



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 14th, 2020

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The Regular Council meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Mosher	Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker	Councillor Findlay
Councillor Smith	Councillor Malloy

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

3. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:

9. a- Aspen Dry Hydrant
9. b-Recommendation from Audit Committee

Motion approved.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 10th, 2020.

Motion approved.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Councillor Smith asked if there are any updates on the sale of Lot-14. The CAO said he is currently working with the solicitor and the signed purchase sale is complete and they are currently working on the migration of the land. The closing will be 5 days after completion of migration. The CAO stated that there is an agreement with the lender that the Municipality will have the first right of refusal option.
- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk asked for an update on the dangerous and unsightly property located on Old Road Hill. The CAO stated that he did issue a timeline that the property owner had to clean up. Blue tarp and tent is property owner which is allowed. Garbage is bagged up, vehicles have been removed. Councillor asked if the road work that is soon to be done on that road will pose a danger to the resident. CAO said he is unsure if that will pose an issue. Councillor Findlay asked about lack of bathroom facilities. CAO said BI said that DOE does not inspect outhouses. Councillor Kaiser-Kirk asked if there was a civic for the property, staff said no there is not but there is an agreement with ESC to pick up bagged garbage at roadside.

6. Recommendations from Committee of The Whole:

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council awarded the historic lighting bid to Suburban Electric in the amount of \$14,703.81 plus HST.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approve the award of the curbs and sidewalks contract for 16 Main St. Parking Lot to B D Clifton Contracting of Antigonish in the amount of \$23,750.10 plus HST.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council agreed to approve the quote from Cimco to perform routine maintenance for the ice plant start up in the amount of \$2,941.43 plus HST and approve the quote from Cimco to perform the repairs to the ice plant condenser in the amount of \$7,423.18 plus HST.

Motion approved.

7. Outside Committee Appointment Reports:

a. Accessibility Advisory Committee- Councillor Smith

- Please see attached report.

b. Community Health Board- Councillor Malloy

- Please see attached report.
- Councillor Smith asked what Spark the Connection is. Councillor Malloy said that it is a meeting with guest speakers talking about isolation in respect to COVID-19

8. CAO Report:

- Please see attached report.
- CAO has been working with the engineer to design that and has gone to tender
- Also extended the deadline for the ISI study to allow consultants more time to prepare proposals.
DATE
- CAO, ARO, MRO working on VIL drafts with Intelivote.
- Municipal Planning public meetings – attended well
- Ultraviolet sewage treatment
- 16 main st. upgrades
- BAP officially started today
- Public Works-arranged for pick up of HHW, new gate delivered and will be installed
- AAC- August 31st meeting- Audits are underway of municipal properties.
- Councillor Smith asked about the engage seminar on quality of life, original study? CAO said yes, through NSFAM and AMANS had an overview on the outcome of the study and discussed next steps and interest across the Province.
- Councillor Findlay asked the outcome of Atlantic Gold. CAO said to meet the new consultant at the office, attended the planning meeting. Wanted to discuss their internet hiring platform.
- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk asked if AG recently finished a report. CAO said they completed and Economic Impact Report but he has not seen the report and encompassed all of their operation not just the Cochrane hill site.

- Councillor Smith when the completion of the return to play plan be done. CAO said meeting with the curling club tomorrow to discuss changes and adaptations. Enough interest from kid's hockey and adult hockey so planning will continue to implement if there is not another wave of COVID-19. With the understanding that if there is another wave, a decision may be made to stop. Director of Finance said there will also be a new position in the newsletter for a COVID part time/casual worker at the rink for the Return to Play. Councillor KK asked how it will be funded. DOF said it will be funded through the recreation budget due to less summer staff.
- Councillor Smith asked about the Fathom Plan and when the first draft will come through. The CAO said possibly the end of October. Will be touching base with DMA to make sure there are no gaps.

9. Other Matters of Business:

a. Aspen Dry Hydrant

- The Municipality included a dry hydrant for the Aspen area in the budget for this fiscal year
- The dry hydrant was designed by Ed MacDonald, EDMAR Ltd. For the specific location on McKeen Crescent, as agreed to by the St. Mary's District Fireman's Association (local area VFD)
- Tenders for the supply and installation of a dry hydrant on McKeen Crescent in Aspen closed at 1:00 PM on Friday September 11, 2020. Two bids were received, George F. MacDonald & Sons Ltd for \$4,450.00 plus HST and Wilsons Cove Excavation & Trucking \$4,136.00 plus HST.
- Both Bidders provided the required proof of insurance, WCB letter of clearance and the 10% Bid Bond.

On recommendation of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Kaiser-Kirk, that Council award the Aspen Dry Hydrant contract to Wilsons Cove Excavation & Trucking Ltd for the amount of \$4,136.00 plus HST.

- Warden Mosher- Ed MacDonald be overseeing the project. CAO said yes it will be.
- Councillor Findlay asked if there was water on the site now. CAO said yes there was

Recommendation adopted.

b. Recommendation from Audit Committee

On recommendation of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council approve the 2019/2020 audited financial statements as presented.

Recommendation adopted.

10. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Malloy, Baker there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 7:25pm.

Motion approved.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved By
Warden Mosher