



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

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 Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Greg Wier

Deputy Warden James Fuller

Councillor Everett Baker

Councillor James Harpell

Councillor Courtney Mailman

Councillor Beulah Malloy

Councillor Charlene Zinck

Absent with Regrets:

Also Attending:

Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)

Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk

Denise Dunn, Economic Development Officer (EDO)

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- Addition of 7d. Access Awareness Week
- Addition of 7e. Ocean's Day – Whale Sanctuary

4. Approval of the Agenda:

On the motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the agenda with the additions.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held May 1st, 2024.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Correspondence:

- There was no correspondence.

8. Other Matters of Business:

a. Audit Process

- Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF) informed Council of the 2024 Audit process.
- Some highlights she included was the Audit Service Plan.

b. Tourism levy

- See the attached staff report.
- Coastal Nova Scotia has requested a Tourism Levy be added to fixed-roof accommodations in Guysborough County as per their presentation at the January 17, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting.
- The marketing Levy was an item on the Joint Council Meeting with the Municipality of Mulgrave and Municipality of the District of Guysborough and Municipality of the District of St. Mary's on April 10th, 2024. It was recommended that the municipalities in Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough Counties adopt a consistent municipal by-law to enact the tourism levy.

On recommendation of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agree that the levy be investigated by Council with appropriate consultation conducted with all fixed-roof accommodation providers.

Recommendation adopted.

c. Volunteer of the Year Award

- See the attached staff report.
- Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk advised council every year The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's has put out a nomination form for residents to nominate someone within their organization/community who has shown exceptional volunteerism. The municipality will hold its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in the Fall. The event celebrates the accomplishments of volunteers within the municipality, including a formal presentation to the Volunteer of the Year.
- Council picked 2 people out of the nominees and whoever got the most number one votes, is the winner, if they do not want to be recognized, the runner-up will be picked..

On recommendation of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agrees to select Ray Jordan as the 2024 St. Mary's Municipal Volunteer of the Year.

Recommendation adopted.

d. Access Awareness Week

- Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk informed Council that May 26th, 2024 to June 2nd, 2024 is National Access Awareness Week, Municipalities will be sharing their Accessibility Plans, and information on how to make St. Mary's more accessible and promote inclusivity.
- The Municipality has been sent 2 accessibility flags, buttons, and informational brochures to hand out at the Municipal Office to promote a more accessible St. Mary's.

e. Ocean's Day – Whale Sanctuary

- On June 1st, 2024, The Whale Sanctuary is going to be holding its first Ocean's Day to advertise and promote education on the ocean. The event is going to be hosted by the Whale Sanctuary Project (WSP) with free admission and hold many different events to ensure the appeal for all demographics.

9. In-Camera: Contract Negotiations & Legal

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agree to move In-Camera for Contract Negotiations and Legal.

Motion approved.

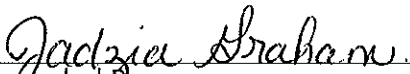
On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agreed to return to regular session at 5:47 p.m.

Motion approved.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Motion approved.


Recorded By
Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk


Approved By
Warden Wier