



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 11th, 2023

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

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The Regular Council meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, December 11th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

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| Warden Greg Wier | Councillor Courtney Mailman |
| Deputy Warden James Fuller | Councillor Beulah Malloy |
| Councillor Everett Baker | Councillor James Harpell |

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Charlene Zinck

Also Attending:

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

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the minutes of the:

- Regular Council meeting held November 14th, 2023.
- Special Council meeting held November 22nd, 2023.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole:

Committee of the Whole - November 15th, 2023

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council agree to approve the amount of \$100.00 to Storybrooke Day Home for a miniature version of the Municipal office to aid in the 'Play to Learn' project and come out of the advertising and tourism budget.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council agree to direct staff to apply to the Municipal Capital Growth Program through DMAH for the Phase Two of the Sherbrooke Water Treatment Plant Control and Efficiency Solutions and the Sherbrooke Sewer Utility Inflow and Infiltration Phase Two project including, repair/ replacement of manhole structures and/ or covers located on Old Road Hill with a total combined budget of \$208,150 with the Municipal share funded through the 2024/25 Capital Budget.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council approves the action plan to make a capital investment in a DAF System for the water plant, and to refurbish the two water plant filters. Further, staff to come back to Council for Council approval to award bids for both projects.

Motion approved.

Committee of the Whole – December 6th, 2023

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agrees to opt in and participate in the Nova Scotia Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for Packaging and Paper Products (PPP).

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council request that staff (1) review changes to Provincial & Federal legislation & Municipal Planning Strategy & commitments and update the 2021 Climate Change Action Plan accordingly; (2) create SMART goals for the 2021 Climate Change Action Plan priorities including a complete corresponding action plan for each goal; (3) add "Biodiversity" under the Climate Change Risk priority. Further, that council will approve goals and corresponding action plans per item as presented.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agree to direct Staff to submit an application to the Clean Foundation's Community Climate Capacity Program by the December 13 deadline.

Motion approved.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agree to recognize May 1st of each year as First Responders Day and hold a ceremony to honour their hard work.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agree to send a letter to our local MLA in support of Cellular Service for all of the Municipality's Districts.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council supports the municipal application to the Tourism Nova Scotia digital marketing program to seek assistance in digitally marketing content produced with the support of Tourism Nova Scotia.

Motion approved.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council approve the new staffing structure within the Public Works Department.

Motion approved.

Teddy Stevens, Director of Public Works left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

8. Outside Committee Reports

a. Old Fashioned Christmas – Councillor Zinck – October 2023

- See the attached report.

b. Guysborough Adult Learning Association – Deputy Warden Fuller – October 2023

- See the attached report.

c. Eastern Regions Solid Waste – Councillor Malloy – November 2023

- See the attached report.

d. Eastern Counties Regional Library – Councillor Mailman – November 2023

- See the attached report.

9. Other Matters of Business:

- There were no other matters of business.

10. CAO Report:

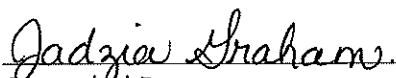
- See the attached report.
- CAO provided highlights on what is included in the report.
- Old Fashioned Christmas was a great success, the Municipality decorated a door placed at the Blacksmith Shop for the Old Fashioned Christmas and helped coordinate the Parade of Lights. The Municipality put in a float for the Parade of Lights.
- The engagement phase of the Active Transportation Plan has wrapped up and we are now awaiting the “What We Heard Report” on the engagement phase before moving on to the draft plan.
- The Municipality is working with the engineers hired to create a C&D plan for disposal at the Transfer site and design a plan for the New Transfer Station Building.

- Plans to improve water plant operation with the addition of a DAF aeration system and replacement of the filter media were completed and received approval from the provincial ministry of the environment.

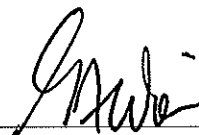
Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Baker, there being no further matters of business, the council adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk



Approved By
Warden Wier