



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

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

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

Warden Fuller called the Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)
Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk
Mallory Fraser, Director of Community Development and Recreation
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 Councillor Tibbo, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Presentation of the 2025-2026 Budget – Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer

- Please see the Agenda/Package for the presentation.
- Marian Fraser, Director of Finance outlined the 2025-2026 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget.

6. 2024 2025 Budget Resolutions and Motions

a. Tax Rate Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's that pursuant to Section 72 and 73 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal Council of the estimates the sums of **\$ 2,833,028** is required for the lawful purposes of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2026, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than taxes for said year which may not be collectable and collected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a rate of \$ 2.29 on each one-hundred dollar of the assessed value of the property assessed in the Assessment Roll, which shall be the Commercial Property Tax Rate, and which rate the said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditure of the said Municipality for the said year and any deficit from the preceding year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a Property Tax Rate of \$ 0.98 on each one-hundred dollar of assessed value of residential property assessed in the Residential Rate Roll, said rate having been calculated after applying the commercial rate to the residential property assessed to obtain the amount to be raised from Residential Property Taxation.

The *Commercial and Residential Property Tax Rate* as determined by Council and that Council deems sufficient to raise the amounts necessary for the lawful purposes of the said Municipality for the twelve-month year ending March 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 31st day of July 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council imposes an additional percentage of fourteen percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 31st day of July 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby fixes the 31st day of July 2025 as the day after which the Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes.

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approved the Tax Rate Resolution for Adopting Estimates and Striking the Tax Rate for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026.

Motion approved.

b. Remuneration of Warden and Councillors

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, that the Remuneration entitled to **Warden & Councillors** for April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026 be as follows:

1. The Warden of the Municipality shall receive an amount of \$ 11,535 per annum as remuneration of their services as Warden and the Deputy Warden shall receive an amount of \$ 3,290 per annum for their services as Deputy Warden.
2. Every member of the Municipal Council shall receive an amount of \$ 17,321 per annum as remuneration for their service as Councillor, such remuneration shall also be paid to the Warden and Deputy Warden as a Councillor pursuant to section 1 of this resolution.
3. The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors shall in addition to such remuneration be paid a daily meal fee of \$70.00 (\$15.00 breakfast, \$20.00 dinner, \$35.00 supper) and to utilize the **Federal Floating Mileage Rate** for travel to and from meetings, conferences, workshops, etc.
4. Municipal representatives appointed by Council to outside agencies, organizations, commissions shall be paid in accordance of section 3 the Remuneration For Warden & Councillors.
5. The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors are paid 12 times per year.

On motion of Councillor Tibbo and seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council approved the Warden and Council Remuneration Resolution for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026.

Motion approved.

c. 2025-2026 Municipal Operating Budget

On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approved the Municipal Operating Budget which includes individual department budgets and the schedule of rates including the increases to area rates as presented for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026.

Motion approved.

d. 2025-2026 Sherbrooke Water Utility Budget

On motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approve the Sherbrooke Water Utility Operating budget as presented for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026 pending the Nova Scotia Utility and review Board decision.

Motion approved.

e. 2024-25 Capital Budgets

On motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approved the Capital budget as presented for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026.

Motion approved.

f. General Government Grants Policy

On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approve to amend section 6 of the General Government Grants Policy and state a minimum total project of \$1,000 along with removing the stipulation that organizations are only eligible if they have not received the grant within the last two fiscal years along with all other recommend non substantive changes. Furthermore; that Council re-issue the call for General government Grant applications for the 2025-2026 fiscal year with a deadline for applications of May 14th, 2025.

Motion approved.

g. 2025-2026 General Government Grants

on motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approve the General Government grants for fiscal year April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026.

Motion approved.

h. 2025-2026 Internal and External Committee Appointments

On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approve the appointments to the Internal and External Committees of Council for fiscal year April 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2026 as presented in the attached table and providing compliance with External Boards Policy

With the contingent of receiving directors liability and insurance as per the External Boards Policy.

Motion approved.

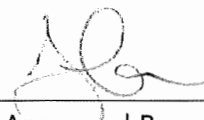
Adjournment:

On motion of Warden Fuller, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 7:25pm.

Motion approved.

Jadzia Rudolph.

Recorded By
Jadzia Rudolph



Approved By
Warden Fuller