



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*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 Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

## **2. Attending:**

Warden James Fuller  
Deputy Warden Beulah Malloy  
Councillor Emma Tibbo  
Councillor Dana O'Connell  
Councillor Scott Beaver

## **Also Attending:**

Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)  
Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk  
Keren Ruller, Director of Economic Development

## **3. Additions to the Agenda:**

- There were no additions to the agenda.

## **4. Approval of Agenda:**

*On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approved the agenda as presented.*

***Motion approved.***

## **5. Approval of Minutes:**

*The Warden called for errors or omissions to the previous minutes, hearing none, Council approved the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*

***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 – Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

*On motion of Councillor O'Connell seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council Repeal the current Transfer Station Recovery Policy.*

***Motion approved.***

**Committee of the Whole – Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*On motion of Councillor Beaver seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council approve the 2025/2026 Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption with the annual household income range threshold as laid out in the table below and the tax exemption credit amount with the corresponding range, all other eligibility requirements remain the same as outlined in the application.*

**Motion approved**

**Committee of the Whole – March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*On motion of Councillor Tibbo seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council agree to appoint Warden Fuller and Councillor O'Connell as an alternate to the Smart-Go Board (External Committee).*

**Motion approved**

*On motion of Councillor O'Connell seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council transfer the 2024-2025 Municipal Operating Surplus on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to the following;*

- a. Repay the Municipal Capital Reserve \$109,500.80 for the Recplex ice re-surfacer*
- b. Transfer \$75,000 into the newly established Fire Service Capital Reserve*
- c. Transfer any remaining surplus funds into the Municipal Capital Reserve*

*Further, recommend that Municipal Council direct staff to develop a Fire Service Capital Reserve Policy that would outline eligibility requirements for a Municipally registered Fire Department servicing the Municipality of St. Mary's to access funds within the reserve and develop a corresponding application and scoring process.*

**Motion approved**

*On motion of Councillor Tibbo and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council authorizes staff to collaborate with local artists, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders to design, and produce the panel project contents.*

*Further, that staff will report back with key milestones including design and installation, to ensure the project stays on track and within budget.*

*Further, all work on the project shall be within the \$25,000.00 applied for, from Oceans North including all taxes.*

**Motion approved**

*On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council agree to send 2 members of Council, (Councillor Tibbo and Warden Fuller) to the FCM Conference in Ottawa, Ontario on May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.*

**Motion approved**

*On motion of Councillor Tibbo and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council agree to direct staff to write a letter of support for the Road Trail Act for connecting highway 7 to Trout Lake Road and Connecting the Sonora Trail to businesses in Port Hilford. Further, that Council will support with communicating that the St. Mary's ATV Club is an asset to the community and businesses operating within.*

**Motion approved**

*On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council decided that it is not in the budget to provide Community First Guysborough Housing with funding for the purchase of land in Sherbrooke for housing at this time.*

**Motion approved**

## 8. Outside Committee Reports

- There were no Outside Committee Reports.

## 9. Other Matters of Business

- There was no Other Matters of Business.

## 10. CAO Report:

- See the Agenda/Package for the report.
- Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) informed the Council of the updates to the low-income tax application as the threshold was amended to a tiered system.
- Recreation Department - The St. Mary's Recplex will have the ice melted at the end of March the last free skate will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Rink Revitalization grant has been applied for the St Mary's Recplex compressor and to complete interior painting.
- Construction and Demolition - ongoing work is being completed by staff to help restore a residential collection service.
- Economic Development – Planning for tourism season, working on a new website to promote businesses, attractions, events, and facilities in St. Mary's.

## Adjournment

*On motion of Warden Fuller, there being no further matters of business, the Council adjourned at 6:13pm.*

***Motion approved.***



Recorded By

Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk



Approved By

Warden Fuller