

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday April 19, 2017**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday April 19, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke.

ATTENDING:

Warden Mosher
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Malloy
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Smith

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Councillor Baker

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Jody Cook, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL
APPROVED THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO OTHER MATTERS; UNSM REGIONAL
MEETING MAY 5.
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 5, 2017 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk spoke in regards to the School Board presentation and where there has been a 52% decline in enrolment however a decline has not been reflected in the municipal funding formula from to Board. Discussion was held on education tax rate and uniform assessment; Marvin will setup Municipal Advisor and represented from Department of Education to attend a future Committee meeting
- Council Findlay spoke of an article regarding Ground Search and Rescue receiving funding. Marvin mentioned this item in on agenda for next Mayors and Wardens meeting on May 4.

PRESENTATION DRAFT ACTIVE LIVING PLAN:

- Kerri Penney, Director of Community Development and Recreation provided background on the program and development of the Strategy.
- The plan is part of the memorandum of understanding for the Municipal Physical Active Living program.
- This document was derived from public surveys and local consultations and will direct all the work of the Active Living Coordinator.
- Plan is in final draft form for council review and adoption.
- Kerri reviewed the four areas of active living action plan.
- Council provided feedback
- Marvin endorsed the plan as a good alignment with the national and provincial physical activity plans plus the St. Mary's Strategic plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Liscomb Point
 - Marvin provided council with followup information from Matt Parker the Director of Parks, Outreach & Service Delivery Division of NS Department of Natural Resources;
 - o Liscomb Point is estimated to be 110 acres total owned by DNR
 - o Approximately 7.8% of St. Mary's is protected land and more hectares are proposed for designation that would increase the total to 11.3%
 - o Total of 2,967.88 acres of coastal property in St. Mary's is either currently protected or proposed to designation.
 - o Discussion was held on the possibilities of development

On Recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and Seconded by Councillor Findlay, THAT council writes to MLA Lloyd Hines, with copies to Minister of Environment and Matt Parker to oppose the Liscomb Point area protection designation

- b. Budget Open House
 - Council reviewed draft posters for event and discussion possibility of having sessions in other districts as well in necessary
- c. Staff Expenses
 - Council reviewed the staff list provided by Marvin
- d. EHS Public Meeting
 - Marvin contacted Jeff Fraser and the date has changed again to late June

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Technology
 - Staff provided options for council consideration.
 - Discussion was held around ipad versus android, staff will bring back a comparison with pricing and develop a policy for moving forward with council technology

- b. ERSWMC Proposal
 - Deputy Warden Dort explained the one time funding from Divert NS and the Committee's proposal for truck purchase from Solid Waste compliance officer. Council agrees with decision

- c. GALA financial request
 - Councillor Smith expressed the request from GALA to assist with the purchase of books to give to low income families in form of a \$100 donation. Suggestion was made to have request in letter form from GALA to distribute to councilors to utilize district funds

- d. Forestry Advisory Committee
 - Marvin contacted Port Hawkesbury Paper regarding the Biomass committee and was informed it is no longer is active. However there is an opening on the PHP multi-stakeholder Forest Advisory Committee for a municipal representative. It was decided that this would replace the biomass committee under the council appointments and that Councillor Kaiser-Kirk would represent with Councillor Smith as alternate

- e. Regional Caucus Meeting – May 5th
 - Warden Mosher, Deputy Warden Dort, Councillor Smith, Councillor Malloy, Councillor Findlay and Marvin will attend

ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation by Deputy Warden Dort and there being no further matter of business, council adjourned meeting at 3:45PM

Recorded By
Executive Assistant

Approved By
Warden Mosher