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1. Call to Order

Mayor George Lloy called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. Attendance

Present:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors:

Pam Osborne

Suzanne Lutz

Susan Creelman

Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Chad Ramsey – via Teams (out 7:23, in 7:24, out 7:26, in 7:27 but could not hear,

Out 7:29, in 7:31, out 7:32)

Staff:

Greg Brown, CAO

Leah Bennett

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for October 26th, 2023 – Council Meeting
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for September 28th, 2023 – Council Meeting

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6. Announcements / Proclamations

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7. Presentations

a. Impact Canada Municipal Food Waste Program

Jacob Hanlon presented a power point presentation on the trial Municipal Food Waste Program.

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

a. JRTA – Municipal Working Group – June 7, 2023

Will bring to Committee of the Whole in November

b. NSFM – Rural Cell Phone Coverage

Requested to pass along to Council for information purposes, we don't seem to have an issue here.

9. Business

a. Destination Marketing Organization – Memorandum of Understanding

CAO Brown reviewed the origin, recommendation, background, discussion, implications, options and attachments of the Request for Decision.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Creelman:

I so move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality of the County of Colchester, the Town of Truro, the Town of Stewiacke and Millbrook First Nation for the purpose of collaborating on the development, implementation and monitoring of a regional tourism and marketing and development strategy and the development of recommendations regarding the formation of a Destination Marketing Organization for the Colchester Region.

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b. Municipal Planning Strategy

CAO Brown reviewed the origin, recommendation, background, discussion, implications, options, communications and attachments of the Request for Decision.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to request the Planning Advisory Committee and staff to formally resume the Municipal Planning Strategy Review including the Land Use By-law and Subdivision By-law, incorporating public and stakeholder engagement, with the first draft due June 2024 and a final draft by January 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(6 present)**

c. Tender – Residential Waste, Recycling & Organics Collection Tender

CAO Brown reviewed the origin, recommendation, background, discussion, implications, options, communications and attachments of the Request for Decision.

There were concerns regarding public knowledge about:

- the cost increase
- Newsletter regarding sorting
- Advertise costs to increase awareness of smarter recycling
- Trucks have to back up due to lack of turn around space

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to award the Residential Waste, Recycling & Organics Collection Tender to low bidder Royal Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$672,303.98 (exclusive of HST) for a five year period commencing November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2028.

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d. Tax Sale – 50 St Andrews St

CAO Brown reviewed the origin, recommendation, background, discussion, implications, options and communications.

- Want to ensure that it is well advertised that the lot is buildable.

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to approve a reduction in the minimum required bid to sell 50 St Andrews St to \$20,000 and that a third Property Tax Sale by Tender be scheduled for the subject property.

Discussion only regarding Committees:

- CAO Brown asked if we would like to discuss committee vacancies. Should we advertise now or wait?
- Councillor Osborne suggested By-law and Policy first then bring to Council.
- Councillor Creelman stated that Terms of Reference will be on Agenda for Committee of the Whole

10. By-laws and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

- 18 Oct - Attended the Women in Business Breakfast in Truro sponsored by the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce
Attended initial Audit Committee session for Town of Stewiacke
Chaired Planning & Advisory Committee
- 19 Oct - Attended Small Business Awards in Truro, sponsored by the Truro & Colchester Business of Commerce & presented to recipient Natalie Jess-Fiene from the Truro Forest School on behalf of the Town of Stewiacke

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- 23 Oct - Attended Business Breakfast in Stewiacke sponsored by the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce and provided opening remarks
- 24 Oct - I took part in NSEMO Preparedness Workshop with Colchester, Cumberland & East Hants at the RATH in Truro
- 25 Oct - Met with Mayor Blair in Truro

Weekly Monday meeting & briefing with Mr. Brown

Deputy Mayor Report

- Attended Trivia Night – we beat Colchester County
- Chamber of Commerce Small Business Awards
- Fire Department Community Center Dance
- Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
- Met with CAO

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz – nothing

Councillor Ramsey – nothing

Councillor Osborne –

Want to thank the Mayor for checking on me while I was off with Covid

Attended many of the functions with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Christmas Tree for Boston – 10am Nov 15th at Betty Gourley's, everyone is welcome

Councillor Rogers-Laing – nothing

Councillor Creelman –

Other than meetings with regular committees, attended the Chamber's AGM and Mayors & Chief's Breakfast, EMO Preparedness, Truro Fire Hall with NS Tourism on helping to promote our area in fall and winter.

Working with Erin on the United Way's Day of Caring 2 June 2023



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14. In-Camera Session

a. Personnel

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Councillor Ramsey:
I so move to go 'In-camera' at 9:26pm

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Osborne:
I so move to come out of 'In-camera' at 10:06pm

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration
NIL

16. Adjournment called at 7:46pm

Read and approved this 25 day of January, 2023²⁰²⁴



Mayor

CAO