Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Regular Meeting Tuesday November 13th, 2012

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on November 13, 2012 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden David Clark

Deputy Warden Michael Mosher

Councillor Jacqueline Dort

Councillor Kevin Pye

Councillor Debbie Findlay

Councillor Everett G. Baker

Councillor Peggy Kaiser-Kirk

Adam Rodgers, Solicitor

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

David Gillis, Municipal Clerk Marian Fraser, Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk Jody Cook, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; RECPLEX ADDED TO NEW BUSINESS MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9th, 2012 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER $5^{\rm TH}$, 2012 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED

Business arising:

- Councillor Pye mentioned the bulletin boards are up in IHL and Sonora
- Warden Clark explained sending seven studies/reports to Mr. Boudreau after the meeting with the MLA regarding open pen fish farms and has nothing has come back in return. Warden has also provided copy of Salmon Wars DVD to clerk to provide copies to Councillors.
- Councillor Findlay asked about the Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations large scale
 mapping opportunity. Clerk reiterated how the price of the whole municipality was close to \$1
 million which is not viable and we now have pictometry on IAS world (PVSC) for the condensed
 area of Sherbrooke.

a) Unsightly Premises Update:

General discussion was held around the potential cost and procedures of dealing with dangerous and unsightly properties. Consensus was it is currently a major concern with residents and the worry is that municipality will spend on cleaning up and not get money back from taxes.

Solicitor suggested getting list of properties from each district to give to building inspector to deem unsightly or dangerous. Clerk wants a list from each Councillor and will send letter to owners first to follow-up in 30 days.

Correspondence:

a. LED Street Light Update, UNSM

Municipalities are required to file a report with the Minister of Energy by June 30, 2013 indicting whether they intend to take ownership of NSPI lights, and the plan to replace them to meet LED requirements. Discussion was held surrounding what the next step is and removing unnecessary lights.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, THAT COUNCIL INVITE NOVA SCOTIA POWER TO COMMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO DISCUSS LED STREET LIGHTING.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Eastern Counties Regional Library; share a book fund-raising campaign
 - Finance Officer provide councillors with form if any councillor wants to donate from their district funds

Reports:

- a. Regional Development Authority Christa Rae Webber
 - Hosted Business Builders Closing ceremony end of October with the 24 kids
 - Working with Chedabucto trails association in developing trail
 - Assisting St Mary's ATV club with funding opportunities for the new club house
 - Attended energy seminar in Halifax which was extremely useful information to pass on to small business owners through BRE visits
 - Provided a webinar "20 Ingredients of an Outstanding Downtown". The focus is on smaller communities, branding and tourism. The next 2 parts will be shown on November 27 and December 11.
 - Mid year review, copy will be sent to council
- b. Finance Report Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk
 - October Financial Statements in package for council

ON MOTION COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER THAT COUNCIL ADD COUNCILLOR PYE TO SIGNING AUTHORITY MOTION CARRIED

- Recommended that a Municipal Climate Change Action Plan committee be developed by December 31st
- H.S.T has been registered and all revenue from, ice rentals, fitness centre and adult recreation programs will be charged
- Provincial Reporting has been submitted
- PVSC Update from tax collectors conference that the time frame to appeal assessments has been extended from 21 to 31 days.
- Regional Association of Municipal Administrators meeting focus on future of shared services for this region

- The AMA Conference highlighted the importance of a code of conduct and fraud policy and recommended this council develop
- Discussion was held on appointment of 2012/13 auditor and current level of service

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, THAT COUNCIL TENDER FOR AUDITING SERVICES

Discussion on where to advertise MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

- a. MPAL Program Update; Meeting Dec 4th, 10am with Gerard MacIsaac from Health and Wellness regarding the grant structure that Emily Morton is currently funded under
- b. Christmas office hours discussion

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, THAT COUNCIL CLOSE MUNICIPAL OFFICE ON DECEMBER 24 and DECEMBER 31 AND OPEN REGULAR HOURS ON DECEMBER 27 and DECEMBER 28 MOTION CARRIED

c. Provincial New Councillor Orientation Nov 15-17 in Truro

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, COUNCIL APPROVE ATTENDANCE FOR COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK, COUNCILLOR BAKER, AND COUNCILLOR FINDLAY TO THE NEW COUNCILLOR OREIENTATION IN TRURO MOTION CARRIED

- d. Meeting Dates
 - i) Discussion on when is the best time to have committee of the whole meetings; suggestion was 2 afternoons, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month around the regular council meetings
 - ii) In House Council Orientation; Monday Nov 26 8:30-4pm
- e. Recplex Councillor Pye explained to council the scheduling conflict with minor hockey

Solicitors Report

- Port Bickerton lighthouse transfer is complete, with signed grants and Department of Fisheries is satisfied
- Mr. Rodgers has inserted a section in the new council in house package regarding his role

Other Matters of Business

- Clerk mentioned that it was Council's intention to lease Lighthouse to Port Bickerton Planning Association PB lighthouse and will send out the copy of the previous lease between DFO and Association
- New building items; the environmental engineer has reviewed the peat moss site and submitted to Department of Environment for exemption. Restitution is required to Ducks unlimited
- Metal roof may cost \$23,000 extra and the color is siding must be decided

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER, THAT COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH ENVIRONMENT EXEMPTION AND DUCKS UNLIMITED REMEDIATION Discussion - Warden Clark would prefer to see local remediation, Clerk confirmed it has to be a fin habitat.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Dort

- Held Veterans service and playground dedication at Community Centre
- Tree Lighting and LED light exchange will be Nov 25th

Deputy Warden Mosher

- Represented Municipality at Remembrance day service in Sherbrooke
- Attended Business builders closing
- Attended Bob Breen's 90th Birthday
- Welcomed new councillors at the table

Councillor Baker

- Represented at Remembrance Day service at legion in Liscomb excellent turnout
- Attended Elsie Hartling's Birthday

Finance Officer

- Information from AMA conference; new program coming for infrastructure grant.
- Mentioned to new councillors about submitting their TD1 forms

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- Asked when the sod turning ceremony will be for the new building to identify the province

Councillor Findlay

- Sherbrooke Village commission meeting tomorrow
- Old fashion Christmas well on it's way

Councillor Pye

- Attended business builders closing
- Wants more information regarding when there is a water line break and who does the digging and if it should go to tender.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER, THAT COUNCIL SEND LETTER TO MLA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTAION AND PREMIER REGARDING PAVEMENT ON HIGHWAY 7, 211 AND 347 MOTION CARRIED

Warden Clark

- Sent seven reports to Mr. Boudreau following the meeting and has heard nothing in return
- Attended the Nova Scotia Association of Regional Development Authority Annual General Meeting where announced a dramatic change across the province - report will be out from panel soon.
- Attended Recreation conference will do report on the workshops attended

Warden Clark	Administrative Assistant
Approved By:	Recorded By:
ADJOURNMENT: ON MOTION OF COUNCILLO	R DORT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:18PM
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