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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, March 26, 2013 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
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters	District #2
Councillor Geoff Stewart	District #3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District #4
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District #5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District #6 (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)
Councillor Michael Gregory	District #7
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District #8
Councillor Doug MacInnes	District #9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District #10
Councillor Wade Parker	District #11

Moment of Silence

Council observed a moment of silence for Mr. Peter Johnstone who passed away on March 23, 2013. Mr. Johnstone served as a member of Council from 1976-79.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That the agenda for March 26, 2013 be approved with the following additions:

- add Item #13b: Streetlight - Intersection of Brule Point Road and Highway #6
- add Item #13c: Flood Advisory Committee - New Member
- add Item #13d: Community Liaison Committee - Atlantic Industrial Services, Debert
- add Item #15b: Application to Discharge Treated Wastewater at Atlantic Industrial Services Facility, Debert (on table).”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

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Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2013 be approved as circulated.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2013.

Presentations

Mr. Len Reilly

In his presentation, Mr. Reilly indicated that the residents of Dieppe Avenue in Colchester Park, Debert, would like to bring the following issues to Council’s attention:

- poor road condition of Dieppe Avenue
- safety hazards related to poor condition of this road
- Council’s responsibility to ensure safety of residents of Colchester County
- road widening to alleviate safety hazards from cars parking on the road
- upgrade street drainage system
- proper piping for sewer and drainage system
- repave entire road
- fund these requested upgrades from reserves generated from sale of homes in Colchester Park to avoid any property tax increases to residents of Dieppe Avenue

Mr. Reilly also presented to Council a petition in support of widening and repaving Dieppe Avenue. This petition was in addition to one given to the County on April 18th.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the presentation from Mr. Len Reilly be received.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bill Masters

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Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That staff be directed to conduct an assessment of Dieppe Avenue in Colchester Park, Debert, and report back to Council with options on how to resolve the parking issue that is creating unsafe conditions on this road.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented reports from Council Committee meetings held on March 5, 14 and 25, 2013:

Maggie’s Place

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves moving funding for Maggie’s Place to the annual draft grants maintenance budget in 2014-15, with an amount to be based on approval in 2013-14.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor Cooper opposed)*

At this point, Councillor MacKenzie arrived at the meeting.

**Request for Funding
- Scotia Pool**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves a donation to Scotia Pool in the amount of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2012-13, source of funds to be general operations as an unbudgeted item; and,

That the Municipality of Colchester financially support Scotia Pool in fiscal year 2013-14, amount to be determined at budget deliberations on March 25, 2013; and, that this issue be reviewed again in 2014-15.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Spring 2013
Debenture Funding**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate Resolution, as presented for Phase 3B1 and 3B2 of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC), with borrowing by blended debenture,

for a period of 15 years, not to exceed 5.5% for \$1,650,000 on

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Phase 3B1 and with borrowing by blended debenture, for a period of 15 years, not to exceed 5.5% for \$1,020,000 on Phase 3B2.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Colchester
Transportation
Cooperative Ltd.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$5,074 to the Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd., source of funds to be Deferred Revenue for \$4,074 and the remaining \$1,000 from the maintenance budget.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Cavanaugh and Taggart
opposed)*

**Transfer to
Operating Reserve**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the transfer of \$252,654 from general operations in 2012-13 to the Operating Reserve Fund.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Robie Street
Roundabout
Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Agreement 2013-033, as presented, for the installation of a sidewalk along a portion of Highway 102 intersection and Robie Street (Route 236) as part of the Robie Street Roundabout Project.”

Motion Carried.

*(Councillors Cooper and Cavanaugh
opposed)*

During discussion on this matter, a concern was raised about the placement of the sidewalk. Staff were asked to contact Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to determine why the sidewalk will be placed on the side of the entry ramp west of Highway 102.

**Sewer Use Appeals
Committee - Terms**

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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of Reference

“That the terms of reference for the Sewer Use Appeals Committee be approved, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Nomination of Council Members to Sewer Use Appeals Committee

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council appoints Councillors Blair, Cooper, MacInnes, Taggart and Parker to the Sewer Use Appeals Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council appoints Councillor Taggart as the Chair of the Sewer Use Appeals Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sewer Backup Policy - Repeal

It was noted in the Action Item that Section 48(1) of the Municipal Government Act states that before a policy is repealed, staff shall give Council members seven days notice. Given that Council had less than seven days notice of the proposed repeal of this policy, staff recommended referring this item to April Council Committee with authority to make a final decision.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council authorizes April Council Committee to make the final decision on repealing the current Sewer Backup Policy.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Capital Budget Meeting in April

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves Wednesday, April 24, 2013 as the date for the first Capital Budget meeting in fiscal year 2013-14.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

New Truro Library Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the

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Memorandum of Understanding for the new Truro Library, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Upgrades to Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council approves moving unspent funds from the budgeted amount of \$14,282,157 for the Central Colchester Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades to a separate project to address biosolids handling and lift station capacity at the Facility, with the cost being shared equally between the Municipality of Colchester and the Town of Truro.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Streetlight - Intersection of Brule Point Road and Highway 6

Councillor Gregory asked if staff could look into the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Brule Point Road and Highway 6. The purpose for the streetlight would be to illuminate the intersection and a large sign that advertises 11 businesses on the Brule Point Road and the Brule Shore Road.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That staff be directed to look into the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Brule Point Road and Highway 6.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Flood Advisory Committee - New Member

As the Chair of the Flood Advisory Committee, Councillor Cavanaugh asked Council to consider appointing Mayor Taylor as a voting member of this Committee.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the terms of reference for the Flood Advisory Committee be referred to April Council Committee with a view to considering the appointment of Mayor Taylor as a voting member of this Committee.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors Blair, MacKenzie and Parker opposed)

Community Liaison Committee - Atlantic Industrial Services

Councillor MacInnes had first raised this issue at the February Council meeting. He reported that since that meeting, AIS has taken the lead on this matter with no County involvement other than

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(AIS), Debert

him being on the Committee as an ex-officio member. He also noted that AIS has an ad in the paper looking for citizen representatives for this committee.

Councillor MacInnes stated that his preference would be that staff look into establishing a citizens' liaison committee that would be recognized by Council.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That staff be directed to advise Atlantic Industrial Services Ltd. that the only Citizens' Liaison Committee to be recognized by the Municipality of Colchester will be one under the authority of Council.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Staff agreed to bring back a draft terms of reference for a citizens' liaison committee for Council's review and consideration.

Correspondence

ACTION

**John Rubin, 20
Cutter Court,
Tatamagouche**

A letter to Councillor Gregory dated March 10, 2013 from **John Rubin, 20 Cutter Court, Tatamagouche**, regarding the condition of Hughie Lane and Cutter Court.

Councillor Gregory indicated that he had received this letter from the Rubin's. The road identified in the letter leads off the paved Brule Point Road to a subdivision road on Hughie Lane and ending at Cutter Court where the Rubin's live. Councillor Gregory stated that the road is a mess and not passable. It was recommended that a letter be written to Mr. Rubin to advise him that this is a private road and he should look to the developer of the subdivision for any road improvements.

**Pam Macintosh,
County Planner**

A memorandum to the Mayor and Council dated March 15, 2013 from **Pam Macintosh, County Planner**, regarding an application for an inter-municipal development agreement for Wade Road.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the application for an inter-municipal development agreement

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for Wade Road 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 February 2013. Council agreed to receive the report for information.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the **Development Officer** for the month of February 2013. Council agreed to receive the report for information.

INFORMATION
ITEMS

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

In response to the winter application deadline of February 22, 2013 for the Not-for-Profit Insurance Program, the County approved 14 applications for a total of \$4,970.

**Application to
Discharge Treated
Wastewater at AIS,
Debert**

This Information Item advised that today, March 26th, approval was given to Atlantic Industrial Services to discharge treated wastewater from its facility into the Debert sewer system. This approval is effective May 26, 2013. The decision can be appealed in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer by April 10th. An announcement of the decision will be posted on the County website as well as a press advertisement in the Truro Daily News.

Councillor Taggart expressed his desire to have a press release issued as soon as the first appeal is received. Staff agreed that this would be done.

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

Councillor Blair presented her written report of activities and events she had attended during the month of March.

Deputy Mayor Masters reported that he had attended a wind energy presentation in Hilden, a Planning Advisory Committee meeting, and that the Community Centre had its first four hockey games and the fitness centre is up and running.

Councillor Stewart reported that he had attended the open house in Hilden on wind energy, the Brookfield Fire Brigade's monthly meeting, a Hilden Community Association meeting and participated in a tour of Scotia Pool.

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Councillor Cooper reported that had served as a judge at a 4-H event and the Shubenacadie Canal Commission has a new Board of Directors.

Councillor Gibbs reported that he had attended a Camden/Harmony meeting on wind turbines, participated in the Scotia Pool tour, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids and is meeting with his RCMP Liaison Officer tomorrow.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she attended a Camden/Harmony meeting on wind turbines and the next meeting of the Library Board will be in April.

Councillor Gregory reported that he had attended three large fundraising events in his community, a curling bonspiel, funding announcements from ACOA, meetings with the Waugh's River community and Creamery Square Association, and served as judge at a 4-H speaking contest.

Councillor Cavanaugh reported that he had attended a meeting of the Joint Flood Advisory Committee on March 18th, participated in the annual North River Fire Brigade pancake dinner, and that the next meeting of the County Flood Advisory Committee will be March 27th.

Councillor MacInnes reported that he had attended a meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, a Fire Brigade meeting in Debert and will be attending a CoRDA meeting on March 27th.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the wind energy presentation in Hilden, a Planning Advisory Committee meeting and a Sustainable Practices meeting on March 25th.

Councillor Parker reported that he had attended meetings of the Fire Brigade and the Village of Bible Hill Commission.

Mayor Taylor presented his written report of activities and events he had attended during the month of March, a copy of which was circulated on table for this evening's meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary