

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Meeting
Monday June 11, 2012**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on June 11, 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 HARPELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOWEN COUNCIL APPROVED THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 12, 2012 AND UNDER OTHER MATTERS; ARTINSULA CEMETRY REQUEST.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED COUNCILOR HARPELL COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 12TH, 2012 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 14TH 2012 AS PRESENTED

MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- The trailblazer group received money from council and will be painting picnic table tomorrow

PRESENTATION:

a) RCMP - Sgt Terry Miller - report on file; highlighted items include;

- Police to Population ratio in Guysborough County is 808:1 which is lower then provincial average; 537:1
- Cst. Chad Morrison is scheduled transfer out to Enfield Detachment and Cst. Shane Foster is transferring in August 1st.
- RCMP has experienced a 46% decrease in reported break and enter offences and 100% increase in the number of persons charged.
- Sgt Miller reviewed the 2012-13 Annual Performance Plan including Crime reduction, Road safety, substance abuse, violence and break and enters.
- Discussion/questions from council were regarding bath salts drug, gun registry, Main Street speed limit for police responders, road check stops and RCMP visibility.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Port Bickerton Lighthouse Site Surplus Notification

- Letter States Lighthouse property is available for municipal acquisition from Department of Fisheries & Oceans with mention of easement for marine navigation and the Port Bickerton & Area Planning Commission's interest in the property.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR HARPELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR, COUNCIL AGREED TO RESPOND TO DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS VIA LETTER TO FOLLOWUP ON DISCUSSION OF COSTS WITH REGARD TO ACQUIRING THE PORT BICKERTON LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Emergency Management Office -

- Letter states Federal contributions for emergency preparedness projects under JEPP ends in 2013-14. Emergency Management Office will process the claims from JEPP projects that were approved for funding in 2012-13 fiscal period.
- Deputy Warden Mosher wants to revisit this matter to continue with existing projects as invested time and funds already.

c) Nova Scotia Power - Meeting June 18th in Antigonish

- Invitation to council to attend meeting with Nova Scotia Power's executive.
- NSP has committed to meet with municipal leaders from each of the 8 regions twice per year to discuss issues around NSP's reliability and also other topics that are on the minds of councilors and their constituents.
- Warden Clark plans to attend

d) Port Bickerton Community Centre - Request for prize Bingo

- Councilor Harpell will take care of a prize from his District Fund

e) RDA - Live at 5 Tourism promotion

- Carmel Avery- MacDonald (RDA) provided council with cost share for Live at 5's advertising campaign which will feature areas in St. Marys.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL COUNCIL AGREED TO SUPPORT THIS ADVERTISING INITIATIVE PROVIDING THE \$1250 COST SHARE PORTION.

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f) Sawmill Landing

- Follow up letter read

REPORTS:

a) Regional Development Authority - Christa Webber

- 7 wonders of Guysborough County has wrapped up with the Winners invited to RDA AGM which is Thursday in Canso. Warden Clark complimented on the 7 Wonders Campaign how it created awareness around area
- Involved with youth programs; Trailblazers and Business Builders

- Friends of Stonewall Park - latest meeting with Gerard MacIsaac to review current funding applications available. Next step group finalizing what they'd like to have completed.
- BRE visits completed in Liscomb and Country Harbour are
- BRE breakfast on May 30 at Main Street Café; 23 people in attendance
- Working with St. Marys ATV Club - they are developing a new trail in Jordanville 17K

b) Recreation Committee - Councilor Bowen

- Summer students have been interviewed, Summer Manager has started
- Recreation Department has received Heritage Fund for Canada day in the amount of \$900
- Applied for grant to cover 1/3 cost for Recplex track
- Emily has received Run Jump Throw certification
- Hosting event on June 13th for June is recreation month
- Waiting on price quote for construction of community bulletin boards
- Department will be selling tickets on donated Schwinn Bike

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR BOWEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL THAT FITNESS CENTRE MEMBERSHIPS PROVIDED TO STAFF OF MUNICIPALITY HAVE TO OPTION TO TRANSFER MEMBERSHIP TO AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER ALSO COVERED UNDER THE BLUS CROSS MEDICAL PLAN.

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c) Solid Waste - Councilor Dort

- Compliance officer visited the illegal dump site Port Bickerton ferry road. It has been determined Department of Natural Resources own property and will clean it up. Any other sites must be reported by end of June
- Compliance officer also reported on Goshen Road site, it was just bricks and mortar but to keep an eye on it.

d) Personnel Committee - Councilor Dunbar

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR BOWEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR, COUNCIL MOVED TO IN CAMERA SESSION

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR, COUNCIL RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVE EMILY MORTON TO BECOME FULL TIME TERM POSITION AS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COORDINATOR AS SHE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PROBATION PERIOD.

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SOLICITOR REPORT:

Nothing to report

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS:

a) Unsightly Premises - Goshen Enterprises; Solicitor will write council with his recommendations as to the next step in this process.

b) Committee of the Whole meeting Dates

- Council set Committee of the Whole meeting for July 5 at 6:30pm and July 24 at 6:30pm

- Personnel Committee will meet on June 13th for Fitness Centre Manager position shortlist with interviews on June 26th.

c) Artinsula Road Cemetery - no permit required for cleanup work by community member.

Finance Officer

- Provided council with finance package complete with current financial statements and will review in detail at next committee of the whole meeting.

COUNCILOR HARPELL

- Informed council he will not be reoffering this election and thanked everyone for past opportunities

COUNCILOR DUNBAR

- Sherbrooke Village is now open for the season with new Director Hired
- Attended meeting with Dale Archibald and attended RDA meeting

MUNICIPAL CLERK

- Direction was given to Clerk to list the Marie Joseph Community Center on MLS for 90 days

DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER

- Thanked council for ability to attend Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Spring Conference in Truro in May - report on file.
- Also FCM report on file

WARDEN

- Attended Lieutenant Governor Awards
- Attended Ceremony in Canso to Honor the former town

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR BOWEN MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1030PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Clark

Administrative Assistant