



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4:00 pm 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:

Marissa Jordan, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)

Denise Dunn, Economic Development Officer

Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk

## 3. Additions to the Agenda:

- 8d. Canso Lions Club Annual Provincial Seamen's Memorial Service
- 9e. St. Mary's Community Transportation Project Meeting
- 9f. Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) Service Review Update

## 4. Approval of the Agenda:

*On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, 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, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.*

***Motion approved.***

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Council asked if there have been any updates on the Port Bickerton Lighthouse Road. CAO. Marissa Jordan informed Council that there is no update.

## 7. Presentations

### a. St. Barbara Atlantic Operations Cochrane Hill Gold Mine – Shannon Fox & Dustin O'Leary

- Please see the attached presentation.
- Council asked what jobs and how many of each will be available throughout the whole project including contracts and how secure those jobs would be? St. Barbara will prepare a response to this question and submit it to Council.

- Council asked what measures would be taken to ensure sustainable employment? Dustin O’Leary responded stating that St. Barbara would do everything that they can to keep everyone working as long as possible.
- Council asked if the proposal to raise the walls of the tailings pond is not approved how it will impact the other mine sites. Dustin O’Leary responded that it would have to be investigated further to determine if it would impact other sites.

## **8. Correspondence**

### a. Nova Scotia Housing Needs Assessment – Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing (DMAH)

- Correspondence was received from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing including an invitation to participate in the Nova Scotia Housing Needs Assessment. The needs assessment will provide data and information on current and projected housing needs for each of the 49 municipalities in Nova Scotia and will be updated over time. It will indicate the number and type of housing needed in communities across the Province to meet demand now and in the future.

### b. Modernizing Nova Scotia’s Ambient Air Quality Standards – Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC)

- Correspondence was received from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change informing that the DECC will begin a sixty-day targeted engagement on revised ambient air quality standards for the regulation of industrial emissions to the atmosphere. The standards must be in place by 2025 and will be reviewed every five years following. The department invites individuals who are responsible for regulated activity that emits to the atmosphere or have a professional interest in the impacts of air quality to participate. Feedback must be submitted by August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Staff will be preparing a submission and have invited Council to provide feedback to be included.
- There are not currently any businesses within the Municipality who will be impacted by these changes.

### c. Thank You – Queens Lodge # 34

- Correspondence was received from Queens Lodge #34 thanking Council for their financial contribution.

### d. Canso Lions Club Annual Provincial Seamen’s Memorial Service

- Correspondence was received from the Canso Lions Club inviting the Warden to attend the annual Provincial Seamen’s Memorial Service.
- Council agreed that the Warden will attend Canso Lions Club’s Annual Provincial Seamen’s Memorial Service on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and lay a wreath.

## **9. Other Matters of Business:**

### a. National Adaptation Strategy

- The Government of Canada has initiated a public engagement initiative to collect ideas and comments for the purpose of developing Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy. The engagement initiative will run from May to July 15, 2022. During this time, Canadians will be engaged on specific, measurable, and achievable short-term actions to support long-term transformational goals and medium-term objectives identified in the adaptation priorities including the thriving natural environment, disaster resilience and security, health, and well-being, resilient natural and built infrastructure and strong and resilient economies.

- Councillors can submit their feedback as a collective or individually. Staff will prepare a submission with Council's collective feedback.
- Council asked if Canada is warming two times faster than the global average because there is so much northern territory. Economic Development Officer, Denise Dunn, informed Council that Canada is in fact warming faster due to northern territory and that Canada has very high carbon emissions per capita.

#### b. Video Conferencing & Teleconferencing Policy

- CAO, Marissa Jordan updated Council that staff have prepared a new draft of the Video Conferencing & Teleconferencing Policy to reflect changes to the Municipal Government Act, including a new title, the "Virtual Meetings Policy".
- The purpose of this policy is to supply guidelines for holding virtual meetings for council and committee meetings. The authority for this policy is derived from section 19A of the Municipal Government Act. The policy will apply to all council members, committee members and staff of the Municipality and any group or individual presenting at a council or committee meeting.
- Council discussed the Virtual Meetings Policy.

*On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to repeal the Video Conferencing & Teleconferencing Policy and adopt the Virtual Meetings Policy as presented.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

#### c. J-Class Roads

- CAO, Marissa Jordan updated Council that the roads submitted to the Province's Department of Public Works for 2023-24 J-Class Roads Cost Share Agreement Program were not approved.
- Council discussed submitting roads to the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works for approval of 2023-24 J-Class Roads Cost-Share Agreement Program.

Councillor Mailman declared a conflict of interest.

*On recommendation of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agreed to submit Cameron Road, Bennett's Loop, and Restoration Drive to the Province's Department of Public Works for consideration for the 2023-24 J-Class Roads Cost Share Agreement Program.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

#### d. August Meeting Dates

- Council discussed not holding council or committee meetings during the month of August. Council agreed not to hold meetings during the month of August 2022.
- Staff requested Council to move the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting to September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, due to the Association of Municipal Administrations of Nova Scotia Fall Conference.

*On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to move the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting to September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

- Staff informed Council that the October 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting falls on Thanksgiving and requested the meeting will be held the following Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> as per the Council Procedural Policy. Council agreed that the October 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

- Council discussed the location for September's council meeting. Council agreed that the location for the Council Meeting in September will be District 4 at Indian Harbour Lake – Jordanville Community Centre on September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

e. St. Mary's Community Transportation Project Meeting

- There is a St. Mary's Community Transportation Project public meeting being held on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
- Council agreed to provide mileage to Councillors that attend the meeting.

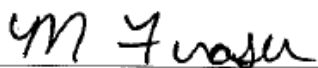
f. ECRL Service Review Update

- The CAO provided an update that the Province has selected a firm to conduct the ECRL external review. The firm that has been selected is Davis Pier, which has experience working with libraries and conducting service reviews. The review will include a review of the events leading up to the current situation, identification of contributing factors, a review of current service levels and how they compare to practices and models in other jurisdictions, and the development of recommendations to support ongoing, suitable, and equitable solution and level of service.

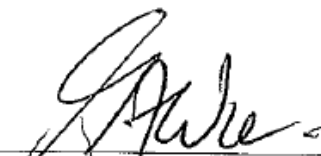
## **Adjournment**

*On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Baker, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 5:01 pm.*

***Motion approved.***



Recorded By  
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk



Approved By  
Warden Wier