

January 29, 2015

“That the minutes from the meetings held on November 27 and December 18, 2014, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Business Arising
from Minutes**

Referring to the Hilden Interchange Project, an inquiry was made about whether this project has been tabled. It was agreed that a letter be written to the Town of Truro inquiring about the status of this project.

**Standing Committee
Reports and
Recommendations**

Deputy Mayor Masters presented the reports from the Council Committee meetings held on December 11, 2014 , January 15 and 20, 2015:

Council Committee Report from December 11, 2014

Plains Road / McClures Mills Connector Sidewalk

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves that the construction of the McClures Mills Connector Sidewalk, already in the approved capital budget, be advanced from 2016/17 to 2015/16.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Investment and Internet Banking Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves the current Investment and Internet Banking Policy be repealed; and,

That the amended Investment and Internet Banking Policy be approved as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

FCM Sustainable Communities Conference

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the CAO and Councillor Taggart attend the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in London, Ontario, from February 10-12, 2015.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council Committee Report from January 15, 2015

Royal Canadian Legion Request for Funding

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$500 to the Royal Canadian Legion, for the 52nd Provincial Convention, being held May 15-18, 2015; and,

That source of funds be the 2015/16 Economic Development Grants budget.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

New Position – Recreation Support Clerk

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves the full time position of Recreation Support Clerk and that staff proceed with filling the position in accordance with the County’s Personnel Policies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Small Wind – COMFIT Registration

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves that the Director of Solid Waste be authorized to submit a ‘Small Wind’ application under the COMFIT program on behalf of the Municipality, to secure a position in the queue, should Council decide to proceed with a ‘Small Wind’ project at a future date.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Gibbs opposed)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approve the following resolution, as presented:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Solid Waste, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Colchester, complete a COMFIT Application for a 'small wind' project at the Colchester Waste Management site at Kemptown, Nova Scotia."

Motion Carried.
(*Councillor Gibbs opposed*)

Scholarship Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That Council approves that the Scholarship Program Policy as presented in the Action Item dated January 15, 2015, be approved with the following amendments:

- Under Program Policy, Point 5 – change to Councillor advising staff of their wishes to be part of the school's Selection Committee and staff informing the school; and,
- Under Selection Criteria – remove Point 2."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Changes to the FAC Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That Council approves that the current Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy be repealed; and,

That Council approves that the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy as presented in the Action Item dated January 15, 2015 be approved with the following amendment:

- Change wording under 10a to read "project is completed" instead of "project is approved."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Changes to Sewer Use Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council approves that the current Sewer Use Policy be repealed; and,

That the amended Sewer Use Policy be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Insurance Coverage for Members of Council

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council approves that travel insurance for members of Council, comparable to employee coverage, be acquired.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council Committee Report from January 20, 2015

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

“That Council approves that the funds in the amount of \$50,000, budgeted in 2014/15 for Scotia Pool, be released.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council agreed that release of funds would be subject to receiving a copy of the signed lease agreement between the Scotia Pool Society and the Province.

Executive and Audit Committee – Minutes of January 14, 2015

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Executive and Audit Committee meeting held on January 14, 2015.

Sewer Use Appeals Committee – Minutes of January 14, 2014

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Sewer Use Appeals Committee meeting held on January 14, 2015.

ACTION ITEMS

Taxi By-law First Reading

The CAO advised that the Taxi By-law has been vetted through the Municipal Solicitor. A Taxi Policy dealing with rates and a joint agreement with the Town of Truro will be introduced in conjunction with Second Reading.

Brief discussion was held regarding rates and enforcement. Council was reminded that opportunity for discussion on the merits of the By-law should be done at the time of Second Reading.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council hereby approves First Reading of the Taxi By-law as presented, and recommends it for Second Reading at the February 26, 2015 meeting of Council.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillor Cooper opposed)

Boundary Review

The CAO indicated that an extension has been granted for the deadline on the Boundary Review application. The report has been modified to reflect the wishes of Council which would have only three properties affected by the boundary changes in Districts 7 and 8.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the revision to the polling district boundaries of District 7 and District 8, as presented, for incorporation into the final Boundary Review Study report; and,

That Council directs staff to make an application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for Municipal Electoral Boundary Review.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Meeting Date of Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Presentations

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves Tuesday, March 3, 2015, for the meeting date for Grants to Non-Profit Organizations Presentations.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Council agreed to a meeting start time of 5:30 pm, with supper being provided prior to the meeting at 5:00 pm.

2015 FCM Conference- Edmonton, Alberta

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That, in addition to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillors Taggart,

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Cooper and Cavanaugh be authorized to attend the FCM annual conference being held June 5-8, 2015 in Edmonton, Alberta; and,

That the Chief Administrative Officer also be authorized to attend the 2015 FCM annual conference.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Pre-Purchase of Equipment, Centrifuge Project

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council authorizes the pre purchase of the following specialized equipment for the biosolids facility upgrade project: conveyors from Sansom Equipment at \$171,000 plus taxes, and sludge grinders/pumps and polymer feed system from APS at a cost of \$299,477 plus taxes.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2015 Masters Grand Slam Curling Event

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) and a Host Planning Committee are looking at bringing the 2015 Masters of Curling event to the area. The event, operated by Sportsnet, would bring 15 top men’s and 15 top women’s teams in the world to our region, as well as attract many visitors to the area. There would be media coverage of the curling games as well have coverage throughout the community for the duration of the event from October 27th to November 1st.

The local Host Planning Committee will be responsible for local operating expenses such as marketing, transportation of athletes, hospitality, food and beverages. These expenses are estimated at \$35,000. The Committee is seeking support from the Town of Truro and the Municipality of Colchester, in the amount of \$17,500 each.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves an amount of \$17,500 towards expenses of the Local Host Committee for the 2015 Masters Grand Slam of Curling event, to be hosted at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre; and,

That source of funds be the County’s share of CoRDA funds, currently being held by CoRDA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Equipment Purchase – Rath Eastlink

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) has developed a proposal to invest in equipment that will enable them to better manage

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hosting major concerts and events. The total cost of the capital equipment is \$124,415. The proposal is to request ACOA funding of 50% through their Innovative Communities Fund, with the balance being shared by the two partnering municipalities. The RECC is seeking funding support from the Municipality in the amount of \$31,103.75, plus HST.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves an amount of \$31,103.75 plus HST, for use towards the purchase of equipment necessary to properly host major concerts/events at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) with the source of funds being the Council funds currently held by CoRDA, subject to the capital project being approved for funding and its share of funds being made available by ACOA; and,

That a request be made to CoRDA Interim Board to release an amount of \$31,103.75 plus HST, to the RECC, subject to RECC obtaining approval for the funding of the capital project from ACOA.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Great Village River
Clean-up**

Councillor Taggart expressed concern about the tremendous ice jam in the river in Great Village after the rainfall last Saturday evening.

Ms. Newell, Director of Public Works advised that a site visit with the consultant was carried out. The ice jam is about 2000 feet in length and will be monitored every few days. Councillor Cavanaugh, Chair of the Flood Advisory Committee, advised that the other rivers have been checked for ice jams. The river in Great Village is the one with the most significant jams. Councillor Taggart stated a freshet could cause a repeat of the September flooding event, and if there is another significant rainfall event, we need to be prepared to remove the ice jam.

Financing of such projects was discussed should work need to be carried out and that a decision of Council would be needed on funding. It was indicated that there is currently \$25,000 approved for the Flood Advisory Committee to carry out emergency work. Discussion was held about the Province needing to step up on flooding issues and it was agreed that contact would be made with the MLA to advise them on the situation and request assistance. It was also suggested that the EMO office be contacted.

**Correspondence
ACTION**

**Fred Maybee,
Creamery Square
Associaion**

An email to Councillor Gregory dated December 3, 2014 requesting a donation of \$500 to help with completion of the construction of the Creamery Square Arts Centre.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That a donation in the amount of \$500 be granted to the Creamery Square Arts Centre; and,

That source of fund be from general revenue.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**David Stevenson,
Nova Scotian Electric
Vehicle Highway**

An email to Mayor Taylor and Ramesh Ummat, CAO dated December 8, 2014 requesting to place electric vehicle charging stations in Bass River, Bible Hill and Brookfield.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That the request to place electric vehicle charging stations in Bass River, Bible Hill and Brookfield be referred to staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Glen Porter, Truro
Horsemen’s Club**

A letter to Mayor Taylor dated December 10, 2014 requesting a tax exemption for the Truro Horsemen’s Club.

Brief discussion was held regarding the current status of the Club and whether this type of organization would meet the criteria of the Tax Exemption By-law.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Parker

“That the request for tax exemption from the Truro Horsemen’s Club be referred to staff.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Wyman Mingo,
President, Royal
Canadian Legion
Branch No. 26**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated December 18, 2014, requesting surplus materials from the Salmon River School.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

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“That the fixed assets in the Salmon River School be the responsibility of the contractor selected to carry out the demolition of the building.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Samantha Rafuse,
President, Harmony
Ridge 4-H Club**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated December 19, 2014, requesting stacking tables and chairs from the Salmon River School.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the Harmony Ridge 4-H Club be given stacking tables and chairs in the quantities requested in the correspondence dated December 19, 2014.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was noted that there are a large number of small chairs remaining in the school and it was suggested that these be donated to other places that may have a use for them.

**Lizz Cogan,
Conference
Coordinator for the
Association for
Sustainable Forestry**

A letter to the CAO dated January 26, 2015 requesting funding for the 2015 Woodland Conference.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the request for funding for the 2015 Woodland Conference be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence INFORMATION

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the Building Inspector for the months of November and December 2014. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the Development Officer for the months of November and December 2014. Council agreed to receive these reports for information purposes.

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**UNSM Physician
Recruitment Initiative
Update**

Mayor Taylor provided a brief update on the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. A News Release dated January 8, 2015 introduced a program to keep doctors in Nova Scotia. The program will help to recruit medical doctors to rural areas outside of Capital Health, providing incentives such as tuition rebate of up to \$120,000, provide a work-life balance, and provide opportunity for physicians to work with a collaborate of other doctors in a local learning facility.

A copy of Mayor Taylor's report, the News Release, and the detailed Physician Recruitment and Retention Action Team Report were circulated in the package for this evening's meeting.

Municipal Awareness

Mayor Taylor suggested that it would be a great idea to host an open house in communities throughout the County to make municipal awareness presentations. Any Councillor interested in having something in their community should let staff know.

**Municipal/Provincial
Cost Share Paving**

Councillor MacKenzie indicated that she received a call regarding the paving of Runway Court as well as a two of other J Class roads located in back of the baseball field that may be coming forward next year for paving under the Municipal/Provincial Cost Share Paving program.

Discussion was held regarding the Cost Share Paving with concern being expressed on the need to address repaving of roads and costing. It was suggested that the Province needs to revisit the existing program.

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

Copies of reports from the Mayor and Councillors were circulated with the package or placed on table for this evening's meeting.

RECESS

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

"That the meeting go into closed session at 9:50 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 10:35pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh

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Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:36 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary