base operating grant of 50 cents per capita, subject to adjustment annually by the Consumer Price Index (Nova Scotia All Items Annual Average) with the population count adjusted each census, effective fiscal year 2011/12; and,
- c) That the Municipality of Colchester provide a capital grant of up to 50% of approved projects, subject to approval by Council on a case-by-case basis, source of funds to be determined at time of approval.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tax Arrears and
Asset Valuation
Allowance Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council approves the Tax Arrears and Asset Valuation Allowance Policy, with amendments, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Staffing and
Succession Plan -
Corporate Services**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves that a budget item in the amount of \$50,000 for salaries and benefits for a Senior Accountant position be put in the 2011/12 budget, based on one half year of an annual salary of \$75,000, plus 20% for benefits, and other associated expenses.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Solid Waste
Implementation Plan
for Solid Waste
Collection on Private
Roads**

Mr. Wayne Wamboldt, Director of Solid Waste, provided a powerpoint presentation on an implementation plan for solid waste collection on private roads.

By way of background, Mr. Wamboldt indicated that during the

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winter of 2009/10, a pilot project was conducted on Cottage Lane in the Shortt's Lake area to determine the feasibility of collecting all streams of solid waste on a year-round basis. As a result of this pilot project and the recent rollout of green carts to all areas of the County, Council directed staff to develop an implementation plan to provide four-stream waste collection to all private roads in the Municipality.

Mr. Wamboldt then went on to explain the process involved in providing this universal service across the County, including options, financial implications and an implementation plan.

**Replacement of
Water Utility Truck**

At the October 2010 Council meeting, Council authorized the November Committee to make the final decision on the purchase of a Water Utility Truck. After receiving two quotes for leasing, staff determined that a straight purchase was less expensive than the vehicle lease option and therefore recommended that Council authorize staff to proceed with purchasing the truck.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne
Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That staff be authorized to purchase a vehicle (pick-up truck) for the Water Utilities, source of funds to be 50% from the Debert Water Utility operations and 50% through a transfer from the Tatamagouche Water Utility Cash Depreciation Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Flood Advisory
Committee**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor White

“That Council recommends approval of the Flood Advisory Committee Work Program of approximately \$50,000, including consulting and supervisory fees for Mr. Leroy Smith.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

ACTION

**Pam Macintosh,
Chair, Organizing
Committee, Heritage
Conference 2011**

A letter to Mayor and Council dated October 26, 2010 from **Pam Macintosh, Chair, Organizing Committee, Heritage Conference 2011**, requesting financial assistance for a 2011 Heritage Conference being held in Colchester County.

Moved by Councillor LeFresne

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Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the letter from the Organizing Committee, Heritage Conference 2011, requesting financial assistance with the development and promotional costs associated with conference be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Shelley Richardson,
Regional Director,
Kids Help Phone**

A letter to the Mayor dated October 22, 2010 from **Shelley Richardson, Regional Director, Kids Help Phone**, requesting a donation to the organization.

Moved by Councillor Buott
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the letter from the Kids Help Phone organization requesting a donation be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Masters, Edwards, LeFresne, White, Taggart, McKenna opposed)*

**Michele Charlton,
Manager, Alzheimer
Society of NS**

A letter to the Mayor received November 9, 2010 from **Michele Charlton, Manager, Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia**, requesting that January 2011 be proclaimed Alzheimer Awareness Month.

Moved by Councillor White
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the month of January 2011 be proclaimed Alzheimer Awareness Month in Colchester County.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mark Estabrooks,
Duncan Drive**

A letter to Council dated October 6, 2010 from **Mark Estabrooks, Duncan Drive**, requesting that Duncan Drive be taken over by the Municipality of Colchester.

Moved by Councillor Masters
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That the letter from Mark Estabrooks requesting that Duncan Drive be taken over by the Municipality of Colchester be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Santa Claus Parade

Councillor Edwards read a letter that he received in which it was suggested that the Municipality of Colchester look at having a float in the local Santa Claus parade.

Insurance for Not-for-Profit Organizations - Grant Applications

The fall application deadline for the Not-for-Profit Insurance Program was October 15, 2010. The County received and approved 15 applications for a total of \$5,015.

Tatamagouche Water Utility - Rural Infrastructure Fund

A letter received from the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat indicated that the Municipality was eligible to receive an increased federal/provincial share of the Canada/Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$53,740 which will be shared between the Tatamagouche Water Utility and the County's Municipal Infrastructure Fund.

Report on Flood Protection Measures

In May 2010, Mr. Rod MacLennan, Environmental Engineer, Nova Scotia Department of Environment, prepared a report on Flood Protection Measures for the Colchester Flood Advisory Committee for the areas of Murray Siding and Salmon River, Colchester County. The report contained a brief description as well as suggested remedial measures, including approximately cost estimates.

Reports from Councillors Appointed to Outside Boards and Agencies

Councillor Blair reported that the Hospital Community Advisory Committee's next meeting will not be until the first of the new year. She did attend the Village of Bible Hill meeting on November 16th, a School Board meeting on November 17th, and the Nuttby Mountain Wind Farm tour on November 27th.

Councillor Masters reported that he was unable to attend the CoRDA meeting on Wednesday. He did attend a meeting of the Civic Centre Project Steering Committee on November 4th, the Remembrance Day service in Brookfield for Councillor Buott and the groundbreaking ceremony for the civic centre on November 13th.

Councillor Buott reported that he had attended an RRFB meeting at the Materials Recovery Facility and a Library Board meeting on Tuesday night.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended a meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee on November 17th and had laid a wreath at Springside on Remembrance Day.

Councillor Edwards reported he had also attended the Flood Advisory Committee meeting, the groundbreaking ceremony for the civic centre and Remembrance Day services in Great Village and

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Londonderry. He also indicated that there will be a Central Nova Tourist Association meeting next week.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that the Library Board had been advised that the P-3 application for the new Truro library had been turned down by the federal government for this year.

Councillor LeFresne reported on the recent County Art Show where he and Councillor Buott served as Council's representatives on the Art Selection Committee.

Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended the UNSM annual conference in Cape Breton, the Flood Advisory Committee meeting, the County Art Show, the Remembrance Day service in Debert and the Nuttby Mountain Wind Farm Open House.

Councillor White reported that he had attended the CoRDA Industrial Parks meeting this week, met with CoRDA's Acting Executive Director (along with Mayor) regarding communications, and attended the regular CoRDA meeting last evening. CoRDA would be holding its annual Materials Exchange Event on December 8th.

Councillor Taggart reported that a Japanese TV network has completed a documentary on the highest tides in the world from Blomidon to Five Islands. He also reported that he had attended Remembrance Day services in Five Islands and Bass River and a dinner in Great Village.

Councillor McKenna reported that he had also attended the civic centre groundbreaking ceremony and three meetings of the Lawn Bowling Committee.

Mayor Taylor presented his written report, a copy of which was circulated on table for this evening's meeting.

Recess

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

“That the meeting go into closed session at 9:50 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor White

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“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:30 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Purchase of 882
Pictou Road**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes the CAO to purchase the land at 882 Pictou Road for an amount close to the appraised value, plus appropriate expenses, source of funds to be the Capital Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McKenna
Seconded by Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:31 p.m.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary