

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Meeting
Monday May 13th, 2013**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held May 13th, 2013 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden David Clark
Deputy Warden Michael Mosher
Councillor Jacqueline Dort
Councillor Everett G. Baker
Councillor Peggy Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Debbie Findlay
Councillor Kevin Pye
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 DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO CORRESPONDENCE; c. INVITATION TO ST MARYS ACADEMY ACCREDITATION CEREMONY, d. REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FROM GRADE 7 ST MARYS ACADEMY STUDENTS CLASS TRIP
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8TH, 2013
MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 30TH, 2013
MOTION CARRIED.**

Business arising from April 8th:

- Solicitor reviewed Marie Joseph Community Centre and issue with its migration, whereas the legal description and mapping on property online doesn't match up. His recommendation is to have it surveyed to be certain. Discussion was held.
- Letter of Thanks to Goldworx has been sent
- Mr. Gillis contacted Canso regarding the old Zamboni but it is beyond
- Port Bickerton Lighthouse Lease has been signed and plans are underway by association for grand opening on June 15

- Backhoe has been returned to the Transfer Station and working better.
- No news from GASHA has been received to date regarding the CEC meeting held in Sherbrooke. Councillor Findlay reported Dr. Cameron has committed to one week per month and suggested a revamp of the existing Hospital Board
- No news from REN; seems to be stalled process all over the province.

Business arising from April 8th:

- Received a lower than expected rate from the spring debenture process from MFC saving Municipality \$13,000

Correspondence:

- East Novability – request for financial support for Mr. Mattie to attend national CASE conference. Request was declined.
- UNSM LED Street Light Update – St. Mary's is not in a position to purchase the lights, as is most units.
- Accreditation ceremony invitation; Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and Councillor Findlay confirmed they are able to attend
- Grade 7 St. Mary's School letter of financial support for their educational, annual trip to Halifax. Council agreed to fund as long as there were students from each of their districts.

Presentation – Paul Colton, District Manager, Department of Transportation

- Mr. Colton reviewed portions of the 5 year plan pertaining to St. Mary's District which include; 16kms on Highway 7 from Main Street Sherbrooke to Melrose, 12kms on Highway 211 from Sonora road to East Side Port Bickerton Road, and 12kms on Route 316 from Stormont to St. Mary's line, maintenance on Highway 348 towards Glenelg

Round table discussion/concerns:

- Councillor Findlay Debbie – shoulder maintenance standards, scenic views, litter signs, insufficient guard rail replacement. Mr. Colton confirmed if unsightly items do not interfere with roadway DOT doesn't touch it.
- Councillor Pye – roadside washouts, sign replacement from snow plows, alder clearing, and guard rail on west side IHL. Mr. Colton confirmed a complaint helps, but not necessary if it is a hazard, they will fix it and clearing is completed on a 3 year rotation.
- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk – ownership from roadside, lost signs and a thank you for work completed. Province owns 33 feet from centerline and will only disturb/change ditches or fencing with a complaint or if in the way of the workers.
- Warden Clark – Share the road signs discussion was held; only two signs locations have been approved by traffic authority, council wishes to have more installed around municipality. Council would also like to see a guard rail put on Old Road Hill by the new administration building. Requested culvert replacement in Smithfield, Bridge on 347 and grating Lead Mines Road.
- Councillor Baker – requested a review of a passing lane in Liscomb doesn't have the sight distance required and questioned the snow plow drivers and citizen's safety. Mr. Colton explained the training process
- Deputy Warden Mosher – commented on any plow equipment upgrades, bridges on Liscomb river lodge and Ecum Secum. Mr. Colton assured St. Mary's plow gear was newer than Antigonish and Guysborough.
- Councillor Dort – requested guard rail in Dorts Road, mentioned a non-functioning culvert on highway 276, suggested gravel roads be done 2 times per year.

Reports:

Building Update:

- Ground work is being completed, discussion on hiring someone to clear/ improve the look of surrounding trees before grand opening.
- Future of current office options is to sell or remove building. Discussion was held on keeping shed for storage and maintenance equipment, an approved development plan for buyer, not wanting property to become an "eyesore". General consensus is to advertise property.
- Date for Grand Opening – as Province requires 6 week notification. Set for September 7th tentatively
- Finance Officer /Deputy Clerk – Discussion on press release via municipal newsletter. Consensus is to have audited financial statements on website then have pie chart with expenses and revenue completed for each councillor's reference.
- UNSM Spring Workshop Update – report attached submitted by Deputy Warden Mosher
 - a. Additional topics from workshop; UNSM is reviewing the elections Act and MGA and Red Cross is proposing fund raising campaign to get \$1 donation per resident

Solicitors Report

Mr. Rodgers reviewed a few items;

- Port Bickerton lease has been signed, Original will be forwarded to Solicitor to be recorded.
- Goshen Enterprises Ltd demolition discussion; the MGA requires owner received 7 day notice which has be completed, motion was made to tender, Department of Environment has been contacted and Councillor Dort has been speaking with adjacent land owners.
- Mr. Rodgers is the next Strait Area Chamber of Commerce

Other Matters of Business

- a. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Update- a ceremony is being planned for June 15th.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVE PORT BICKERTON LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION'S REQUESTS PENDING BUILDING PERMIT APPROVAL
MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Clerk:

- Received a thank you from Volunteer of the year, Vi Fraser.
- Letter received from Women's Institute regarding old signs being removed for businesses which are no longer operational. Council decided it is out of their control and to a letter be sent in response.
- Met with Warden, Deputy and Terry Doyle regarding schools; C&D materials will be going directly to Guysborough, Industrial Arts building will be in use until end of summer, and contract arrangements for new school space are being made for cost per square footage.

Councillor Baker

- Nothing to report

Deputy Warden Mosher

- Attended Volunteer awards
- School board meeting – more details at next Committee of the Whole meeting
- Thank you for opportunity to attend UNSM in Yarmouth

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- April 23 – met with Meinhard Pfanner along with Warden Clark to discuss his future development plans/project for Art
- April 24, attended Guysborough County Home Support meeting with nothing new to report
- Attended Volunteer Awards – well attended and well done
- Working on Developing a committee for Hillside cemetery

Councillor Findlay

- Attended lieutenant Governor’s Award ceremony
- Attended Village meeting where they received word of \$100,000 cut back leading to Sherbrooke Village closing two weeks earlier. Also not finished union negotiations
- Participated in the St. Mary’s Memorial Hospital walkathon raised over \$6000
- Attended the Goldenville historical society’s AGM

Councillor Dort

- Volunteer Awards were well done
- Solid waste report – next Committee of the Whole meeting
- Would like to see dates for the Goshen enterprises demolition tender process

Councillor Pye

- Recplex Manager passed his refrigeration course – would like to see this item on next Committee of The Whole agenda.

Warden Clark

- Attended Volunteer awards –received position feedback/ appreciation from ceremony
- Murial Lawson’s Birthday celebrations

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:30AM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Clark

Administrative Assistant