



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 25th, 2023

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

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

Warden Wier called the Special Council Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Marissa Jordan, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion approved.

4. February Council Meeting

- The Still Water Community Center is unavailable for the council meeting on February 13th, 2023 because the center is closed during the winter months from December to March.
- Staff proposed that the council meeting be held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office at 7:00 pm.
- Council agreed to hold a Council Meeting at the Stillwater Community Centre when it re-opens in the spring.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council agreed to hold the February 13th, 2023 Council Meeting in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office at 7:00 pm.

Motion approved.

5. Federal Electoral Boundary Changes

- By Order in Council dated November 1, 2021, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Nova Scotia (the Commission) was established pursuant to the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. E-3 (the Act).
- The current riding of Central Nova is being proposed to change. Antigonish will be removed from the riding and additional parts of HRM will be added, including urban areas like Cole Harbour and Enfield.
- Central Nova Member of Parliament (MP), Sean Fraser is opposed to this change given the difficulty it will be to represent the interests of all constituents, and the challenges related to urban

and rural concerns. He had attended the only public session in Antigonish back in the Spring and has submitted a written objection. The final opportunity to oppose this is an in-person meeting he has with the Committee on January 31, 2023.

- MP Sean Fraser is asking for a letter of support from Council opposing the changes to the Federal Electoral Boundaries.
- Council discussed if the Municipality should oppose the federal electoral boundaries changes.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agreed to write a letter in support of Sean Fraser, opposing the proposed federal electoral boundary changes and have all members of Council sign the letter.

Motion approved.

6. In Camera – Personnel

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council moved to an in-camera session at 4:07 pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council reconvened to regular session at 4:15 pm.

Motion approved.

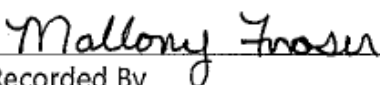
On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, following the completion of the 12-month term ending January 26th, 2023, Council appointed Marissa Jordan, as the permanent full-time CAO as outlined in the letter of offer dated January 19th, 2023.

Motion approved.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Baker, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk



Approved By
Warden Wier