Rath Eastlink Community Centre

9:00 AM April 27, 2026
Colchester Council Chambers

Members Present:	Cathy Hinton, Mayor, Town of Truro Tim Johnson, Councillor, Municipality of Colchester Al Kennedy, Councillor, Municipality of Colchester (arrived late) Deb Pryor, Councillor, Town of Truro Bill Thomas, Deputy Mayor, Town of Truro Paul Weatherby, Councillor, Municipality of Colchester
Staff Present:	Dan Troke, CAO, Municipality of Colchester Mike Dolter, CAO, Town of Truro (left early) Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary, Municipality of Colchester
Regrets:	None.
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order by Tim Johnson, Chair.
Approval of Agenda:	Add Capital Building Upgrades as item 8(b). **Moved by Cathy Hinton** **Seconded by Bill Thomas** **"That the agenda be approved as amended".** **Motion Carried.**
Approval of Minutes:	Minutes from the March 24th meeting were circulated in the package. **Moved by Paul Weatherby** **Seconded by Bill Thomas** **"That the minutes be approved as presented".** **Motion Carried.** At this point in the meeting, Al arrives.
Interim CEO Update:	Interim CEO Joel Dawe provided an update to the Board. Highlights included: - Although the crowds haven't been as large as they hoped, the facility has been busy supporting the Bearcats on their playoff run. They recently held a player meet and greet as well as a

watch party. The Bearcats have a chance to secure the championship tonight.
- Programming is doing well including swim lessons, kids night out, group fitness classes. The facility recently won an award for their "Swim to Survive" classes for grade three's.
- Ice will be removed on May 4th. Ball hockey, graduations, a wedding reception and day camps will all be using the space while the ice is out.
- The Interim CEO had a building tour to identify capital repair items with the Board Chair.
- Worked on draft budget.
- Continued to review policies and procedures.

Engineering RFP Update:

Mike Dolter spoke to this item stating that eight submissions were received from the RFP. The top two submissions were close in scoring and Mike feels either company would do a good job. Tim asked for a recommendation to Council on who to award the RFP to.

Moved by Cathy Hinton
Seconded by Paul Weatherby

"That the Board recommend to the Municipal Councils that Eastpoint be awarded the RFP.

Motion Carried.

Letter to Department of Agriculture:

Tim Johnsons read an undated letter from the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board (FLB) telling the Society to vacate the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds by May 15th and to terminate all subleases. Dan states that the end date will actually be May 29th as 30 days notice is required.

Removal of the Society's items began last weekend however, the bleachers purchased with ACOA grant money have been locked by someone else and we will need to speak with FLB to have them released.

Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Al Kennedy

"That a letter be written to the Farm Loan Board informing them we will be advising tenants to be offsite by May 29h.

Motion Carried.

Policies:

Tim Johnson expressed concerns over the lack of policies and procedures the Society has. Joel has started going through the employee handbook and thinks some of these policies could be used with a little tweaking. Other policies, like a Procurement Policy, will need to be implemented.

Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Cathy Hinton

"That a sub committee be formed, comprised of Al, Bill and the Interim CEO and a policy writer to put together a set of policies and being them back to the Board for review".

Motion Carried.

Advertising (Parking Lot Trailer): Discussion was held on the trailer facing the Highway 102 and if we could get someone to advertise on it. Joel asked if the Board wanted anything specific for the kind of business. The Board agreed to allow RECC staff to make the decision.

Moved by Al Kennedy
Seconded by Paul Weatherby

"That RECC staff be directed to find advertising for the trailer in the parking lot".

Motion Carried.

Capital Building Upgrades: Interim CEO Joel Dawe presented the Board with a document highlighting the outstanding building repairs. Most of these issues were known about and most are fairly urgent to complete. Some of the upgrades/repairs include: multistack/HVAC, pool dehumidification unit, ice plant, roof leak, flashing around skylights, pool area wall, pool locker room floor and showers. Arena seating and bords, parking lot repairs and an elevator upgrade.

Monthly Meeting Dates: Paul suggested we pick a set time for Board meetings and we stick to it for 6 months to see if it works. The location could rotate.

Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Al Kennedy

"That the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am be the set time for Board meetings for the next six months".

Motion Carried.

In Camera:

Moved by Cathy Hinton
Seconded by Al Kennedy

"That the meeting go into closed session at 10:22 am".

Motion Carried.

Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Al Kennedy

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 1:23 pm”.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Cathy Hinton

“That the meeting adjourn at 1:24 pm”.

Motion Carried.

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Tim Johnson, Chair Date

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Recording Secretary Date