

- **COUNCIL BRIEFS** -
County of Annapolis Council session – August 17, 2010

Five-Year Capital Plan

Five-Year Capital Plan Program 2011/12 - 2014-15 - Municipal Council approved, in principle, years two through five of the proposed five-year Capital Program. The Five-Year Capital Program includes provision for the various Capital-oriented recommendations of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). (10 in favour, 1 nay)

Recreation Master Plan

Recreation Master Plan – Municipal Council directed the Manager of Recreation to work on creating key components of the plan internally based on priorities; move forward with the community recreation engagement process in Nictaux; and conduct similar community recreation engagement processes in every municipal district. It was agreed not to spend \$50,000 on developing a Recreation Master Plan but, rather, spend it on implementing findings of the available studies.

Noxious Weed in Annapolis County

Noxious Weeds – Council received a request to address noxious and dangerous weeds in the county. Municipal Council agreed a letter be sent to the Department of Agriculture informing that this is an issue in Annapolis County and that they provide public education on the matter.

Canadian Wildlife Service

Canadian Wildlife Service – Council received a request of exemption to the S5 Orderly and Peaceful Conduct bylaw in order to conduct airboat banding of waterfowl at Belleisle Marsh in September for one hour on two, consecutive nights, suggesting September 10 and 11 (Friday and Saturday). Municipal Council approved to grant a one-time exemption to S5 Orderly & Peaceful Conduct Bylaw to the Canadian Wildlife Service in order for them to conduct airboat banding of waterfowl at Belleisle Marsh for one hour each night of September 10 and 11, 2010.

Amendment of Policies:

Amend Policy AM 1.2.2 Standing, Special & Advisory Committees (Committee Structure) - Municipal Council approved elimination of the Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Municipal Services (Priorities & Planning) Committee with the understanding that the Committee of the Whole will assume their responsibilities; and to eliminate the Environmental Advisory Committee and Employment Equity Committee which have been dormant for more than five years.

Amend Policy AM 1.2.1 Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses - Municipal Council approved an amendment to AM-1.2.1 Remuneration Allowances and Expenses Policy to delete Subsection 7.8 which reads ‘The annual honorarium for the Chair of each of the Executive, Finance, Priorities & Planning, and Heritage Advisory Committees shall be \$600’.

Wellness Centre, Cornwallis Park

Contracts Not Renewed Re Use of Wellness Centre – Municipal Council agreed not to renew the contracts of the two groups using the wellness facility. The contracts expire on August 31st. This will allow the County to turn off the lights and reduce the temperature on the heat exchangers. The water will be kept in the pool as the cost of lost chemicals by draining it would be very expensive. It is estimated this partial shutdown will reduce operating costs to the County by a minimum of \$3,000 per month. After much discussion, Council's decision was based on the lack of funding commitment shown to date from the provincial and federal government.

Cottage Cove (Fisheries & Oceans [DFO] Canada divestment of wharf)

Public Information Session – A public information session has been tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 15th, 7:00 p.m. at the Port George Recreation Centre** (pending on availability) to discuss DFO's divestment of the Cottage Cove Wharf and the role the Municipality of the County of Annapolis has been asked to consider. Confirmation of the date, time and location of the public information session will be advertised in the local newspaper, as well as posted on the County of Annapolis website (www.annapoliscounty.ns.ca).