



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 2021

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, 2021 at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Deputy Warden Fuller	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Baker	Councillor Zinck

Also Attending:

David Hutten, CAO (via Zoom)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Donna-lynn Provost, Municipal Clerk & Special Projects Coordinator

3. Regrets:

Councillor Harpell

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- In camera Contract Negotiations, 9g.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the agenda with addition.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Coastal Protection Act

- Coastal Protection Act extended feedback time, new session dates available in September. Feedback due September 30, 2021.
- Mrs. Fraser, provided an updated request to Efficiency Nova Scotia to use the 2018 not the 2019 figures for Recplex in the Energy Management Plan the was presented the last COTW, August 25, 2021, as the Recplex was shut down for part of the year in 2019. Using 2018 energy usage figures will more accurately reflect the figures in the report.

7. Correspondence:

Street light and signage at the intersection of Sonora Rd and Wine Harbour Rd.

- TAT and Nova Scotia Power. Very Minimal cost to the Municipality for the street light power.
- Consensus of Council is to have Administrative to move forward with this.

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Malloy, the administrative office move forward with the street light and signage at the intersection of Sonora Rd and Wine Harbour Rd.

Recommendation Approved

8. Presentations:

Port Hawksbury Paper, Andrew Fedora/Allan Eddy, establishing a customizable approach to forest management.

- Woodland group produce annual public monitoring report on safety, environmental, and sustainable forest management progress including its management of high conservation values.
- Proactive with communities, identifying preferred, culturally appropriate means of engagement, advising if and how local communities wish to participate in the preparation of the Forest Management Plan.
- Identifying opportunities for local social and economic development.
- PHP has developed the Port Hawkesbury Paper Wind Project.
- PHPW Nova Scotia's vision of a greener provincial economy and together with Port Hawkesbury Paper is a working together to play an important role in support of both economic recovery and growth.
- PHP's electrical power usage flexibility and energy storage is key to balancing a provincial electrical grid with large amounts of renewable energy
- Under the new deal, PHP pays for the cost of power consumed and a portion of the utility's fixed costs
- In exchange, Nova Scotia Power can control how much power PHP gets to take advantage of low-cost power generation
- The deal was expected to achieve about \$6 million in savings in the first year
- Largest wind project when completed with 115-150 megawatts
- Sustainability approach, PHP currently uses 10% to 25% of the power on the provincial power grid. When Port Hawkesbury Paper Wind is in place, it will provide 1/3 of the energy required to operate PHP.
- Currently 2 towers gathering data, 8 months into the exercise

9. Other Matters of Business:

- A. Property Valuation Services (PVSC) Annual Report
 - Mrs. Fraser provided Council with the information for the annual report
- B. Gravel Road Improvements Program

- o Acknowledgement sent from former MLA, Lloyd Hines, on roads to be considered for the Gravel Road Improvement Programs.
- o Appointments will be made with new Members of Parliament

C. Plaque in recognition National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

- o Deputy Warden Fuller brought this item to Council to consider
- o To honor the residential school children that have been lost.
- o Sherbrooke Village is also in corporation of this project

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council will look into a plaque with proper wording and placement to acknowledge our moving forward.

Recommendation adopted

D. Council meeting dates and time.

- o Council did a 4 month trial change of meeting times.
- o Council agreed to continue with 4:00 pm meetings until January of 2022.
- o Council agreed to change meeting times when needed for presentations.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agreed to maintain 4:00 pm meetings time for all meetings for the next 4 months on a trial basis.

Recommendation adopted

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E. Signage for Bickerton Lighthouse.

- o Warden Weir received a letter, regarding issues with signage at the light house.
- o There have been issues with visitors camping, fireworks.
- o Administrative staff to complete.

F. Transportation and Active Transit, Cost Share Agreement #2020-020, for fiscal year 2022-2023.

- o J Class Roads, submission date October 29, 2021
- o Declined last year, resubmit the same 3 roads, in preparation for 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- o Pervious year, submission was done for double chip seal.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agreed to submit the same 3 roads for the Transportation and Active Transit, Cost Share Agreement #202-020 for the fiscal year 2022-2023, which are Cameron Road, Bennetts Loop, and Restoration Drive, with the amendment of asphalt only.

Recommendation adopted

G. In-Camera-Contract Negotiations

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council moved to an in-camera session for Contract Negotiations at 4:50 pm.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council reconvened to regular session at 5:02 pm.

*On recommendation of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Zinck to enter into construction agreement number 2021-007 with Nova Scotia Transportation and Active Transit, which includes Main Street paving, 16 Main Street parking lot paving, sidewalks and curbs along Main Street.
Recommendation adopted*

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10. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Mailman there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Wier