

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Meeting
Tuesday April 10, 2012**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on Tuesday April 10, 2012 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden David Clark	Deputy Warden Michael Mosher
Councilor James Harpell	Councilor Jacqueline Dort
Councilor Donald Dunbar	Councilor Kevin Pye
Councilor Shelly Bowen	Adam Rodgers, Solicitor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL COUNCIL APPROVED THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; 6C) UNSLIGHTLY PREMISES, 6D) CORRESPONDENCE
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2012; WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS; COUNCIL SELECTED DONNA KAISER AS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR TO ATTEND AWARDS IN HALIFAX.
MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Councilor Bowen asked about the status on the Port Bickerton Lighthouse. Staff has not received a letter of interest offer from the Federal Government to date.
- Marie Joseph Community Centre items will be distributed this upcoming week

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Municipal Building Lot requirements - travel trailer
Building Inspector requires clarification for issuing building permits for the purpose of power hookup for travel trailers.
After discussion the consensus is to require an accessory building for power hookup.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR THAT RESIDENTS REQUIRE THE BUILDING LOT TO BE APPROVED AND AN ACCESSORY BUILDING BE BUILT TO ISSUE PERMIT FOR POWER HOOKUP FOR TRAVEL TRAILOR PURPOSES.
MOTION CARRIED

b) Enumeration electronic list - Municipal election
Enumeration list can be supplied by province electronically which they require a descriptive list of communities involved. Municipal Clerk spoke with Returning Officer, Ruth Legge who would

prefer the electronic method. Council's consensus is to use electronic list. Election committee meeting was set for April 16, 2012.

c) Councilor Dunbar commented on the unsightly premises of Blanche Pace in Sherbrooke. The Bank and Finance Company both have leans on property. Solicitor suggested determining ownership and having them served.

d) Correspondence

- Sawmill Landing request for financial information, and road takeover.
- Community Litter Cleanup Campaign June 8/9, asking that municipalities take the lead in not charging tipping fees for these groups
- Federal funding is being cut from NS Community Access program. Youth funding still in place yet removing sustainability. CAP is asking for council support.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL, COUNCIL AGREED TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT TO LOCAL MP AND MINISTER
MOTION CARRIED
COUNCILOR DORT DECLARED CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

REPORTS:

A) Regional Development Authority - Christa Webber

- This week is history theme for 7 Wonders of Guysborough County Campaign.
- Met with new owners of 522 Coffee who are part of the newcomer nominee program
- Submitted grants to Council for local organizations
- Assisting Nimrods Campground with updates; pull thru sites and renovations to event hall, also have Economic Development involved
- Hosted online workshop for tourism groups and small businesses regarding social media which went well and will plan more for the future.
- Working on business plan for hatchery, met with St. Mary's River Association and Eastern Sportfish Association
- Trailblazer program is going well, kids wish to come and present to council at next regular meeting
- Attending tourism seminar later this month in Halifax
- Presentation by Garnet MacLaughlin is planned for April 16th regarding the Stonewall Park.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- nothing to report

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS:

COUNCILOR HARPELL

- Thanked Council for allowing to attend safety conference
 - o New standards for confined space safety
 - o Issues regarding the requirement for a rescue team
 - o Contractor safety - anyone we hire must be aware of our Occupational Health & Safety policy; liability of an employer
 - o Make mock exercises yearly routine

COUNCILOR DUNBAR

- Attended Village meeting; a candidate chosen for Director but has declined, they intend to readvertise

COUNCILOR BOWEN

- Nothing to report

COUNCILOR DORT

- Michelle Reed's grade 1 class was the winner of RRFB recyclables contest.

FINANCE OFFICER

- Reported to Emily on remaining status quo with swim program and she wants a chance to plead her case. Council appreciated the enthusiasm, the consensus stay status quo to look over situation this year then adjust for next year.

DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER

- Thanked Council for ability to attend UNSM Regional Meeting in Port Hawkesbury

WARDEN

- Attended Liberal Cacus meeting
- Attended Volunteer Awards with Donna Kaiser who was very pleased
- Attended Benefits Road Show in Port Hawkesbury
- The trailer at transfer station will be inspected and ready to sell
- Spring UNSM workshop upcoming in May

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CORT, COUNCIL
MOVED TO IN CAMERA SESSION.
MOTION CARRIED**

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT, COUNCIL RECONVIENED TO REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED AT 10:00PM**

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Clark

Administrative Assistant