



## **NOTICE**

**MEETING:** St Mary's Municipal Council  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021

**TIME:** 4:00pm

**PLACE:** St. Mary's Municipality  
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

**Please advise if unable to attend**



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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## 1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

## 2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Deputy Warden Fuller via Zoom	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Baker	Councillor Zinck
Councillor Harpell	

## Also Attending:

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

## 3. Additions to the Agenda:

- 9 b. Provincial Shared Solar Program
- c. ECRL/MODSM-Library Proposal
- d. October Council Meeting Date

## 4. Approval of the Agenda:

*On motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Baker Council approved the agenda with additions.*

***Motion approved.***

## 5. Approval of Minutes:

*On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, September 1, 2021.*

***Motion approved.***

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a. Coastal Protection Act, Nova Scotia Environment, Deadline September 30, 2021
  - Submission of notes made from the sessions attended on behalf of the Municipality of The District of St. Mary's.
- b. Climate Change Plan
  - Internal review of the CCP, for financial opportunities for the next upcoming fiscal year, to ensure there are action items the Municipality can commit to.
  - Reviewing other policy and acts to ensure there are no complications from other Municipal documents.

- Will be put to the next COTW, October 6, 2021
- c. Energy Management Plan, by Efficiency Nova Scotia
- Additional time requested to confirm data regarding the Recplex and the energy usage.

## 7. Correspondence:

- a. Fulltime X-Ray services at St. Mary's Memorial Hospital
- Council invites St. Mary's Hospital Board to express any way the Municipality can support the hospital.
  - Can offer letter of support
  - Council unanimously agreed

## 8. Presentations:

- a. Gregory Sewell, Director, Active Transit & Community Transportation. Update on development and growth of Community Transportation in Nova Scotia.
- Provided an overview in regards to Community Transit.
  - Action Plan for Aging Population showed transportation was a major issue that was raised at each of the consultation sessions.
  - Supported by Provincial operating and capital funding programs.
  - Built by the community for the communities.
  - There are currently 19 community based transit, with the addition of newly developed Transit Association of Guysborough and Eskasoni First Nation Transit there will be 21 community based transits.
  - Fare structure is developed with affordably in mind.
  - Fare assistance available for lower income individuals and families.
  - Mr. Sewell offered to have Department of Public Works explore public transit in St. Mary's, as well as engage a consultant to see where the demands of public transit are in the area if Council would like to move forward with the plan.
- b. Kerri Penney, Director of Community Development & Recreation, Education of Indigenous history/issues.
- This document as our first stepping stone in the process of Truth and Reconciliation. We should prioritize education on the history with indigenous peoples, this effort directly correlates with a call to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Report under Professional Development and Training for Public Servants
  - Number 7 reads We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.
  - Individual learning sessions available through
    - ECO Canada Free Webinars
    - Community Sector Council of Nova Scotia Decolonization Journey
    - Canada School of Public Service/Government of Canada

- The following themes are some of the options we may want to consider for shared learning sessions with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
  - Residential school history and residential school experiences
  - History of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and the National center for truth and reconciliation
  - Colonial systems and impacts (60s scoop, day schools, sanatoriums, Missing and murdered indigenous women and girls)
  - Intergenerational trauma and healing
  - Getting engaged with the Calls to Action and social justice action.
- There is also an opportunity to have a tailored session with Brad Spence from ECO Canada. His webinar on Indigenous 101 is very accessible and a great learning tool for how we can begin to create partnerships with indigenous communities.
- It is important to remember that everything done in terms of Truth and Reconciliation should be done in partnership with indigenous peoples, organizations or communities. As a part of our partnership efforts we can together work with Indigenous partners to
  - Expand upon our land acknowledgement, create some content for our social media page for Truth and Reconciliation Week, September 27, 2021 to October 1, 2021, and develop a plan to outline our actions around Truth and Reconciliation, including the development of a mission or vision statement.
  - Develop an action plan...this could be a formal project that is done by hiring an indigenous consulting company or by creating an indigenous action steering committee.
  - Ms. Penney asked Council if, the presentation could be shared with the public for Truth and Reconciliation Day. Council unanimously agreed.
  - Ms. Penney finished her presentation with a quote from Brad Spence, "Nothing about us, with us."

## 9. Other Matters of Business:

### 9 a. Tender Curbside Collection of Residential Waste and Recyclables

- Current 5 year Contact expires March 31, 2022.
- Staff asked Council for any guidance into the potential Tender, examples; start of weekly collection, bulky items etc.

### 9 b. Provincial Shared Solar Program

- Zoom session available September 16, 2021
- Feedback due Friday September 17, 2021
- Propositions put forward by Mrs. Jordan, EMO whom attended a Zoom session.

### 9 c. ECRL/MODSM-Library Proposal

- Staff prepared a potential proposal letter to ECRL for Council to review. The proposal letter included increasing library hours, re-instating Saturdays and adding additional computer back into the library.
- Councillor Mailman to deliver the proposal letter to the ECRL board in person.

- Deputy Warden Fuller proposed in the event the suggestions from Council are declined, to form a small subcommittee to look into other feasible alternatives to the ECRL.
- Council agreed to move forward with the proposal letter without forming a committee.

*On recommendation of Councillor Mailman and seconded by Councillor Harpell, that Council will send the proposal letter to the board of directors for ECRL to have the Sherbrooke Library to reinsate the 10hrs a week to bring it back up to 25 hours a week.*

With the amendment on recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck to send the proposed letter with the dollar amount to the ECRL board for approval.

Recommendation Approved

9 d. October Council Meeting Date

- Next Council Meeting will be Monday, October 18, 2021
- Council unanimously agreed

## 10. Adjournment

*On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zink there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 4:58 pm.*

***Motion approved.***



Recorded By  
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By  
Warden Wier