

Rath Eastlink Community Centre

**9:00 AM May 21, 2026
Colchester Council Chambers**

Members Present:

Cathy Hinton, Mayor, Town of Truro
Tim Johnson, Councillor, Municipality of Colchester
Al Kennedy, Councillor, Municipality of Colchester
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
Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary, Municipality of Colchester
Joel Dawe, Interim CEO

Regrets:

None.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Tim Johnson, Chair.

Approval of Agenda:

**Moved by Al Kennedy
Seconded by Cathy Hinton**

“That the agenda be approved as presented”.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the April 27th meeting were circulated in the package.

**Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Bill Thomas**

“That the minutes be approved as presented”.

Motion Carried.

Interim CEO Update:

Joel presented his update to the Board. First he wanted to congratulate the Bearcats on their season. Lots of activity going on at the facility

- The ice in the arena has been taken out and the facility is planning for two graduations and a safe grad. Other dry floor rentals for the summer include laser tag and ball hockey.
- A national lifeguard course is taking place next month. The Centurions have a tournament this weekend.

- The school in-service day in April was full and staff are finalizing day camps.
- The May membership promotional campaign generated a good response.
- Preventative maintenance and equipment servicing has begun.

Paul asked for an update on the trailer in the parking lot. Joel stated that staff are working on this and have generated some good leads.

Policy Update:

Al and Bill have gone through the policy booklet, line by line, focusing on what is good for the RECC. Anything not pertaining to RECC was removed and some grammatical errors were fixed. Overall, the document was quite well written. The next step would be for the Board to review the document and sign off.

Cheque Signing:

With Brad off, Paul has been working with Jenn. Things are going well, cheques are signed every two weeks.

Engineering RFP Update:

East Point Engineering was the recommended RFP bidder by staff and the Board has endorsed this decision. Truro Council has already approved the decision, and Colchester Council will make a decision at their meeting next week.

2028 Women's Worlds Curling:

The Municipalities have both sent letters of support for the RECC to host this event. Staff have been working with Central Nova Scotia Tourism Development on the application. The bid is due at the end of the month.

In Camera:

**Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Al Kennedy**

"That the meeting go into closed session at 9:17 am".

Motion Carried.

**Moved by Al Kennedy
Seconded by Cathy Hinton**

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:39 am".

Motion Carried.

**Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Bill Thomas**

"That the 2026/27 Operating Budget be approved as presented in Closed Session".

Motion Carried.

Moved by Al Kennedy

Seconded by Cathy Hinton

“That the CAO’s be given direction to move forward with pre-audit services as discussed in closed session”.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Cathy Hinton

“That the meeting adjourn at 11:40 am”.

Motion Carried.

Tim Johnson, Chair

Date

Recording Secretary

Date