

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Meeting
Monday July 9, 2012**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on July 9, 2012 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

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

ABSENT:

Councilor James Harpell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR COUNCIL APPROVED THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF COLCHESTER CONTRACT TO NEW BUSINESS MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 11th, 2012 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- a. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Update
 - i. There will be a meeting on Tuesday July 10 with Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the divestiture of light house
- b. Marie Joseph community centre has been listed with no inquiries to date.
- c. Warden commented on the Nova Scotia power meeting with municipal officials to discuss sustainability. It was communicated at the meeting their current conditions, obstacles in regards to vegetation and equipment, some technical information, and what Nova Scotia Power is up against in terms of stability.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Future of proposed Administrative Building

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT, COUNCIL WILL PROCEED WITH TENDER PROCESS FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH GREEN GLOBES 3 CERTIFICATION

- Councilor Pye commented that it has been a long process, but now seems an easy decision as it is 100% funded and doesn't affect taxpayers

MOTION CARRIED

b. Temporary borrowing resolution

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL
ACCEPTED THE TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250,000 AS
PRESENTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRIDGE FINANCING DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PENDING TENDER PROCESS APPROVAL
MOTION CARRIED**

c. Contract with Colchester County

- 8 year recyclables contract up for renewal
- Rate increase was considered and included in current budgeted

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR, COUNCIL
APPROVED CONTRACT**

- Warden Clark commented on the sizeable increase in rates and how there hasn't been an increase in a while.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Eastern Counties Library - Reduction of Hours due to decrease in funding
- Warden Clark mentioned receiving a call regarding this situation from citizen in Sherbrooke
 - An upcoming meeting will be held in Sherbrooke as advertised
 - Councilor Dunbar mentioned the Municipality still pays for supply of power and maintenance to the Library building.

b) Thank you - Food Bank

c) Thank you - GOALS

d) Women's Institute

- Compliments on the flowers at the Municipal Office
- Councilor Dunbar suggested trees would look nice on property by water treatment plant.

REPORTS:

a) Regional Development Authority - Ashley Williams

- Working on the enhancement of stonewall park thru grant application to health and wellness
- Working with Dan Gillis and SHOPS group to submit charitable status claims.
- Trailblazer program is wrapped up, thanked council for picnic table and is now sitting in stonewall park painted with kids names.
- Working with Eastern Sport Fish Association on Business Plan for fish hatchery along St. Mary's River
- Regional team royal newcomer navigator event Aug 8th
- 22 Business Builders attended Stanfest weekend to sell their products

b) Solid Waste - Councilor Dort

- Signs for transfer station are here and ready to go up
- Florescent bulbs are starting to pile up, need to get the bulb eater from Guysborough
- 2 illegal dump site on radar; 1 is owned by Department of Natural Resources
- Strait Engineer will be contacted about the wall in transfer station building
- Reminder that roadside litter clean up is on again for community groups; \$800 for St. Mary's District

c) Recreation Committee - Councilor Bowen

- Tickets will be sold on Schwinn Bike \$2 for 1 and 3 for \$5
- Mats arrived at recplex and ready to install
- Share the road signs are ready to be installed
- bike racks; will be divvied up between councilor's areas
- Community bulletin boards being built
- Canada day went well
- Highland connect presentation was given to recreation committee
- Fitness Centre hours have changed

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- Dangerous unsightly premises
 - o Municipality is entitled to take action i.e. with signs/warnings/barriers. If it is not a place of residence, a notice is not required. If is used as residence a 24 hours notice must be given.

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOWEN COUNCIL WILL ADVERTISE FOR PRICE QUOTES ON REMAINING FOUR ENGINEERED DRY HYDRANT LOCATIONS; TO BE PRICED INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY
AMENDMENT OF MOTION BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR TO ADVERTISE FOR QUOTES ON FIVE DRY HYDRANT LOCATIONS**

**WARDEN CLARK MENTIONED COUNCIL'S OBLIGATION TO GET A DRY HYDRANT IN EACH DISTRICT
MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED THE TWO YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON JULY 5TH 2012
MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCILOR BOWEN

- Liscomb Canada Day celebrations; breakfast was a good turnout

DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER

- Sherbrooke Canada Day celebrations were busy
- School Steering Team meeting update; are a little behind schedule as there was no construction during July, there has been an architect turnover, hoping to frame before school starts and metal siding during school.
- Attention to recent announcement of an additional \$2.1 million from the Province going towards the project

COUNCILOR DORT

- Excellent Canada Day
- Received multiple calls regarding the status of Goshen Enterprises

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Community Welcome signs; Guysborough Municipality Tendered the design and fabrication process and each costs approximately \$3000, and produced by The Advocate in Pictou.
- Jamie in Sherbrooke Village will be contacted as well regarding their sign development process.

WARDEN CLARK

- Regional Development Authority AGM; highlight was Dr. Foley accepting speech for the 7 wonders of Guysborough County. The Board remained unchanged.
- Participated in school walk for June is recreation month
- Attended NS Power sustainability forum
- Attended graduation; St. Mary's is fortunate to have these young people
- Pleased that all councillors were present for open house and thanked staff for their work

COUNCILOR PYE

- Attended graduation
- Open House worked out well

COUNCILOR DUNBAR

- Open house went well and receptive
- Village meeting; visitation is up 25%
- Canada Day celebrations with the Lions food wagon and the compliments to the fireworks

FINANCE OFFICER

- Contact RBC representative to setup meeting for contract review
- Recplex meeting set for Wednesday July 18th at 11am

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL MOVED TO INCAMERA SESSION FOR PERSONNEL

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR, COUNCIL RECONVEINED TO REGULAR SESSION

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT
MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:38PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Clark

Administrative Assistant