

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, November 13th, 2017

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, November 13th, 2017 at 7:02pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

ATTENDING:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Denise Sawlor, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker Council approved the agenda with the following additions:

- 9.b. In-Camera (Legal Matter)
- 8.b. Correspondence – Letter from Nova Scotia Health Board

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay that Council approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 16th, 2017.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- None

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Guysborough Community Health Board

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Findlay that Council have a member of Council apply to join the Guysborough Community Health Board and nominate Councillor Malloy for the position.

Motion carried.

- Sherbrooke Water Utility Financial Statements

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the Audited Sherbrooke Water Utility Financial Statement for the year ending March 31, 2017

Motion carried.

OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- REN Liaison Oversight Committee – Warden Mosher

CAO REPORT

- Attached to minutes
- Reminder that the Economic Development Committee will be holding their community consultations this week. Sessions will be held in Liscomb, Indian Harbour Lake and Goshen.
- Waterline Replacement Project
 - Still looking into the possibility of extending the line to the Recplex
 - Work plan has been readjusted to accommodate the Dec 15th deadline to have pavement reinstated.
- Correspondence – Letter via email from Nova Scotia Health Board
 - There is a meeting to discuss family practice teams and primary health care at the Heatherton Community Centre on Nov 22, 2017. A light supper will be served at 5:45pm followed by the meeting from 6pm – 8pm.
 - Councillor Findlay and Councillor Kaiser-Kirk will both attend. If one of the two councillors can't make it then Councillor Baker will attend in their place.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- Small Claims court decision was disappointing, doesn't recommend appeal

- The documents for the Sherbrooke Fire Department Loan Guarantee have been prepared. This loan will act as bridging funding until monies from ACAO come through as well as additional fundraising by the Fire Department. If the guarantee is activated (Fire Department fails to make payment) the Municipality is protected by the clause stating that the Fire Department's Tax Levy from the Municipality will be withheld in the sum of the amount owing.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay Council moved into an in-camera session to discuss a legal matter at 7:17pm.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session at 7:43pm

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker whereas it is critical that the Municipality have control over the land that contains water infrastructure to ensure the continued supply of safe treated water to the residents, and

Whereas the Municipality was unsuccessful in obtaining ownership of property PID 35225572 through the province, even though the ownership is listed as "unknown" for that property, and

Whereas the Municipality through their Legal Counsel explored options for obtaining a clear title through a warranty deed for the property, and expropriation was recommended as the best option for the Municipality,

Therefore I move that Council proceed with expropriation of land identified as PID 35225572 for the purpose of providing municipal water to the community.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dort there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 7:43pm.

Recorded By

Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved By

Warden Mosher



Report to Council

Member of Council: WARDEN MOSHER

Board/Agency/Organization: REN LIASON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date Attended: OCT 16TH 2017

Location: PORT HAWKESBURY

Agenda Items Discussed:

- 1 OPERATIONAL UPDATE
- 2 ESREN KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS DISCUSSION
- 3 FINANCIAL REVIEW & DISCUSSION
- 4 ESREN BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Key Highlights:

- 1 UPDATED ON ESREN PROGRESS OVER THE Last 8 MONTHS. NOT A LOT INVOLVING THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARYS
- 2 TRYING TO SET A PROCEDURE TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THE REN
- 3 ISSUE WITH THE PAYMENT FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUYSBOROUGH – PARTIAL PAYMENT RETURNED TO THE MUNICIPALITY
- 4 RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE HAVING USUAL ISSUES RECRUITING MEMBERS, WE HAVE A POSITION VACANT



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CAO Report – November 13, 2017

Economic Development:

- The Economic Development Committee are holding public meetings this week to get input on actions for meeting economic related targets as set in the Strategic Plan as well as any new ideas / initiatives for economic growth in the municipality.
- We were not successful in obtaining a Community Solar Energy project under the first round of submissions. We will explore the reasons and consider submitting another application next fiscal year.
- Hosted meeting with ESREN and ACOA to discuss opportunities for joint projects. Will continue these meetings into the future.

Water line Replacement Project:

- Project was awarded and construction started on October 30, 2017
- Work is progressing nicely with some changes to the schedule due to requirements by TIR regarding completion of asphalt reinstatement on the #7 highway.

SHOPS:

- The SHOPS room is completed.
- Still awaiting invoice from SRSB so we can submit claim to ACAO for the federal funding on the project and SHOPS can finalize financial planning for the coming year.

Community Transit Study:

- The Antigonish Community Transit obtained a grant to explore extending their services into St. Mary's district. Met with the consultant to discuss the study and arrange for a public meeting on this. The Public meeting was held on October 25th

and a public survey is also underway. They are asking to be put on Council's agenda in January to present the results of the study.

Council and Staff Training and Teambuilding Session:

- Mark Peck, ED Municipal Affairs conducted a training/teambuilding session for council and staff regarding social media and working within today's environment

Recreation:

- All programs running, including at the RecPlex

UNSM Annual Meeting:

- Attended the UNSM Annual Meeting in Halifax November 8th to 10th.