



**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday February 22, 2017**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday February 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden Mosher
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Malloy
Councillor Baker
Mr. Adam Rodgers, Solicitor

ALSO ATTENDING

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION; LIGHTHOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9th 2017 WITH AMENDMENTS TO COUNCILLOR FINDLAY'S STATEMENT TO NOW READ: I am voting in favor of the Water Line Replacement Project because we will receive 75% of the cost of the project from the Federal and Provincial Governments – an opportunity we cannot pass up. But I am disappointed that council could not agree to inject a larger amount from municipal reserve.
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD JANUARY 16th
MOTION CARRIED
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24th 2017 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- NONE

Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

- a. Approval of Finance Report

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE 3RD QUARTER FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Approval of Capital Cost for Court Street

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN DORT THAT COUNCIL TAKE THE COST OF \$79,006 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FOR THE WATER LINE COURT STREET PROJECT
MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Approval of Road name

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE NAME OF PEACE ROAD FOR UNLISTED SUBDIVISION ROAD OFF OF MAILMAN BRANCH RD, LITTLE LISCOMB, BASED ON REQUEST PRESENTED AT COTW
MOTION CARRIED**

- d. Terms of Reference for Economic Development Committee

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN DORT THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND ACCEPT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS PRESENTED AT COTW
MOTION CARRIED**

- e. District 3/5 funds Request

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER TO DEFER MATTER TO NEXT COTW FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
MOTION CARRIED**

- f. FCM Conference

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE WARDEN TO THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA IN JUNE 2017.

-WARDEN THANKED COUNCIL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND

MOTION CARRIED

- g. Q&A period at Council meetings

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE A 10 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON THE AGENDA ITEMS AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETINGS, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 MINUTES PER PERSON.

- WARDEN MOSHER STATED THAT THIS CHANGE WILL START AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING BECAUSE THE AGENDA FOR TODAY'S MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED.

MOTION CARRIED

Outside Committee Appointment Reports:

- a. Eastern Region Solid Waste (Deputy Warden Dort)
- b. Guysborough County Adult Learning Association (Deputy Warden Dort) - there are books and resources available for low income families
- c. Guysborough County Home Support Agency (Deputy Warden Dort)
- d. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Committee (Councillor Kaiser-Kirk)

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY TO ACCEPT THE FOUR OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

CAO Report – report on file

- Developing Economic Development Plan
- Nominations are closed for Municipal Election in District 3/5 with two candidates
- Winter Fun Fest successful event
- Hired Gerry Isenor to undertake water Rate Study
- Working with EHS to arrange a public meeting
- Meeting with the school board regarding the SHOPS room, very positive

Solicitor Report

- Court decision resulted in election declared void
- Adam provided council with a recent court case example of Recreation Liability

Other Matters of Business

- a. DOTIR Requests
 - Letter sent to province in May regarding the condition of Sonora Road.

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY THAT COUNCIL MOVE DOTIR REQUESTS TO FUTURE COTW
MOTION CARRIED**

- CAO to invite Jamie Chisholm to attend COTW

Correspondence

- a. St. Mary's Food Bank – thank you note regarding grants

Councillor round table

Councillor Baker

- Seniors Care Home – met with local group and CBDC trying to set something up
- Library board meeting tomorrow
- Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce on February 27th to do speech on rural internet

Deputy Warden Dort

- Community center meeting
- Disaster cleanup is on hold, met with EMO and they suggested not to move forward until

hear back from the application. Still able to utilize the upstairs, but can't do any fundraisers right now without the downstairs space.

- Silvers bridge repairs discussion

Councillor Malloy

- Attended Sherbrooke village appreciation party

Councillor Findlay

- Attended Sherbrooke village volunteer appreciation party

Councilor Kaiser-Kirk

- Feb 21st attended the Public meeting for the new community space in Port Bickerton. 25 people attended, great ideas for space including possible outside theater, park, walk ways

Warden Mosher

- Attended fire dept funding along with other councillors
- Volunteer appreciation for Sherbrooke village
- Thanked council for patience with cancelling last council regular meeting

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY THAT
COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND COUNCILLOR BAKER ATTEND THE INTERNET STRATEGY MEETING IN
SHEET HARBOUR
MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 7:50PM.

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Mosher

Director of Finance



Report to Council

Member of Council: Warden Michael Mosher

Board/Agency/Organization: ESREN Liason Oversight Committee

Date Attended: February 27th 2017

Location: Guysborough

Agenda Items Discussed:

Election of a chair

Operational update

N.S Municipal Affairs presentation

Board member recruitment

Key Highlights:

Brenda Chisholm Beaton Mayor of Port Hawkesbury elected chair

ESREN's Port Hawkesbury office is not yet staffed

Website is up and should be finished by the end of March

Working on Business Retention and Expansion with staff

Working with businesses and province to cut red tape

Start up project with each stakeholder

Mark Peck and four supporting staff gave an overview of Pictou's situation to measure the committee's interest in the possibility of them joining the ESREN. There was no desire at this time for the addition of Pictou.

A discussion was held on the recruitment of members for the ESREN. It is always a challenge to attract motivated members. Also the duration of member's terms was also discussed



Report to Council

Member of Council: Debbie Findlay

Board/Agency/Organization: Sheet Hbr Chamber of Commerce

Date Attended: February 27/17

Location: Sheet Hbr

Agenda Items Discussed:

- Internet coverage on the Eastern Shore
- Need for improved service – the entire shore is lacking service
- CRTC announcement – that this is a necessary service
- \$5,000,000 funds announced by the Federal Government

Key Highlights:

- Sean Fraser, Lloyd Hines, councillors and staff from St. Mary's and HRM, business owners, internet providers and a local technical advisor
- Sean Fraser stressed that the application for funding would be much more effective if it included the entire shore and not several smaller applications
- The application is being spear-headed by the Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce with a committee representing each sector of those present. Our Stephen Novak is St. Mary's contact.
- The application must be submitted by April 20, 2017.



Report to Council

Member of Council: Debbie Findlay

Board/Agency/Organization: WITAP Wild Islands Initiative

Date Attended: March 10/17

Location: Musquodoboit

Harbour

Agenda Items Discussed:

- Waiting on approval of ACOA funding for phase II
- Break down and flow chart reviewed of next steps if funding approved

Key Highlights:

- Presentation by Stephen Flemming of Sherbrooke Village outlining their 10 year plan – very well received



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CAO Report – March 13, 2017

Economic Development:

- Holding Open House on the Economic Development Committee concept on March 14th

Municipal and Community Rural Internet Program:

- Proceeding with the application by providing additional information on the project
- Positive feedback from the Province but awaiting official announcement on the application for the project

Tax Sale:

- Tax Sale on March 7th was successful and Director of Finance/Treasurer will report on the results from the sale.

Solar Energy Study:

- We have received the study from Bruce Thompson and it was reviewed by staff. Initial indications are that there is a profitable project that could be undertaken at the RecPlex site that would net about \$200,000 over the 20 year contract.
- Will have more details and present findings at March 15th CoTW meeting.

Municipal Special Election:

- Working with the Returning Officer on details for the election on March 18th.
- First Advance Poll was March 11th and there was a good turnout of voters for that day
- Second Advance Poll will be March 14th

Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network:

- Attended ESREN Liaison & Oversight Committee meeting in Guysborough on February 27th

Solid Waste & Recyclable Collection Tender

- Tender closes March 22nd at noon
- Weekly collection June 1st to September 31st
- Bulky items and recyclables collected on alternating bi-weekly schedule

Water line Replacement Project:

- Submitted application to Utility and Review Board for approval to proceed with the project
- Responding to Information Requests
- Gerry Isenor to have first draft of water rates study by 3rd week of March

EHS Ambulance Station:

- Working with EHS to arrange public meeting to discuss the changes
- In contact with MLA regarding the proposed changes
- Possible public meeting for early May