



**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday May 8, 2017**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The annual meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday May 8th at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden Mosher
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Malloy
Councillor Smith
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Councillor Baker

ALSO ATTENDING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION UNDER OTHER MATTERS; MEETING WITH LLOYD HINES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD APRIL 10, 2017 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING:

- none

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COTW:

- Adoption of Active Living Plan
 - Revisions were completed based on comments from Committee of the Whole

ON MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN DORT THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE ST. MARY'S ACTIVE LIVING STRATEGY AS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION ON APRIL 19TH, 2017 WITH THE REVISIONS
MOTION CARRIED**

b. Water Rate Study

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN DORT THAT COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE SHERBROOKE WATER UTILITY, APPLY TO THE NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD FOR CHANGES IN ITS RATES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICE AND CHANGES TO ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CUSTOMERS SERVED BY THE UTILITY, AS SET OUT IN THE WATER RATE STUDY PREPARED BY G.A. ISENER CONSULTING LTD IN ASSOCIATION WITH BLAINE S. ROONEY CONSULTING LTD
MOTION CARRIED**

c. Installation of Welcome signs

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID FOR INSTALLATION OF FIVE WELCOME SIGNS FROM SHELDON P. RUDOLPH TRUCKING & BACKHOE SERVICES AT A PRICE OF \$3,475.00 PLUS HST.
MOTION CARRIED**

OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management – Deputy Warden Dort
 - Tonnage received in 2016/17 is up from previous year which is good to keep the tipping fees from rising.
- b. Home Support – Deputy Warden Dort
 - Agencies are working on a business plan for alternate method of service delivery enabling cost savings.
- c. Guysborough Adult Learning Association – Councillor Smith
- d. Mayors and Wardens Meeting – Warden
 - Letter sent to the Province regarding Ground Search and Rescue funding
 - Vacant representation on the provincial health board
- e. Sherbrooke Village Commission – Councillor Findlay
 - Experiential tourism planning for the upcoming season

STAFF REPORTS:

- a. CAO Report
 - Waterline replacement Project; request for proposals for Project Manager closes on May 15th
 - Strait Regional School Board are working on the electrical and carpentry work in the SHOPS room/space and the mechanical work will go out to tender

SOLICITOR REPORT

- Request from Barry Kaiser to prepare tax deed
- Federal government announcement of legalization of marijuana; discussion on municipalities will play a significant role in regards to zoning. It would be expected a model bylaw be developed through UNSM to assist municipalities.

OTHER MATTERS

- a. Fire Services policy amendment

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE FIRE SERVICES POLICY; SECTION 4. FIRE TAX LEVY i: TO ADD OPTION C) AS A UNIFORM CHARGE ON EACH PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS RESIDENTIAL WITH A DWELLING UNIT AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Low Income Property Tax exemption

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL MOVED IN IN CAMERA SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT COUNCIL RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION

- c. Meeting with Lloyd Hines – Marvin reported on meeting with Minister Hines, Warden and Economic Development Officer to discuss opportunities for development in St. Mary's.

- d. Round Table

Councillor Malloy

- Heart and stroke Luncheon
- Sherbrooke Village Strategic Plan dinner
- Welcome home Telus cup winners
- UNSM meeting

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- Provincial volunteer ceremony and Local volunteer awards
- Sherbrooke Village Strategic Plan dinner
- Budget Open house
- Econ development Committee application review
- Handled a couple resident complaints

Councillor Findlay

- Stonewall Park walkthrough with contractor
- Local Volunteer awards reception
- Sherbrooke Village Strategic Plan dinner
- Budget open house

Councillor Smith

- GALA
- New horizon funding announcement in Sherbrooke
- Volunteer awards reception
- Sherbrooke Village Strategic Plan dinner
- Budget open house
- Quilt show
- UNSM meeting

Deputy Warden Dort

- New horizon funding announcement in Sherbrooke
- Local Volunteer awards reception
- Goshen Community Centre planning Canada day
- Budget open house
- Dist 6 ratepayers meeting

Warden Mosher

- Minister Lloyd Hines
- New horizon funding announcement in Sherbrooke
- Provincial volunteer ceremony and Local volunteer awards
- Sherbrooke Village Strategic Plan dinner
- Budget open house
- Strait Area Mayors and Wardens
- Royal caucus
- Certificates to Telus cup winners

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 8:16

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Mosher

Executive Assistant

- ***10 minute Question period***