



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 19th, 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 November 19th, 2025, at 5:02pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

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

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Emma Tibbo

Also Attending:

Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk
Keren Ruller, Director of Economic Development

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- Addition of #9 Other Matters of Business item a. COTW/Council Meeting Schedule for December.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Warden Fuller called for additions to the agenda, there being no other additions to the agenda, Council approved the agenda as with the addition.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Warden Fuller called for omissions, errors, or amendments to the minutes, there being no omissions, errors or amendments to the previous minutes, Council approve the minutes from the Council meeting held October 15th, 2025.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a. Future Distribution of Newsletter in Case of Postal Strike
 - Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) informed Council that in the event of another postal strike, the monthly newsletters will be sent out to local community centres, the small library lending boxes, and local stores such as the grocery store. As well, council members can distribute to their constituents.

- b. Staff Report – EMO: St. Mary’s Drought Response
 - Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) informed Council that for the past three months the St. Mary’s Emergency Management Organization Team has provided over 27,000 liters of water to residents experiencing dry wells due to the drought conditions.
 - A meeting was held by the EMO Team at which the Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) was deactivated in accordance with the St. Mary’s Emergency Management Plan. The EMO Team will follow up with drought debriefing and future planning for improvements.

7. Recommendations from Committees of Council:

- a. Committee of the Whole – October 15th, 2025

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council agreed to research all options and avenues for pedestrian safety at the intersection of Highway 7 and Mainstreet in front of the local grocery store (Clover Farm).

Motion approved.

- b. Committee of the Whole – November 3rd, 2025

No recommendations were made at this meeting.

8. Outside Committee Reports

- a. St. Mary’s Association for Rural Transit (SMART-GO) – October 7th, 2025
 - Please see the agenda/package for the outside committee report

9. Other Matters of Business:

- a. COTW/Council Meeting Schedule for December.
 - Council unanimously agreed to cancel the December 17th COTW meeting and move the regular Council meeting to the December 3rd date after the COTW.

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy and seconded by Councillor O’Connell, Council agreed to move the Council meeting scheduled for December 17th, 2025, to immediately following the COTW meeting scheduled for December 3rd, 2025, and to cancel COTW meeting scheduled for December 17th, 2025.

Motion approved.

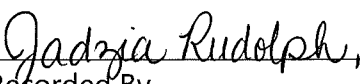
10. CAO Report:

- Please see the agenda/package for the report.
- Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) informed Council of the following:
 - Awarding the Contract for the water tower design will be coming to council soon
 - The Director of Economic Development has received the 3-D Wave Flood line mapping resource
 - The draft *Dangerous and Unsightly* policy and *Surplus Land* policy will be coming to Council for adoption
 - Climate change initiatives were discussed, and the municipality applied for an extension for the solar feasibility study RFP
 - The Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) position application has been submitted and approved
 - Staff held an Electric Vehicle Charger Kick-Off which was attended by some residents
 - Tourism promotional updates were provided, and further information will be available at the next meeting this afternoon (November 19th COTW)

- Some municipal events are upcoming, such as Volunteer Awards are scheduled for December 4th, the Merry and Bright Holiday Trip on December 19th, and the Healthcare Professionals appreciation Event scheduled for this winter.
- Capital Projects were discussed such as the Recplex upgrades and water treatment plant heating and cooling system replacement which have been completed, public works garage has been upgraded with new electrical, roof was replaced on the water pump house, and the Recplex ammonia detection system was upgraded.

Adjournment

On motion of Warden Fuller, there being no further matters of business, the Council adjourned at 6:26pm.
Motion approved.


Recorded By
Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk


Approved By
Warden Fuller

