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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Regular Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was held in the Courthouse, Truro, N.S. on Thursday, August 29, 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
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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda for August 29, 2013 be approved with the following additions:

- add under Item #15, Closed Session: Personnel Matter
- add Item #12b: Truro Heights Multi-Unit Restrictions
- add under Item #15, Closed Session: CoRDA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the minutes of meetings July 4 and 25, 2013 be approved as circulated and the minutes of June 27, 2013 be approved with one amendment:

- Page 2013-30, Order of Eastern Star - Grand Chapter Session: should be noted that motion was opposed by Councillors Masters and Gregory.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on June 27, July 4 and 25, 2013.

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Presentations

Ms. Yan Mowatt

Ms. Mowatt introduced herself as the owner and operator of Little Moe's K9 Academy located on Jennifer Drive in Bible Hill. The purpose for her presentation was to talk to Council about her business which is dedicated to training dogs and their owners. She has been in this type of business for 35 years. Little Moe's promotes community awareness for responsible dog ownership. Her approach is to include the whole family in training their pets and the responsibilities of pet ownership. She teaches all levels of obedience, recreation agility, and behaviour modification.

Ms. Mowatt indicated that her business is now ready to grow and this means more space. The facilities and location she is currently in are ideal and the extra space needed is available. Increasing the size will increase the services offered throughout Colchester County and surrounding area.

Ms. Mowatt stated that the County's existing land-use by-law will not allow her to expand the business as it is in a sewer serviced area. Ms. Mowatt's request to Council is to consider having the existing land-use by-law amended.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Blair

"That the presentation from Ms. Yan Mowatt, Little Moe's K9 Academy be received and referred to the Planning Advisory Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the Council Committee meeting held on August 15, 2013:

**Funding Request - NS
Highlanders
Association**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$500 to the Nova Scotia Highlanders Association in support of its annual general meeting being hosted in the local area on September 7 and 8, 2013, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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**Funding Request -
Onslow Cemetery
Company**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Onslow Cemetery Company in support of its 250th anniversary celebrations event in Onslow on September 7, 2013, source of funds to be Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**LiDAR Funding
Agreement**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council authorizes the Municipality of Colchester to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia for the Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data acquisition project, with a total financial commitment of \$35,886.25, excluding taxes, to be funded through the approved operating budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Joint Flood Advisory
Committee -
Expenditures**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that specialist consulting retainership fees of \$350 per month for Joint Flood Advisory Committee projects be funded by the Municipality of Colchester, retroactive to April 1, 2013 for the fiscal year 2013-14, source of funds to be the Major Flood Reserve; and,

That for Joint Flood Advisory Committee projects where the consultant provides direct support, the Municipality of Colchester funds its share of the total consultant services costs calculated at either 10% of capital costs for the project, or \$75/hour for time spent on the project, whichever is less, with the total consulting services costs to be divided between affected jurisdictions, as decided on a project by project basis by the Joint Flood Advisory Committee, source of funds to be the Major Flood Reserve; and,

That funding for Joint Flood Advisory Committee projects of North River Dyke Weir Improvements, North and Salmon River Training, Lorne Street Dyke, Avon Street Dyke, Winter Rock Work on Salmon River, Flow Monitoring Stations, and North River Rock Work, be cost shared equally with the Town of Truro for a total commitment by the Municipality of Colchester of \$153,572, excluding taxes; and,

That the internal contingency of \$15,000 be carried out for Joint

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Flood Advisory Committee projects, to be spent only on authority of the CAO, source of funds to be the Major Flood Reserve.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**New Position -
Economic
Development Officer**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves a new position of an Economic Development Officer and the opening of a competition for this position in accordance with the County’s Personnel Policies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Public Presentations to
Council Policy**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council approves the amended Public Presentations to Council Policy as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Pump Stations 13 and
14 Property Purchase**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council authorizes the CAO to enter into an agreement with Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to purchase a piece of land at the site of Pump Station 14 across from the Valley Fire Station on Brookside Road to allow for Station upgrades, at an estimated cost of \$1,700 plus survey and migration costs.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Executive and Audit
Committee**

There was no business arising from the minutes of meetings held on June 27, August 6 and 13, 2013.

**Planning Advisory
Committee**

There was no business arising from the reports from meetings held on July 31 and August 21, 2013.

**Tatamagouche Water
Utility Committee**

Councillor Gregory presented the report from the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee meeting held on August 6, 2013:

Operating Budgets

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

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“That Council approves the 2013-14 Operating Budget for the Tatamagouche Water Utility as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Write-Offs

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes the write-off of \$2,036.39 for property located at 58 Queen Street from the Tatamagouche Water Utility’s Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Second Reading -
Remuneration and
Expenses for Council
& Appointed
Committee Members
By-law**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading, Chapter 4 - Remuneration and Expenses for Council and Appointed Committee Members, as presented.”

Motion **Defeated**. *(Mayor Taylor, Councillors Blair, Stewart, Cooper, MacKenzie, Gregory, MacInnes and Parker opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the Remuneration and Expenses for Council and Appointed Committee Members By-law be amended under Clause 3, Payment of Mayor, to read \$46,500.”

Motion Carried. *(Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Gregory and MacInnes opposed)*

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council hereby approves by way of Second Reading, Chapter 4 - Remuneration and Expenses for Council and Appointed Committee Members, as amended.”

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Motion Carried.

(Councillors Stewart, Gregory and MacInnes opposed)

**NS Provincial
Exhibition - Request
for Assistance**

Mayor Taylor briefed Council on the meeting held on August 26th between the Executive Committee and members of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Board of Directors. Executive attempted to have the Board postpone its August 28th annual general meeting to allow more time for negotiations; however, the NSPE By-law requires that the annual general meeting be held in August of each year.

Mayor Taylor attended the annual general meeting on August 28th and reported the following to Council:

- Town of Truro seat on the new Board will remain open;
- four new members on the Board, all of them being from the racing industry - Bruce Kennedy, Robert Siteman, Cameron MacEachern and Gary Muise;
- Board meeting held following the annual general meeting where a new Chair and Vice Chair were appointed - John Douglas and Cameron MacEachern respectively; and,
- another Board meeting next week to see about going forward, including the next meeting with the County Executive Committee.

**Request for Funding -
Rath-Eastlink
Community Centre
Grand Opening**

During discussion on this item, it was recommended that any decision made be postponed until September Council Committee to allow staff time to obtain additional information on whether or not funding for the grand opening event is already included in the RECC budget. Some Councillors felt that the amount of \$5,000 being requested from both the County and Town was excessive and were not comfortable with a VIP reception for a public facility grand opening.

It was noted that Councillor Gregory left the meeting temporarily and was not available to vote on the following motion.

Moved by Councillor Stewart
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the Action Item on the request for funding for the Rath-Eastlink Community Centre Grand Opening event be referred to September Council Committee for additional information and that

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Committee be given authority to make a decision.”

Motion Carried. *(Councillor MacKenzie opposed)*

**Temporary Borrowing
Resolution - Rath-
Eastlink Community
Centre**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the temporary borrowing resolution for the Rath-Eastlink Community Centre, as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Village Legislation
Discussion Paper**

Moved by Councillor Blair
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council agrees with the legal advice provided by the Solicitor and approves responding to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to convey its position with respect to the proposed amendments to the Municipal Government Act from the Association of Nova Scotia Villages.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Compost Facility -
Award of Earthworks
and Building Tender**

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council authorizes September Council Committee to make a decision on the award of the construction tender for the Earthworks and Buildings components of the new Compost Facility.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Heights Multi
-Unit Restrictions**

Deputy Mayor Masters expressed his concern with the existing land use by-law which restricts multi-unit apartment buildings in the Truro Heights area to a maximum of 12 units whereas in Bible Hill, the maximum is 24. He has been asked by a number of developers who want to expand to have this issue reviewed by the Planning Advisory Committee.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the restriction of a maximum of 12 units in multi-unit apartment buildings in the Truro Heights area be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.”

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence

ACTION

Brennan Gillis

A letter to the Mayor dated July 18, 2013 from **Brennan Gillis** requesting financial assistance in support of sponsorship for a Nova Scotia Music Week event in Sydney.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council approves a donation of \$750 to the Host Committee for Nova Scotia Music Week 2014 in support of a stage sponsorship being held in Sydney, Nova Scotia in November 2013, to promote the event being held in the Colchester region in 2014, pending confirmation that funding has already been committed for this event in the Colchester Regional Development Agency budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Minister Charlie
Parker, Department of
Energy**

A letter to the Mayor dated July 24, 2013 from **Minister Charlie Parker, Department of Energy**, in response to the County’s letter concerning the inclusion of LED streetlights to the Energy Efficient Appliances Regulations.

Council agreed that another letter be sent to the Minister to thank him for his response and to indicate that, until the many assumptions and unknowns are further defined on the LED streetlight conversion project, the Municipality of Colchester will continue to explore other alternatives.

INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the **Building Inspector** for the months of June and July 2013. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Reports received from the **Development Officer** for the months of June and July 2013. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

**Reports from
Councillors Appointed**

Councillor Blair reported that she chaired a Police Advisory Board meeting on July 15. Committee member Roger Miller will be

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**to Outside Boards &
Agencies**

doing a presentation at the next meeting on identity theft which may be beneficial to Council at some time in the future. Attended a County Flood Advisory Committee meeting on July 23rd, the Canada Day parade and ceremonies in Bible Hill, participated in the 60th anniversary lunch and celebrations for the Village of Bible Hill, attended the Economic Development Summit organized by the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, special meetings of Council on July 4th and 25th, the regular monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill, a funding announcement for the Perennia project, the annual general meeting of the NSPE, meeting on a UNSM request for comments on the caucus review and participated in the NSPE parade,

Councillor Masters reported that he had attended two PAC meetings on the review of the Wind Turbine Development By-law, a meeting of the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee, a CoRDA transition meeting, an Executive and Audit Committee meeting, participated in a tour of the NSPE facility and attended a Special Council meeting on August 20th, a meeting of the Executive and Audit Committee with the NSPE Board, and the annual general meeting of the NSPE last evening.

Councillor Stewart reported that he had attended the Economic Development Summit organized by the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, two Special Council meetings, three Joint Library Committee meetings and a tour of the hat factory and the old Normal College, and a Central Nova Tourist Association meeting.

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended the Upper Stewiacke Firemen's annual picnic.

Councillor Gibbs reported that he had attended the Special Council meeting on July 4th, the Flood Advisory Committee meeting on July 23rd, another Special Council meeting on July 25th, the regular Council Committee meeting on August 15th and another Special Council meeting on August 20th regarding the NSPE, and a PAC meeting on July 31st.

Councillor MacKenzie reported that she had attended meetings of the Joint Library Committee, toured both the hat factory and old Normal College, and participated in the NSPE parade.

Councillor Gregory reported that he had participated in the Tatamagouche Tattoo events in July, a fundraiser for the Food Bank, chaired the meeting of the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee, participated in the Waugh's River Walk and the site tour of the NSPE facility.

Councillor Cavanaugh provided an update on County Flood

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Advisory Committee projects.

Councillor MacInnes reported that he had attended the CoRDA annual general meeting, Special Council meetings, the Five Islands Lighthouse Park heritage designation event, a meeting of the Executive Committee on economic development, a meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee, a tour of the NSPE, a CoRDA Board meeting, and the annual general meeting of the NSPE.

Councillor Taggart reported that he had attended the Five Islands Lighthouse Park heritage designation event and a meeting of the Sustainable Practices Committee.

Councillor Parker reported that he had participated in a golf tournament fundraiser, the annual general meeting of the NSPE and Special Council meetings regarding the NSPE.

Mayor Taylor presented his written reports of activities and events he had attended during the months of July and August, a copy of which was circulated in the package for this evening's meeting. He also reported that with a new General Manager, the NSPE made about three times as much money as they did last year from the "Ex" events. With this money, they have been able to pay off all local suppliers.

Closed Session

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting go into closed session at 10:15 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:55 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:57 p.m."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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Sheila Arsenault
Recording Secretary