

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Council Meeting
Monday March 14, 2016**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order at 7:00pm on March 14, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden Mosher
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Pye
Councillor Baker
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor

ABSENT:

Deputy Warden Clark
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Dort

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Jody Cook, Administrative Assistant
Marian Fraser, Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED
AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH EASTERN SHORE
CARTAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVED
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2016 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING

- Food Bank Request – from the recommendation made at Committee Meeting a letter was sent to the chair of Food Bank.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Adoption of General Government Grants Policy

As presented at Committee meeting, an evaluation form was added the draft policy to provide follow up for projects/organizations over \$1000

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY THAT COUNCIL ADOPT
THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS POLICY
MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Adoption of Newsletter Policy - As presented and recommended at Committee meeting on February 17th

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE THAT COUNCIL ADOPT NEWSLETTER POLICY
MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Street Light Policy Amendment

In preparation for tax billing an amendment is required under Payment of Streetlights; Section 2 adding “all residential and commercial assessed properties...”

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, THAT COUNCIL AMEND STREET LIGHT POLICY TO ADD WORDS; RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TO SECTION 2 OF PAYMENT OF STREETLIGHTS.

- Councillor Findlay; discussion on audit of streetlight accounts because policy is financial driven. The intention of amendment is to clarify for billing and audit will still be performed

**NAY VOTE – COUNCILLOR FINDLAY
MOTION CARRIED**

- d. Adoption of St. Mary’s 2026 Strategic Plan strategy
 - As previously discussed, the plan includes engaging residents via a drawing contest at school, Recplex improvement campaign, and community conversations to determine values and goals

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, COUNCIL ADOPTED PLAN FOR ST. MARY’S 2026, 10 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- e. Approval of Financial Statement to January 31, 2016

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCIL APPROVED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31 2016
MOTION CARRIED**

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 2016

- Discussion on 10 year budget review to include revenue to show offset
- Plan for 2 tax sales to further reduce tax receivables, estimated at 15% for year.

MOTION CARRIED

- f. Contract extension with Eastern Shore Cartage
 - Recommendation from Committee meeting to extend contract for one year in order to assess Solid Waste collection issues. As part of discussion, ESC negotiated adjusting operations leading to some decrease in cost

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR 1 YEAR PERIOD WITH EASTERN SHORE CARTAGE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Royal Canadian Legion – request for funding for recognition book

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER TO SUPPORT ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BY PURCHASING BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD
MOTION CARRIED**

SOLICITOR REPORT

- Fielded questions regarding conflict of interest this month. Reminded councillors if any situation or decision will benefit you or family member it's best to bring to attention and deal with appropriately

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

- Involved with Province for Pilot project that will assist with planning and identify assets for St. Mary's
- Started the process of reviewing water lines in Sherbrooke Village with Clarence Humber
- Judge for school science fair, impressed by students
- Hosted first Fire services meeting to increase communication
- Upcoming meeting with John Beaton, CEO of Regional Enterprise Network
- Addie MacCallum, RCMP are planning public consultation for mid April

Councillor Pye

- Attended Fire Services meeting
- Attended Sherbrooke Village meeting for Councillor Findlay; having interviews for Director's position
- Received Correspondence from Ground search and rescue – deferred to budget

Warden Mosher

- Fire Services meeting – improve on attendance rep from all department
- Truro NS Health Authority Board of Directors – Janet Knox CEO informal – pro-amalgamation – big job to bring proviniuce together under one board
- Refugee Family – Welcome Pot Luck this Saturday.

Councillor Findlay

- Attended constituents' Funeral
- Lions Club Meeting
- Dealt with Dog Complaint

Councillor Baker

- Nothing to report
- Looking for clarification on NSPI increasing biomass production, Marvin will research.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 7:43PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Mosher

Administrative Assistant