

SPECIAL COUNCIL

A Special Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars, on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair, Chair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Bill Masters	District 2
Deputy Mayor 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 Bob Pash	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

Regrets

Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Staff Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corp. Services/Acting Director of Solid Waste
 Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development
 Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
 Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Devin Trefry, Research, Policy, and Community Engagement Officer
 Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager
 Tim Smith, Manager of Information Services

Due to a directive by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing pursuant to the provincial State of Emergency related to COVID-19, all Colchester Council meetings must be held remotely by teleconference or on a virtual platform. In order to ensure transparency and honour the commitment for Colchester Council to conduct its business in public, these draft minutes are being posted within twenty-four hours of the meeting. They will not be reviewed and approved until the next regularly scheduled meeting of Colchester Council on May 28, 2020. Until these minutes are formally approved by Colchester Council, they cannot be relied on as an official record of the May 21, 2020 Special Council meeting.

Covid-19 Update

Rob Simonds, CAO, presented an overview of initiatives being taken or considered with regards to Covid-19 and the reopening of County offices. Weekly extended management meetings are ongoing, and staff are continuing to modify work practices as well as create and revise policies with regards to Covid-19.

A committee has been formed to look at how the Municipality will reopen in a safe and functional way for both staff and the public. Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of topics being discussed at the committee meetings including looking at employee workspace setups, review of our disinfection process, discussion with the Courts on their

reopening and the lead time we will have to implement any changes necessary.

Community Relief Initiatives Update

Mr. Simonds provided an update on the clean-up from the Dangerous and Unightly report that was filed stating that the work is almost complete. The Municipality continues to receive condolences and donations for the families involved.

Funds

Discussion was held on the donations being received by the Municipality for the victim's families including what program they will go to and how we handle them in the meantime.

Moved by Councillor Taggart
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Stewart

"That any donations received by the Municipality for the tragedy of April 18th and 19th go to the Nova Scotia Remembers Legacy Fund, and;

That the Municipality be prepared to hold these funds until such a time that the foundation is fully operational."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Recreation Services – Jays Care Foundation Donation Information Item

Craig Burgess, Recreation Manager, advised Council of a donation from the Jays Care Foundation and the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation of \$12,500 to purchase books for children in the West Colchester area. Recreation staff has ordered the books and has been in contact with schools in the area regarding the number of children in each school as well as the method of distribution of the books once they arrive.

Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Pash
Seconded by Councillor Boutilier

"That the meeting go into closed session at 7:03 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 7:22 pm"

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the meeting adjourn at 7:24 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary