

Rath Eastlink Community Centre

**9:00 AM August 11, 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 at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda:

Add Elevator Quote as item 9(b).

Moved by Al Kennedy

Seconded by Paul Weatherby

“That the agenda be approved as amended”.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the July 15th meeting were circulated in the package.

Moved by Al Kennedy

Seconded by Paul Weatherby

“That the minutes be approved as presented”.

Motion Carried.

GM Report:

Interim GM Joel Dawe presented his report to the Board. Highlights included:

- The pool will be closed for annual maintenance from August 31 – September 4.
- There are three more weeks of day camp remaining. So far the camps have been full to capacity each week.

- Planning is underway for Fall programming, which runs from August 31 – December 20.
- A Christmas in July mom's market was held on July 25 and has generated requests for additional craft fairs so two more are planned for this year.
- Cimco is at the facility this morning for the ice plant start up. Painting of the ice will happen next week. The first ice rental is booked for August 24.
- East Point Engineering was on site with a full crew on July 21. Structural, mechanical, architectural and electrical assessments were completed. The draft report is expected mid-August, which gives staff time to comment before the final version is ready mid to late-September.
- Repairs and maintenance are currently taking place, including: the snow pit coil is expected to be completed early next week; the arena seating has been ordered and should arrive in 7-8 weeks; the chemical feed tank has been installed and glycol is being added to the system; arena floor tiles have arrived and installation will start this week; the multistack compressor has been replaced and the oil has been changed in the other seven compressors; the Zamboni hot water tank is being installed this morning.
- Two operators was hired, but one left after a week.

Co-signer for Gym Equipment Lease:

The RECC is in the process of leasing various gym equipment including: 4 treadmills, 4 rowers, 4 skiers, 8 spin bikes and 4 squat racks. Due to the cost, the facility will need one of the municipal partners to co-sign for the equipment.

Moved by Al Kennedy

Seconded by Paul Weatherby

"That the Board approve the leasing of the gym equipment as discussed, with the Town of Truro as co-signers".

Motion Carried.

Facility Equipment Updates:

Generator – the RECC is currently looking at quotes to have this installed. It will be ready for Fall.

John Deere Gator – this is something that is no longer needed and could be sold. It is a 2-13, probably worth between \$4,000-\$6,000. Mike stated that the Town may be interested in purchasing it. He will look into it and bring an answer back.

Sea cans – the facility currently owns 12 sea cans, six of which are more specialized and set up for things like food service, and six that are being used as storage or are currently empty. It was decided to wait until the new GM is hired to see what they would like to do them.

Rustic table – a table valued at approximately \$17,000 that was made for the restaurant at the exhibition grounds is currently in storage. After discussion it was decided to also wait until the new GM is hired to make a decision on this item.

**Update on RECC Employee
Commentary Policy:**

Traeger smoker/BBQ – this item was purchased to use at the exhibition grounds and is now missing. Tim will send a letter to the province to see if they know where it is.

Joel received some questions from staff that were forwarded to a lawyer for response. The answers were sent to management to speak with their staff and the policy is now being rolled out.

Facility Inspection Update:

This item was covered under the GM Report.

RECC Exterior Property Maintenance:

Tim spoke on some of the issues noted around the property's exterior: dead trees, long grass in the ditches and around trees, the parking lot needs patching and line painting, the abandoned shed needs work. The Town did a report on the trees and what it would cost to replace the damaged ones and plant some more. The cost was approximately \$21,000. One of the concerns expressed was that the tree damage was partly due to the way the maintenance was being done and partly from patrons driving on the lawn.

Elevator Quote:

At a previous meeting, elevator repairs and pricing were discussed. The cost for repairs have increased since the quote was received.

Moved by Paul Weatherby
Seconded by Al Kennedy

"That the overages for the elevator repair be approved".

Motion Carried.

In Camera:

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

"That the meeting go in camera at 9:36 am".

Motion carried.

**Moved by Bill Thomas
Seconded by Al Kennedy**

"That the meeting reconvene in open session at 11:00 am".

Motion Carried.

**Moved by Cathy Hinton
Seconded by Deb Pryor**

“That the Board recommends the GM position be offered as discussed in closed session”.

Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th.

Adjournment

Moved by Paul Weatherby

“That the meeting adjourn at 11:03 am”.

Motion Carried.

Tim Johnson, Chair

Date

Recording Secretary

Date