

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday October 14, 2014**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order at 7:00pm on October 14, 2014, in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden Mosher	Deputy Warden Clark
Councillor Baker	Councillor Dort
Councillor Findlay	
Solicitor, Adam Rodgers	

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Pye

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; LETTER OF RESIGNATION MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8th:

- Fire department has been given the keys
- Village Water Main replacement project close to startup
- Council table arrived and wiring is yet to be completed

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Rural Postal Service – request support to save Canada Post via resolution
 - Warden Mosher declared conflict of interest – Deputy Warden led the discussion.
 - Melrose Post Office will be closed effective October 17th. Deputy Warden spoke on the history of closure at the Melrose location and his attempt at preventing the loss of a federal employee in the community.
 - Councillor Dort expressed her experience with the closure in Goshen.
 - It was agreed that council is dissatisfied with situation and support resolution

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION;

WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services – killing good jobs, elimination door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices:

WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Municipality of St. Mary's ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government properly consult with the public about what kind of postal services they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. DOTIR; three year cost agreement for subdivision roads
 - Request to return signed agreement for files, doesn't mean municipality is agreeing to any cost share, but without agreement on file council is not able to submit a paving request

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER THAT COUNCIL HAVE WARDEN AND MUNICIPAL CLERK SIGN THE 3 YEAR COST AGREEMENT WITH DOTIR SUBJECT THERE ARE NO CHANGES SINCE LAST SIGNED AGREEMENT
MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Thank you – Family Harvest Picnic Committee

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Councillor Mileage/Expense Policy – September 17, 2014

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE COUNCILLOR MILEAGE AND EXPENSE POLICY THAT WAS PRESENTED AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
MOTION CARRIED**

b. Stillwater Street Light Petition – October 1, 2014

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT THAT COUNCIL HONOR THE PLEBISCITE FOR STREET LIGHTS IN STILLWATER
MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY CLERK REPORT

- a. Financial Statements for Period Ending Sept 30th 2014
 - Seaside – revised joint initiative between Seaside and Municipality St. Mary's to match the financial support to Volunteer Fire Departments, \$2000 per annum for period of five years.
 - Will be attending the Finance Officer's session tomorrow providing a briefing on the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Review
 - Receivables update also provided within finance package

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK THAT COUNCIL RE-SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SEASIDE WIRLESS COMMUNICATIONS
MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCIL APPROVED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2014 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

b. Approval of Audited Financial Statements 2013/14

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY, COUNCIL APPROVED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2013/14.
MOTION CARRIED**

SOLICITORS REPORT

- Mr. Rodgers reported he is seeking nomination for Conservative party in the federal riding of Cape-Breton-Canso. Any conflicts that may arise (i.e. campaigning on an issue that he would be providing advice to council on) he will suggest to seek outside council

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

Councillor Dort

- Red cross bins will be on Main Street Sherbrooke in the upcoming weeks
- There is stilling funding available through the Litter cleanup incentive program
- Reported on the Solid waste meeting; warning letters were sent out to a spot in Goshen and the St. Mary's residential loads are good.
- Will be attending the Atlantic Canada waste diversion conference in coming up in Halifax

Councillor Findlay

- Attended Harvest Picnic – 250 people
- Attended a recreation conference regarding THRIVE will be providing report
- Attended Concert in support of Riverside Cemetery - not well attend
- Attended Sherbrooke Village Finance meeting where there are two new commissioners
- Attended Deficiency list meeting at Municipal Office
- Attended Women's institute meeting for discussion opportunities; transportation and seniors housing were main concerns.

Warden Mosher

- Met with Recplex Manager and ice renters to discuss upcoming season
- Attended Citizen engagement session with Community Development Officer; trying to get council to get people involved
- Attended Deficiency list meeting at Municipal Office
- Bill Hunt, Project Manager and Natalie Silver, Marketing Manager for DDI who are working towards their marketing strategy and would like to meet with council before unrolling
- Interview CBC NEWS regarding DDI Project where they visit onsite and spoke to engineers and wetlands biologist

Municipal Clerk

- Attended annual AMA conference
- Read Emily Morton's formal resignation letter. Warden wished her luck in the future

Deputy Warden Clark

- Attended GALA Board Meeting
- Attended NSP biomass meeting in Point Tupper; included a safety talk, problem with fly ash, raised concern of lack of hardwood availability for our residents
- Deficiency list meeting
- Attended Aquaculture Association of NS in Halifax; proactive approach of getting out to community to discuss

Councillor Baker

- Attended Library Board conference

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL MOVED TO IN CAMERA SESSION FOR CONTRACTUAL DISCUSSION

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT COUNCIL RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVED TO RELEASE FINAL PAYOUT TO ARCHIBALD AND FRASER ARCHITECTS, INVOICE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE END OF CONTRACT FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CENTRE PENDING THE ONE YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY IS RECEIVED

MOTION CARRIED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED TO RELEASE PAYOUT TO ARCHIBALD AND FRASER ARCHITECTS INVOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE REDESIGN AND RE-TENDERING OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER DESKS

NAY VOTE – DEPUTY WARREN CLARK

MOTION CARRIED

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM EMILY MORTON, WITH EMPLOYMENT ENDING ON OCT 24TH, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY, COMMITTEE MEETING
WAS RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH AT 1PM
MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:00PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Mosher

Administrative Assistant