



**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday March 13, 2017**

**MEETING, DATE & TIME:**

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday March 13 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  
Jody Cook, Executive Assistant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:**

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; Q&A AFTER ADJOURNMENT, OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM WITAP AND SHEET HARBOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2017  
MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- Jamie Chisholm from DOTIR is scheduled for Wednesday's COTW

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

a. Low Income Exemption 2017/18

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER THAT COUNCIL SET THE LOW INCOME EXEMPTION FOR 2017/18 BE SET AT \$110 AND THE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME BE \$19,300 OR LESS.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

b. Street Light Policy

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY COUNCIL ACCEPTED STREET LIGHT POLICY AS AMENDED AND PRESENTED AT COTW**

- Staff working on additional information

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Councillor Findlay opposed

c. Bird Day Resolution

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY THAT WHEREAS THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARY'S IN ITS "ST. MARY'S 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN" HIGHLIGHT THE VALUES OF QUALITY OF LIFE, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, COOPERATION, ENGAGEMENT AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT;**

**WHEREAS THE MUNICIPALITY ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR CITIZENS**

**WHEREAS THE MUNICIPALITY HAS UNDERTAKEN A COMMUNITY BIRDHOUSE BUILDING CHALLENGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND SHERBROOKE VILLAGE; AND WHEREAS THERE IS GROWING CONCERNS ABOUT THE DECLINE OF BIRD POPULATIONS IN CANADA AND ELSEWHERE;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPALITY PROCLAIM APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 TO BE "BIRD DAY IN ST. MARY'S"**

**MOTION CARRIED**

d. Lyme Disease Awareness Month

**WHEREAS LYME DISEASE IS A SERIOUS ILLNESS CAUSED BY THE BITE OF A BLACK LEGGED TICK INFECTED WITH THE BACTERIUM BORRELIA BURGDORFERI AND**

**WHEREAS BLACK LEGGED TICKS CARRYING A VARIETY OF DISEASES OR ILLNESS CAN NOW BE FOUND IN ALL PARTS OF NOVA SCOTIA AND**

**WHEREAS AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PRACTICING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, SUCH AS DAILY TICK CHECKS AND PROPER TICK REMOVAL, CAN HELP REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF CONTRACTING TICK BORNE DISEASES;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I WARDEN MICHAEL MOSHER, ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ST MARY'S DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2017 AS "LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OUTSIDE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT REPORTS – ON FILE**

- Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network Liaison Oversight Committee (Warden Mosher) – first startup meeting, elected chair startup
- WITAP, Wild Islands Initiative (Debbie Findlay) – waiting on ACOA funding for phase 2 – ready to move forward

c. Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce (Debbie Findlay) – internet coverage on the Eastern Shore

### **STAFF REPORTS – ON FILE**

a. CAO report

- Positive feedback from the Province but awaiting official announcement on Internet Project
- Tax sale held on March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Solar Energy Study was received and being reviewed
- Working with Returning officer for Special Election
- Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Tender closes March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Submitted application to Utility and Review Board for approval to proceed with Waterline replacement project
- Working with EHS to arrange public meeting to discuss changes and in contact with MLA.

b. Tax Sale report

- Seven properties were sold at the sale with bids totaling \$32,033 of which \$12859 was added to tax sale surplus account that must be held for 20 years.
- Next sale will be in September 2017
- FCI for tax receivables is estimated to be at 11.5% for 2016/17

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

- Nothing to report

### **OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS**

a. Date for local Volunteer Awards

- Council decided on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Councillor round table**

#### **Councillor Baker**

- Internet strategy meeting

#### **Deputy Warden Dort**

- Fire services meeting
- Older adults games day and Q&A
- Solid waste issue in Port Bickerton – compliance officer and building inspector were on site

#### **Councillor Malloy**

- Announcement with Sean Fraser regarding funding for Sherbrooke Fire Hall
- Sonora community Centre – Congratulatory Certificates presented

#### **Councillor Findlay**

- Sonora Social
- Sherbrooke village commission meeting
- Lions meeting- donation to nursing home and VFD
- Refugee dinner

Councilor Kaiser-Kirk

- Fire services meeting great to see departments working together
- Resident complaints on garbage issues

Warden Mosher

- Eastern Strait Regional Enterprises Network
- Tax sale
- Fire services meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 7:50PM**

Approved By:

Recorded By:

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Warden Mosher

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Executive Assistant