



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday, December 7<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, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, N.S.

## 2. Attending:

Warden Wier

Councillor Baker

Councillor Malloy

Councillor Zinck

Councillor Mailman

Councillor Harpell

## Also Attending:

Marissa Jordan, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)

Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk

## Absent with Regrets:

Deputy Warden Fuller

## 3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

## 4. Approval of the Agenda:

*On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the agenda as presented.*

***Motion approved.***

## 5. Approval of Minutes:

*On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

***Motion approved.***

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

## 7. Correspondence

### a. Thank You – Ruth Legge

- A thank you card was received from Ruth Legge thanking Council and staff for appointing her as Volunteer of the Year, for Volunteer of the Year event that was held and the gift that she received.

## 8. Other Matters of Business:

### a. Protected Wilderness Areas

- At a COTW Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council deferred this matter to review information that was received from the Department of Environment of Climate Change on 'Protected Wilderness Areas'.

- Council discussed the information that was received.
- Council agreed not to make a decision regarding the designation of Archibald's Lake as a protected wilderness area.

#### b. EV Chargers Staff Report

- Two Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) have been installed in St. Mary's, one at 16 Main Street and the Port Bickerton Community Center.
- Staff recommend charging \$2.00 per hour for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging at both the 16 Main Street and Port Bickerton Fire Department / Community Centre to cover the cost of electricity used during a charging session with administration occasionally monitoring changes to the UARB power rate.
- Council asked what insurance coverage is provided for these EV Chargers. The CAO advised that the EV Chargers will be listed as an asset under the Municipal Insurance Policy, and they will review the specifics of the Insurance Policy and provide an update to Council.

*On recommendation of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agreed to charge \$2.00 per hour for Electric Vehicle charging at both the 16 Main Street and Port Bickerton Fire Department / Community Centre to cover the cost of electricity used during a charging session with administration occasionally monitoring changes to the UARB power rate.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

#### c. Construction & Demolition Waste Regulation Amendments

- The NS Department Environment and Climate Change (NSDECC) is amending the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste regulations to address how C&D waste is managed at approved facilities in Nova Scotia and is collecting feedback on the proposed amendments. The Province is requesting feedback be submitted by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Council reviewed the information provided by staff.
- Council asked if the facility could receive a % of the banned materials. The CAO advised that there will be some tolerances, but there will be set thresholds to comply with during inspections and if you exceed the thresholds there could be consequences.
- Council asked if the Province was going to provide funding for these changes that have not been budgeted for. The CAO updated Council that there are no funds available currently to support the transition to the new regulations.
- Council asked where the treated wood would go. The CAO advised that one option that was mentioned during the feedback session would be to send it to a second-generation landfill or to re-sell the materials.
- Councillor Malloy indicated that she would send the documents to the Eastern Region Solid Waste – Resource Management Committee.

d. Update to Tourist Accommodations Registration Requirements

- Under the Tourist Accommodations Registration Act (TARA), tourist accommodations must register each year to operate in Nova Scotia. Changes to the law and regulations remove the registration exemption for accommodations operating in a primary residence so that all operators offering short-term-rentals (a period of 28 days or fewer at one time) are required to register by April 1 each year. Accommodations operators will also now be required to post valid registration numbers in listings on accommodations marketing platforms like Airbnb, VRBO, Booking.com and Expedia. The amendments will allow the Province to gather comprehensive data about short-term rentals and give municipalities access to the information they need to enforce land-use by-laws. These changes will come into effect on April 1, 2023, to provide time for operators and platforms to come into compliance.
- Council asked if this change only applies to primary residences. The CAO advised that staff will investigate and provide Council with an update.

e. Coastal Flood Line Mapping

- The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing reached out to staff to propose the Municipality participate in a Coastal Flood Line Mapping study for St. Mary's. The value of the study is approximately \$150,000 - \$170,000 and would be 100% funded by the Province. The RFP would need to be complete by the end of December and the project would be complete by the end of March. Coastal Flood Line Mapping was listed as a policy within the draft Municipal Planning Strategy that Council just approved. It is also a Statement of Provincial interest for municipalities to complete this work. There is a 10-year period before the data collected would have to be integrated into the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

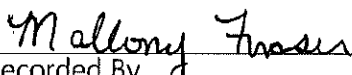
*On recommendation of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council recommended to partner with the Province on the St. Mary's Coastal Flood Line Mapping project and direct staff to award the RFP to the successful consultant provided the project does not exceed the provincial funding.*

**Recommendation adopted.**

**Adjournment**

*On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 4:26 pm.*

**Motion approved.**

  
Recorded By  
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk

  
Approved By  
Warden Wier