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*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 COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, N.S.

## **2. Attending:**

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

## **Also Attending:**

Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk

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

- There were no additions to the agenda.

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

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

***Motion approved.***

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

*On the motion of Warden Fuller, hearing no errors or omission to the previous minutes, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*

***Motion approved.***

## **6. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- a. Feedback from Council on Curbside Waste Collection Contract RFP
  - Lesley McFarlane, CAO asked if Council received any feedback from their constituents.
  - Council would like to see a cost breakdown of extending the curbside collection for additional weeks.

## **7. Correspondence:**

- a. Letter from Department of Municipal Affairs - Honourable John A. MacDonald November 24, 2025
  - Please see the agenda/package for the correspondence.

## **8. Presentation: Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) – Quarterly Update**

- Please see the agenda/package for the presentation.

- Andrew Fidler, Guysborough County District RCMP provided Council with a presentation regarding fraud prevention, "positive" ticketing, road safety and building community relationships.
- The RCMP provided a summary of calls and activity of the area.
- The RCMP informed Council of the upcoming events such as "Cram the Cruiser" event which is a foodbank collection drive.
- The RCMP member also informed Council that there is an increase in calls related to mental health.


## 9. Other Matters of Business:

- a. Staff Report – Policing Review
  - Please see the agenda/package for the report.
  - The Warden and CAO, along with the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, met with Minister of Justice, Scott Armstrong, Associate Deputy Minister Michelle Higgins, and Executive Director of Public Safety and Security Division Hayley Crichton.
  - Department of Justice staff provided a presentation on review outcomes and six proposed foundational changes.
  
- b. Staff Report – Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Update
  - Please see the agenda/package for the report.
  - Lesley McFarlane, CAO informed Council of the update to the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF).
  - There are six initiatives with three to four milestones within each, and 8 out of 19 milestones have been completed to date.
  
- c. Staff Report – Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
  - Please see the agenda/package for the report.
  - The Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products Regulations came into effect December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This shifts financial and operational responsibility of packaging and paper recycling from municipalities to producers to improve recycling rates and encourage more efficient use of materials.

## Adjournment

*On motion of Warden Fuller there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 5:57pm.*

***Motion approved.***

  
 Recorded By  
 Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk

  
 Approved By  
 Warden Fuller