

Solicitor

Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That Council waives policy and appoints Patterson Law as the Municipality’s Solicitor for fiscal year 2015-16.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That the minutes from the meeting held on April 30, 2015, be approved as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on April 30, 2015.

Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations

*Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the **Council Committee** meeting held on May 14, 2015:*

Stewiacke Valley/Brookfield 4H Exchange – Funding Request

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$2,000 for the Stewiacke Valley and Brookfield 4H Exchange with source of funds being Grants to Non-Profit as an unbudgeted expense.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Musical Ride Tatamagouche – Request for Funding

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves funding in the amount of \$1,500 for the Musical Ride Tatamagouche with source of funds being Economic Development Grants.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Area Rates and Budget for 2015-16

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That Council approves the 2015-16 Area Rate Budgets as presented.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Palliser Property Source of Funding

Councillor Blair expressed concern regarding usage of the Bible Hill Master Plan Reserve for the purchase and development of the Palliser property. Concerns included:

- Action Item as presented at the May 14, 2015 meeting being incomplete and more information is needed;
- Previous discussions of Council had source of funds for the purchase of the Palliser property being from the Special Operating Reserve;
- Funds in the Bible Hill Master Plan were intended for future development in Bible Hill;
- Need to look at the parameters for setting up the reserve;
- The way the motion currently reads includes the development of the Palliser property which would deplete the funds in the Bible Hill Master Plan Reserve;

A question was also raised regarding the future of the Bible Hill Master Plan and if this fund would become redundant.

Discussion was held regarding the best use of the funds at the present time and the funds in the Bible Hill Master Plan could be replenished in the future.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council approves that the Bible Hill Master Plan Reserve Fund be utilized for the purchase and development of the Palliser Property.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Blair, MacKenzie and Parker opposed)

Rath Eastlink Community Centre Operating Board Structure

Brief discussion was held on the Town of Truro’s approval of an additional position on the Board. A question was raised regarding the need to ratify the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) if the additional positions are approved. Mr. Ramesh

Ummat, CAO, indicated that if the positions are approved, an amendment to the MOU would be required to reflect the change from a 10 member board to 12 members.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the creation of an additional Community Representative position on the Rath Eastlink Community Centre Board of Directors and that a suitable community member be nominated to the position.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Small Wind Turbines Under CoMFIT Project

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves the installation of two 50 KW wind turbines at the Kemptown Balefill Facility property under the Community Feed-In Tariff (CoMFIT) Small Wind Turbines Program; and

That the source of funds be internal, either from the Gas Tax Revenue or Reserves, with the final composition of which will be included either in the capital budget or determined by a future motion of Council.”

Motion Carried.
(Councillors Stewart, Gibbs and Parker opposed)

*Deputy Mayor Masters presented the report from the **Nominating Committee** meeting held earlier this evening, prior to the Council session:*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Stewart

“That Council reappoints John Keldermen to serve on the RECC Board for a term of three years; and,

That Council appoints Dwayne Boudreau to serve on the RECC Board for a term of three years.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

**Flood Advisory
Committee Projects**

At this point, Mayor Taylor welcomed MLA Lenore Zann to the meeting. Ms. Zann was invited to the meeting for discussions relating to the Flood and Joint Flood Advisory Committees.

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that the Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) met on May 19, 2015 to discuss flood projects for 2015. The total approved budget for 2015/16 is \$150,000 with 85% of this currently committed.

The FAC also discussed possible external funding programs including the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program and the National Disaster Mitigation Program. Each of the programs would cover 50% of project costs with deadlines for applications under these programs being May 29 and June 15 respectively. Applications under these programs require a motion of Council indicating support for the project.

Three possible projects that could fall under these funding programs were discussed by FAC:

- Great Village River Flood Risk Study - estimated cost of \$60,000. This project would fall under the National Disaster Mitigation Program;
- Debert River Flood Risk Study – estimated cost of \$60,000. This project would also fall under the National Disaster Mitigation Program; and,
- Great Village River Channel Improvements – estimated cost of \$100,000, plus DFO approval of approximately \$10,000, plus additional monitoring costs. This project would qualify under the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program.

If Council approves funding for these projects and subject to funding application approvals, the total commitment of Council would be \$115,000 excluding taxes.

Brief discussion was held on the scope of the projects. A question was raised about whether a letter of credit would be required for any of the projects. Ms. Newell indicated that it is not known at this point, however, if a letter of credit is required for any of the work, it would have to come back to Council for consideration. Possible funding sources were also discussed, including Gas Tax and Build Canada Funding.

Moved by Councillor Cavanaugh
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

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“That Council approves a commitment of \$115,000 (excluding taxes) to fund the Great Village River Flood Risk Study, the Debert River Flood Risk Study, and the Great Village River Channel Improvement Project with source of funding being Special Operating Reserve; and,

That staff be authorized to make applications to the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program for the Great Village River Channel Improvement Project, and to the National Disaster Mitigation Program for the two Flood Risk Studies.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The recent provincial cuts in funding for flood mitigation work was discussed. MLA Lenore Zann talked briefly about the commitments of the previous government and honouring these commitments to communities. She indicated that the House is not sitting right now but she could bring this up in the Fall and would copy any response to the Municipality.

Joint Flood Advisory Committee Projects

Ms. Michelle Newell advised that the Joint Flood Advisory Committee (JFAC) met on May 26, 2015. The Committee passed motions in support of two flood mitigation projects, plus consulting fees. JFAC has no spending authority so any expenses require Council approval.

The projects receiving support of the JFAC include the McClures Brook Drainage Improvements at a cost of \$300,000 and a Pilot Project – Best Management Practices at a cost of \$200,000. Additionally, the JFAC approved the submissions of funding applications for these projects under the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program and the National Disaster Mitigation Program respectively. With approved funding applications, the projects would receive 50% funding and the remaining costs would be shared 50/50 between the Town and County, a \$125,000 commitment from each.

Discussion was held on the merits of the projects, funding sources and the status of the Major Flood Reserve Fund, which is currently in a deficit of \$40,000.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves to proceed with the McClures Brook Drainage Improvements Project and the Pilot Project – Best Management Practices, as outlined in the Action Item as

presented; and,

That the source of funds be determined at a future meeting.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillor Taggart opposed)

**First Reading –
Amendments to the
Central Colchester
Municipal Planning
Strategy and Land Use
By-law**

Amendments are being proposed to the Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB). These amendments would apply to the MPS Section 4.2 Growth Centres, Section 4.5.3 Highway Commercial/Light Industrial (C-2) and the LUB Section 9.2 Mini Home (frontage requirements).

Moved by Councillor MacInnes

Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves, at First Reading, the amended Central Colchester Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, as presented, for purposes of forwarding this document to a Public Hearing reserving consideration of the amendment until Second Reading following the Public Hearing.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Truro Heights Pedestrian
Bridge – Authority for
June Council Committee
to Approve**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters

Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council authorizes Council Committee to award the construction tender for the pedestrian overpass which forms part of the Truro Heights Connector Sidewalk Project.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tender Award –
Centrifuge Project**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters

Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council approves the award of the Biosolids Dewatering Facility Upgrades to Filtrum Construction Inc. for a contract amount of \$514,700 excluding taxes and that an internal construction contingency of \$90,000 be carried, to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Tender Award – Hilden
Sidewalk**

Moved by Councillor Stewart

Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That Council approves the award of the Hilden Sidewalk Tender to

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Atlantic Road Construction and Paving for a contract amount of \$255,180 excluding taxes and that an internal construction contingency of \$30,000 be carried, to be spent only on authority of the Director of Public Works.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Paving Petition – MacLand Drive Onslow

Ms. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, advised that at the November 2014 Council meeting, Council agreed to put forth MacLand Drive for paving under the Provincial-Municipal Agreement for Cost Shared Paving of J Class Streets. On May 8, 2015, Council received notification from the province that it was approved for paving in the summer of 2015. The County has a June 5th deadline to confirm if this project should proceed.

An Open House was held on May 27, 2015. The percentage of property owners not in favour of the project exceeds 35%; therefore the petition does not meet the 66% approval requirement.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That Council approves not proceeding with the paving of MacLand Drive under the Provincial-Municipal Agreement for Cost Shared Paving of J-Class Streets and that the Province be advised accordingly.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

With the paving project for MacLand Drive not proceeding, Councillor MacKenzie inquired about the possibility of swapping with Hillvale/Hillridge/McCallum Drives, pending a successful petition process. The Director of Public Works advised that she would make an inquiry about this.

Chantilly Drainage

Ms. Newell advised that staff have received a number of calls concerning poor drainage and ponding of water around Chantilly Lane in Truro Heights. This has been on-going for a number of years and staff is seeking direction from Council on how to proceed. The water issues are in the area of Chantilly Lane and Rosalind Drive. Both of these roads are provincially owned. Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) is aware of the drainage issues but to date have made no effort to correct the matter.

Estimated costs to help alleviate conditions would be quite high, in excess of \$80,000. Additionally, a large portion of the land that the

ditch crosses is owned by an estate, which may be a complication in gaining permission to access the land. The property is also un-assessed and no taxes are collected by the County.

Concerns were expressed regarding the residents being affected by this through no fault of their own. It is a case where the Province is not willing to correct the issue and the County may have to step up to assist the residents.

Discussion was held regarding possible solutions to the drainage issue. The short term directive is to approach TIR regarding addressing the issue or to contribute to the costs and to make a request to the Director of Assessment that the property that is currently un-assessed, be added to the assessment roll.

Debert Airport Funding

Councillor MacInnes indicated that he has been informed by MP Scott Armstrong that funding is available for smaller projects relating to airports and suggested that staff look into this funding for the Debert Airport.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters

“That staff investigate available funding programs for airport improvements including fencing, paving, and runway extension.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

91 Coldstream Drive

Councillor MacKenzie advised that a resident at 91 Coldstream Drive is irate about the damaged condition of his front lawn caused by salt from sidewalk plowing. The resident is willing to reseed the damaged area on the lawn and do the work himself but would like the County to provide the topsoil.

Brief discussion was held regarding the harsh winter conditions as well as the ownership of the damaged lawn actually being that of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. It was suggested that in future, sand be used in place of salt. Ms. Newell, Director of Public Works indicated that it is still early in the season and with improved weather conditions, the lawn area may improve. If it does not improve, the County would consider fixing it in the fall.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Blair

“That the County provide topsoil to Mr. Wathen Piers at 91 Coldstream Drive to remedy the area of the lawn damaged by salt from the sidewalk plow.”

Motion Defeated.

(Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Masters, Councillors Stewart, Cooper, Gregory, Cavanaugh, MacInnes, Taggart and Parker opposed)

Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

Councillor Taggart reported briefly on the recent Business and Economic Development Advisory Committee (BEDAC) meeting, specifically regarding strategic plan initiatives and improvements to the County's website. The strategic plan outlines the need for enhancements to the existing website as well as the need for social media. It was requested that IT staff assist the Economic Development Officer with the development of the website and implementing social media to aid in the BEDAC strategic plan.

Mr. Ramesh Ummat, CAO indicated web development is done externally through the AMA website venture. Internally, each department is responsible for maintaining the website. There is not one person designated to the website.

Mr. Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services, advised that these initiatives can be done in-house and staff are in the process of working on social media.

Correspondence - ACTION**Pam Macintosh, Planner**

A memo from Pam Macintosh dated May 4, 2015 regarding an application form requesting rezoning of a property owned by L.V. Hanes Investments Ltd.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

"That the memo from Pam Macintosh regarding an application form requesting rezoning of a property owned by L.V. Hanes Investments Ltd be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Pam Macintosh, Planner

A memo from Pam Macintosh dated May 5, 2015 regarding an application form requesting rezoning of a portion of a property owned by 3278699 NS Ltd. in Tatamagouche.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

"That the memo from Pam Macintosh regarding an application form

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requesting rezoning of a portion of a property owned by 3278699 NS Ltd. in Tatamagouche be referred to the Tatamagouche Planning Advisory Committee.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Mayor Wendy Robinson,
Town of Stewiacke**

A letter to the Mayor and Council dated May 4, 2015 concerning a meeting with the Towns of Stewiacke and Truro regarding regional economic development.

Moved by Councillor Cooper
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That the letter from Mayor Robinson, Town of Stewiacke, concerning a meeting with the Towns of Stewiacke and Truro regarding regional economic development be received for information.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming meeting with some Council members expressing interest in attending the meeting in Stewiacke.

**Andrew Lake, President,
Truro and Colchester
Chamber of Commerce**

A letter to the Mayor dated May 5, 2015 requesting County support on a greater Colchester partnership for regional economic development.

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That a letter be written to Andrew Lake, President of the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce, advising that Colchester County is working on a regional approach to economic development.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Craig Burgess, Manager
of Recreation Services**

An email from Craig Burgess dated May 8, 2015 regarding a proclamation for Bike Week.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

“That Council approves that June 5 – 14, 2015 be proclaimed Bike Week.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Michelle Ferris,
Organization & Outreach
Director, Tatamagouche
Centre**

A letter to Colchester Municipal Council regarding the Festimagouche Economic Development Grant application.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

“That the request from Michelle Ferris for an Economic Development Grant for the Festimagouche event be referred to Council Committee.”

Motion Carried.

(Councillors Stewart, Cooper, Parker, Taggart, and Gibbs opposed)

**Correspondence -
INFORMATION**

Building Inspector

A copy of the Building Permit Statistics received from the Building Inspector for the month of April 2015. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

Development Officer

A copy of the Development Activity Report received from the Development Officer for the month of April 2015. Council agreed to receive the report for information purposes.

Elections Canada

Information regarding involving and educating youth on the political system. Council agreed to receive for information purposes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**Harmony Heights
Crossing Guard**

Councillor Gibbs provided Council with an update regarding the recent request for a Crossing Guard at Harmony Heights. The parent putting in the request for a crossing guard for the area is moving from the immediate area and will be driving her children to school in future. Back in 2008, another parent had put forth the same request and at that time, there was not enough interest from the public to pursue. At this time, there are no other requests and until such time formal concerns are brought forward, Councillor Gibbs suggested the County not proceed further with this.

CNTA Award

At the CNTA Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony, the Five Islands Lighthouse Park was awarded the 2014 Attraction of the Year. A plaque was received and will be placed at the Lighthouse during the summer season and returned to the Municipal Office during off season. Discussion was held about

having larger signage for permanent display at the Park.

Councillor Taggart took an opportunity to acknowledge a former Councillor, Doug Cooke, who was instrumental in getting the Five Islands Lighthouse Park started.

**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 Councillor Cavanaugh

"That the meeting go into closed session at 10:47 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor MacInnes

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:05 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Operations on
Contaminated Soil**

Moved by Councillor MacInnes
Seconded by Councillor Cavanaugh

"That Council waives policy and authorizes the CAO and Mayor to sign a 'Letter of Intent', the purpose of which is to express the intent of the Municipality to enter into a binding agreement with Atlantic Soils and Associated Management Limited, for them to assume operation of the contaminated soil remediation facility at Kemptown under a five year contract identical to the agreement previously held between the Municipality and Tervita."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:06 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary