



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting  
Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021- 4:00pm

*We acknowledge that we are gathering in Mi'kmaq territory the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.*

## 1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Harpell

## Also Attending:

David Hutten, CAO  
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance  
Marissa Jordan, Economic Development Officer  
Mallory Fraser, Active Living Coordinator

## 3. Additions to the Agenda:

- Programs During Covid Updates- added as 8.b and "In-camera Session" moved to 8.c

## 4. Approval of the Agenda:

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

***Motion approved.***

## 5. Approval of Minutes:

*On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.*

***Motion approved.***

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No business arising.

## 7. Correspondence:

### a. Community Spirit Plaque- The Honorable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC

- A letter was received from the Honorable Arthur J. LeBlanc, Lieutenant Governor accompanied by the "Community Spirit Plaque". In recognition of the tremendous spirit and resilience during the Covid pandemic. He announced the creation of the plaque at the Celebrating Community Spirit and Volunteers Ceremony on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and gave the Municipality a plaque to display in the community.
- Council agreed to display this plaque in the Municipal Council Chambers.

b. Municipal and Village Code of Conduct- The Honorable John A. Lohr

- A letter was received from the Honorable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, relating to the most recent updates to the municipal Code of Conduct Regulations. In order to develop the regulations related to municipal codes of conduct in a collaborative manner, they have chosen to establish a Code of Conduct Working Group (CCWG). This working group has a mandate of developing recommendations on the content to be included in the municipal codes of conduct regulations. These recommendations will focus on the content to be included in a municipal code of conduct as well as possible sanctions for a breach.
- The letter stated that it is important that the recommendations developed by the CCWG are supported by municipalities and villages in Nova Scotia. Therefore, once the CCWG has developed their recommendations on the content, DMAH will consult with all municipalities and villages on the proposal.

**8. Other Matters of Business:**

a. Public Participation Program & Engagement Policy

- Staff presented amendments to the municipal Public Participation Program & Engagement Policy previously passed by Council on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. After a review by a senior planner with the Province, suggestions were made to ensure the policy was adequately reflecting the provisions set out in the MGA.

*On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the amendments as presented to the Public Participation Program & Engagement Policy.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

b. Programs During Covid Updates:

- Staff asked for verification from Council about moving forward with municipal recreation programs due to the changes in the covid restrictions and increases in cases. Council asked if there were currently staff present at the programming to check for vaccines. Staff said there was and would ensure that they continued to be present for this reason at the programs.
- The Active Living Coordinator gave background information on the updated restrictions under the new covid guidelines and how they may effect recreation programming and the safety of the participants.
- Council discussed and agreed to suspend all municipal programs involving youth until January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at which time staff and council can reassess based on covid guidelines at that time. Adult programming will continue as long as provincial covid guidelines are being followed.

*On recommendation of Councillor Zinck and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agreed to suspend all municipal recreation programs involving youth until January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at which time they will be reassessed.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

c. In Camera Session

***On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council moved into an in-camera session for contract negotiations at 4:13pm.***

***Motion approved.***

**On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council reconvened to regular session at 4:54pm.**

**Motion approved.**

i. MPS/LUB:

*On recommendation of Councillor Baker and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council awarded the contract for planning services to Upland Planning & Design Studio in the amount of \$15,620 plus HST for final review of the planning documents.*

**Recommendation adopted.**

ii. "Seeds for Growth" Youth Literacy Program:

*On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agreed to have staff implement the "Seeds for Growth" Youth Literacy Program as a pilot project.*

**Recommendation adopted.**

iii. Holiday Grant Application-Review:

- Council stated that the initial amount of funding for the Holiday Grant was \$4,000 but was increased to \$9,000 due to the unexpected number of applications. There were eleven applications received and after reviewing all applications, Council agreed to award grants to the following organizations Seashore Volunteer Fire Department & Seashore Fire Auxiliary, Sonora Community Center, St. Mary's Genealogy Research Center at Sherbrooke Village, Stillwater Community Club, St. Mary's Food Bank.

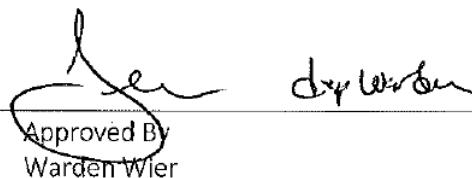
**9. Adjournment**

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

**Motion approved.**



Recorded By  
Marissa Jordan, Economic Development Officer



Approved By  
Warden Wier