

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Special Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 5:45 pm.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, Mayor Blair began by acknowledging that the Municipality of Colchester is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair, Chair	
Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Laurie Sandeson	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4 (arrived at 5:52 pm)
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Victoria Lomond	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Staff Present

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer
 Devin Trefry, Research, Policy, and Community Engagement Officer
 Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor
 Tracey Venno, Recording Secretary

The purpose of this Special Session of Council is to consider adoption of a Council Virtual Meetings Policy.

Council Virtual Meetings Policy

Referring to discussion held at the March 10th Committee meeting, Devin Trefry, Research, Policy, and Community Engagement Officer, reiterated the time sensitivities in having a Policy in place before the Provincial State of Emergency is lifted so as to allow Council the ability to meet virtually, should they wish to do so.

The draft Policy was presented in detail on March 10th and a brief overview of the amendments, as recommended by Council Committee was provided, as well as a couple other minor amendments as suggested by the Municipal Solicitor. Mr. Trefry noted one minor correction to the Policy in section 9(3)(b), wording by videoconference should read virtually.

Additional amendments were also discussed on March 10th relative to having flexibility around the number times Council members are permitted to attend meetings virtually, and the inclusion of other committees of Council within the Policy. If approved this evening, these further amendments will be brought back for Council consideration at a meeting in the near future.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Cooper arrived.

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie and seconded by Councillor Gregory

“That Council adopts the Council Virtual Meetings Policy, as presented.”
 Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Johnson

“That the meeting adjourn at 5:54 pm.” Carried unanimously.

Tracey Veno
Recording Secretary