



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Tuesday, May 2nd, 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 COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

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

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Harpell

Also Attending:

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

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- 8a. Correspondence-Parking on Main Street

4. Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, April 19th, 2023.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Presentation

a. RCMP Annual Performance Plan – Corporal Michon

- Each April every division across the Province creates a new annual performance plan.
- The District of Guysborough RCMP topics for their annual performance plan are focusing on communities, road safety, and crime reduction. These are the same topics that were used in the plan last year.
- With a focus on communities the RCMP will attend African NS events, be active within the school, and meet with senior committees. The District plans to contact High-Crest Nursing Home to arrange a pancake breakfast on a Friday or Saturday morning.

- Corporal Michon noted that the annual performance plan is for the entire District of Guysborough, not just Sherbrooke.
- For road safety, the District plans to conduct joint operations with the commercial vehicles division, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The plan is to increase check stops again this year, with a focus on education, and increase participate in community events such as ATV rallies.
- For crime reduction the RCMP will conduct checks on individuals on conditional sentence orders. Conditional sentence order checks are to ensure the individuals abide by their conditions. There are approximately five individuals within the entire district with a conditional sentence order. RCMP will also be doing school presentations on impaired driving. They have all the equipment to conduct drug testing. There are two different instruments they can utilized to conduct a mouth swab that detects THC, cocaine, or methamphetamines. The RCMP will also have more of a presence in smaller remote communities throughout the district.
- Corporal Michon hopes to attend a meeting earlier next year in April so that Council can provide feedback on what the Municipality would like to see included in the plan, unfortunately, it is too late for this year.
- Deputy Warden Fuller asked if members of the RCMP could visit into Goshen Coffee Mornings. Corporal Michon answered that they could, they just need invite with the details to attend.
- Corporal Michon shared that he would like to meet with Council on a quarterly basis to provide updates on statistics.
- Corporal Michon shared that the generator pad will be getting installed this year at the Sherbrooke RCMP station.
- Corporal Michon shared that he is working to plan an Open House event in August Open. If approved he would like to have the tactical truck, diver team truck, ATVs, and a helicopter there. This would be the first time for an event of this type to occur in Sherbrooke. The plan is to have the event on a Saturday from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and will reach out to the Municipality to help with advertising.

8. Other Matters of Business:

a. Parking on Main Street, Sherbrooke

The Warden requested that Corporal Michon stay for this agenda item to potentially advise on RCMP options for the concern.

- Council received correspondence from a concerned citizen and there have also been multiple people reaching out to Councillors as they are concerned about the safety of parking on Main Street in Sherbrooke.
- Council discussed placing no parking signs along the sidewalk to deter parking. Corporal Michon shared that painting no parking signs on the street would not be effective in the wintertime.
- Warden Wier asked Corporal Michon how the signs are usually installed. Corporal Michon advised that the signs could be placed on the grass side of the sidewalk.
- Deputy Warden Fuller asked if there is a by-law for enforcement if a separate citation book is required. Corporal Michon answered that he does not believe it was required, but he will check to ensure.

- If a bylaw is passed by the Municipality, the local RCMP will need a copy of the bylaw to send to Halifax to make sure it fits the requirements, then it will be sent to Ottawa for final approval and to be input in the system.
- Council asked if someone was parked directly on the sidewalk is it against the law? Corporal Michon answered that it is illegal for a vehicle to be parked directly on the sidewalk.
- CAO Jordan asked if parking is allowed in front of dry hydrants. There is no law against it, and it would need a separate bylaw.
- Corporal Michon indicated that RCMP will need help sharing with residents if a bylaw is passed.
- Council agreed to place no parking signs along Main Street, Sherbrooke as a deterrent to people parking on the sidewalks.

b. Land Use Bylaw Amendment Meeting Dates

- A Public Hearing and a Special Council Meeting date need to be scheduled for the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment.

On the recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 7th, and a Special Council Meeting for the Second Reading of the Land Use Bylaw Amendment at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 7th.

Recommendation adopted.

c. Chief Administrative Officer Policy – Draft #2

- Staff presented draft #2 of the Chief Administrative Officer Policy.
- Council discussed the amendments to sections 4.4, 3.3, 6.1."o," and 8.2 within the CAO policy.

On the recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agreed to approve the amendments to the Chief Administrative Officer Policy.

Recommendation adopted.

d. Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL) Hours

- Staff have updated CEO Laura Emery that Council has approved additional funds for seven additional open hours at the Sherbrooke Public Library. Ms. Emery has requested Council's input on when they would like to see the hours used.
- CAO shared the current hours of the library and Council discussed when the additional hours should be used.
- Council agreed to add two hours on Saturdays and 5 hours on Tuesdays proposed the open hours of 9:30 am -2:30 pm on Saturdays and 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Tuesdays and directed the CAO to request this of ECRL.

e. 2023-24 Cost Shared Program for Paving Subdivision (J Class) Streets

- The Municipality has been approved for the paving of Bennett's Loop. The total cost of the project is \$185,000 and would be a 50-50 cost share, leaving the Municipality responsible for \$92,500.

Councillor Mailman declared a conflict of interest.

- Council discussed the offer and asked if the new capital funding that was received could be applied to this. CAO advised that this project does not fit within the funding.
- Council agreed not to accept the project and resubmit for Cameron's Road next year.

On the recommendation of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agreed to not to accept the cost-share project for Bennett's Loop and resubmit Cameron Road next year for 2024/2025.

Recommendation adopted.

f. In-Camera: Contract Negotiations

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agreed to move in-camera at 4:45 pm for contract negotiations.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council reconvened to regular session at 5:25 pm.

Motion approved.

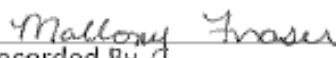
On the recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agreed to extend the existing contract with Port Bickerton Planning Association for six months, ending October 31st, 2023.

Recommendation adopted.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Mailman, and seconded by Councillor Baker, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Motion approved.


Recorded By
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk


Approved By
Warden Wier