



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Emergency Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

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

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

Chief Administrative Officer Doug Patterson called the Emergency Council meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)
Mallory Fraser, Municipal Clerk
Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk

3. Approval of Agenda:

On the motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

4. Water Main Break

- See the attached staff report.
- That Municipal Council approved repair costs up to \$11,000.00 to complete needed repairs to the Sherbrook Water main from the Capital reserve

On the motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the expenditure of up to \$11,000 to complete the required repairs to the Sherbrooke Water Main.

Motion approved.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Motion approved.

Recorded By
Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk

Approved By
Warden Wier

Watermain Break

Update to council by Teddy Stevens, Director of Public Works and Doug Patterson, CAO

SUMMARY

In recent days a water leak has been detected along Marine Drive between the Municipal building and the water plant. Repairs are required.

BACKGROUND

The leaking water was tested and contained chlorine. The presence of treated water confirms the source as being from the Municipal water main. The new water main was excavated and examined. No leaks were found in the new water main. However, the old watermain remains in place along side the new line. A construction error may have left at least this section of the old main pressurized.

The solution developed by public works is to excavate and disconnect the old main permanently.

A review of the plans of the water lines and a consultation with the engineer who did the system design confirms that disconnection and closure of the old system will be the solution to end the leak. Further, that, continued pressurization of the old line is the only reasonable source of the leak prior to further excavation to examine the situation.

Excavation in the road allowance near the water plant has been identified on the plans as the probable connection location between the new and old water mains where the connection could be permanently severed.

Care would be taken in the work to protect local pedestrian and public vehicles. Paving would be repaired as soon as possible given that this paved area is actively used by the public. The work would be done early next week.

A Voyent Alert would be issued in advance to advise of any water service interruption.

CONSIDERATIONS

This repair would complete the new watermain project by finishing the missed step of severing the new line from its temporary link to the old line. The cost could be attributed to a current year capital reserve fund use. The capital reserve funds had a current fiscal budget of 411K. The capital reserve fund cost for this event is expected to be between \$6,000.00 and \$11,000 based on our initial estimate of work for excavation, re-paving, and parts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Municipal Council approve repair costs up to \$11,000.00 to complete needed repairs to the Sherbrook water main.