



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting
Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

We acknowledge that we are gathering in Mi'kma'ki 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, January 19th, 2022 at 4:01 pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

David Hutten, CAO	Marissa Jordan, EDO & Deputy CAO
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk	Kerri Penney, Director of Community Development & Recreation
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance	

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- 8d. Add to In Camera Session-Transfer Station Backhoe- Invoice

4. Approval of the Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the agenda with the addition of 8e.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

a. Recreation Programs During Covid-19 Update

- Council previously postponed youth recreation programs due to changes in the Covid-19 restrictions. Kerri Penney, the Director of Community Development and Recreation suggested a review of recreation programming on a periodic basis.
- Staff provided an update: School is back as of Monday, January 17th. Community organizations may use the school facility after school hours. The Department of Community Development & Recreation may begin to offer recreation programs in the community if staff is available. Masking will be required and will need to limit programs to 10 participants and under for most programs; the Municipality can offer free skates at half capacity.
- The President of House League Hockey asked that to proceed with practices following provincial regulations and grouping families together to limit contacts. Curling will not be proceeding. Hockey has been on-going in the form of practices following the Covid-19 provincial regulations.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council agreed to re-start recreation programs following provincial regulations and continue to review the situation at future COTW Meetings.

Recommendation adopted.

7. Correspondence

a. 2022 Municipal Boundary Review

- Section 369 of the *Municipal Government Act* requires councils of every municipality to apply to the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board in 2022 to confirm or change the number and boundaries of polling districts and the number of councillors. All councils must conduct a study into the number of and boundaries of polling districts before making the application to the board. The deadline to submit to Utility and Review Board is end of December 2022.
- Deputy Warden proposed a working committee composed of staff & councillors.
- Deputy Warden Fuller, Councillor Harpell & Councillor Malloy offered to serve on this committee.

b. Thank You- St. Mary's District Food Bank

- A thank you note was received for the Food Bank donation with an invitation extended to visit the new Food Bank Building once it's become operational.

8. Other Matters of Business:

a. Non-Profit Organization Property Tax Exemption Application

- District #6 Volunteer Fire Department (Goshen Community & Recreation Centre) submitted an application to be considered under the Non-Profit Organization Property Tax Exemption Policy.
- District #6 Volunteer Fire Department (Goshen Community & Recreation Centre) submitted all required documentation.
- Because this application was received after the deadline there will be a balance on the account for interest accrued.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to approve the District #6 Volunteer Fire Department's application under the Non-Profit Organization Property Tax Exemption Policy.

Deputy Warden declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting.

Recommendation adopted.

b. Comfort Centre Audits

- The EMO Coordinator has requested that each comfort centre complete an audit of available supplies currently on hand. Councillors agree to distribute the check list to comfort centers in their districts.

c. Committee for Land Assessment & Development Incentive

- Chief Administrative Officer David Hutten requested that Council strike a committee for land assessment and development. This committee could consist of 2-3 Council members, the CAO, the EDO and a member at large from the community.
- The Warden & Deputy Warden Fuller volunteered to sit on the committee once it was established. All considerations and plans will be brought back to Council as a whole for discussion at future COTW meetings.

- Council asked that staff advertise for a public member in the newsletter.

d. In Camera Session – Contract Negotiations:

- Snow Removal & Personnel
- Rink Revitalization Fund
- Transfer Station Backhoe- Invoice

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council moved into an in-camera session for Contract Negotiations and Personnel matters at 4:26pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council reconvened to regular session at 5:31pm.

Motion approved.

- Deputy Warden Fuller summarized decisions discussed in camera which included the following recommendations:

On recommendation of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council awarded the contract to RNR Electrical to update the Recplex lights in the amount of \$21,300 plus HST subject to the approval of the Rink Revitalization Fund Grant.

Recommendation adopted.

On recommendation made by Councillor Mailman and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agreed to submit payment for the invoice from Dylan's Tractor Services in the amount of \$6,840.96 for maintenance to the Transfer Station backhoe.

Recommendation adopted.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, due to an error Council agree to amend the previous motion to contribute \$5,988.67 to DEANS and agreed to contribute \$4016.34 as it is the correct figure from DEANS.

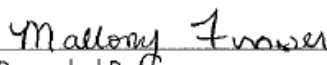
Recommendation adopted.

- Council asked if the upcoming JOHS meeting could be rescheduled. Staff said they will send out alternate dates for consideration.

9. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Baker there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 5:35pm.

Motion approved.


Recorded By
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk


Approved By
Warden Wier