

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 9th, 2016**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order at 7:00pm on May 9th, 2016 in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden Mosher
Deputy Warden Clark
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Pye
Councillor Baker
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Dort
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor

ALSO ATTENDING

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
David Gillis, Municipal Clerk
Jody Cook, Executive Assistant

On behalf Municipality, Warden expressed thoughts and prayers to families impacted through Fort McMurray Fires.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL JUMPSTART DAY, SONORA RD AND HIGHWAY 7 CONDITIONS, FUNDRAISING REQUEST

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2016 AS PRESENTED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2016 AS PRESENTED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- The Provincial Capital Assistance Program application has been submitted for 50% funding for Court Street water line replacement based on water predesign work. No word on timeline for construction

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Tax Sale Update – 60 days notices have been mailed and properties have been sent to Solicitor for title searches. Tax Sale date is July 5th
- b. James Hartling Property, Liscomb – no response from letter sent.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK, TO BEGIN TENDER PROCESS FOR DEMOLITION AND COST BE ADDED AS LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY OF JAMES HARTLING MOTION CARRIED

- c. Saltscapes Expo April 23-25 - Jody provided council with brief update; partnered with Sherbrooke Village, River Association and Port Bickerton Lighthouse to showcase St. Mary's as an Eco-Tourism destination. Target Market retired couples looking to travel the eastern shore this summer and had great conversations about what they can do in St. Mary's.
- d. National Jump Start day – the Manager of Canadian Tire in Antigonish is promoting the program and asking to support a proclamation. To date, \$14,000 has been used to kids in Antigonish/ Guysborough counties to enable them to participate in recreation activities.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER THAT COUNCIL PROCLAIM MAY 28TH AS NATIONAL JUMP START DAY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARY'S MOTION CARRIED

- e. Councillor Pye requested a letter be sent to Lloyd Hines, MLA regarding condition of Sonora Road and copy the Minister of Transportation. Council Agreed
- f. Deputy Warden Clark requested a letter be sent to Mayor Chisholm and Warden Boucher regarding support for repairs on Highway #7 in South Locharber. Council agreed
- g. Councillor Kaiser-Kirk – requested council approval to contact source of fundraising request for the youth ATV course to clarify. Council agreed

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Performing title searches on tax sale properties
- Fielded question on lease of Stonewall Park and the dissolution of Friends of Stonewall Society. The Lease will be terminated and municipality takes it back over.
- Will be attending a Municipal law group session on Duty of Loyalty and Confidentiality and how it all works with CAO/Clerk communications, will report back to council.

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

Deputy Warden Clark

- Attended Guysborough county Adult Learning Association meeting; Louise is now certified to teach English to immigrants and there are some changes in program delivery.
- Attended UNSM Forestry Conference, agenda items; Ecology Action Centre, recreation values on crown lands and application of carbon credits
- Mayors and wardens – governance of the strait super port was on the agenda

Councillor Baker

- Nothing to report

Councillor Dort

- Attended RRFB recyclables contest
- Annual waste conference; report to follow – same experiences with cost in rural areas
- 3 Illegal dumpsites that the compliance officer is handling

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- Attended the St. Mary's Volunteers appreciation night
- Attended the DEANS Gala where Max and Barb won the flavor award for Beanies Bistro
- Attended Lighthouse meeting; new officers elected and already have 4 weeks booked for the residence.

Councillor Findlay

- Attended the St. Mary's Volunteers appreciation night
- Attended the DEANS Gala
- Attended the Goldenville Heritage Society meeting; interested mining company wanting to buy core samples from group
- Attended Strategic Tourism Expansion Program (STEP) working group at Liscomb lodge; a sub committees will be formed
- The Test Drive a ford fundraiser will be at the school on Saturday

Councillor Pye

- nothing to report

Warden Mosher

- Attended the St. Mary's Volunteers appreciation night
- Attended the Spring UNSM workshop with sessions on relevant topics such as; the CAP, amalgamation, shared services, asset management

Marvin MacDonald

- Attended UNSM Forestry Conference; committees to work on better tax approach, i.e. forestry land not active and methods to give municipality more management of crown land.
- Interdepartmental meeting; discussed base mapping
- Federal funding programs will open this summer regarding asset management infrastructure and is a requirement of the Gas Tax Program

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 8:10pm

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Mosher

Executive Assistant