



## NOTICE

**MEETING:** St Mary's Municipal Council  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**TIME:** 1:00pm

**PLACE:** St. Mary's Municipality  
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

**Please advise if unable to attend**

Dated: May 23, 2018

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Committee of the Whole  
Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Other Matters of Business
  - a. Waterline Replacement Project Update
  - b. St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre Request
  - c. One Third Councillor Tax Reimbursement
7. Adjournment

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Committee of the Whole  
Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Meeting, Date & Time**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

**Attending**

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

**Also Attending**

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

**Absent with Regrets**

Warden Mosher

**Approval of Agenda**

*On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the agenda with the following Additions:*

6. Other Matters of Business
  - d) Garden Award Request
  - e) St. Mary's Smokehouse
  - f) PHP Mill Tour
  - g) Beautification & Streetscape Program
  - h) Council Update for Newsletter
  - i) Road Name
  - J) Doctor Recruitment Workshop
  - k) Trees
  - l) Unsightly Property
  - m) Motor Vehicle Act Rewrite Initiative

*Motion carried.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Findlay that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Motion carried.*

### Business Arising From Minutes

- List of Business Now questions have not yet been received from Maria Ludlow, Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise network (ESREN).
- Port Hilford/Indian Harbour Lake
  - No new responses to the letters that were sent.
  - The road is scheduled to be graded next week and gravelling done after that.

### Other Matters of Business

- Waterline Replacement Project Update
  - All customers are now connected to the new water system.
  - Plant is currently using one third the chemicals that were required to run the old system.
  - Pumps are now shutting down 7-8 hours per night as opposed to 2 hours on the old system. This means less power usage and will reduced wear and tear on the equipment.
  - Contractor is currently working on cleaning up lawns, crosscuts, etc.
  - Contractor will also repair the paving sections disturbed during repairs completed prior to waterline project commencement.
  - Lawns will be hydro seeded.
  - Final financial picture not yet available.
- St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre Request
  - Staff will determine if there is any personal information contained in the requested files.
  - Request will be brought back to a COTW meeting after staff gathers information.
- One Third Councillor Tax Reimbursement
  - Marian discussed the financial impact to Councillor's income with the new regulations.
  - MLA's and MP's are still eligible for the tax reimbursement.
  - Questions were raised as to whether the items that were covered under the reimbursement such as home office, some local travel, etc will now be eligible as tax deductions.
  - Marvin will contact the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) and request that they consult a tax accountant to determine what items may now be claimed as tax deductions.
  - There may be a provincial policy on the way that will address the removal of the Councillor's tax reimbursement.
- Garden award request
  - Unfortunately Council cannot honour the request for a garden award since no award currently exists.
  - If an award did exist there would have to be a municipal wide contest to determine the winner.
  - Marvin will write a letter responding to the request.
- St. Mary's Smokehouse

***On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker council moved into an in camera session to discuss a confidential matter at 1:27pm.***

***On motion of Councillor Malloy council reconvened to regular session at 1:46pm***

***On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Malloy that the CAO arrange a meeting with Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN), Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and Nova Scotia Business Inc. Also, that the CAO write a letter***

*on behalf of Council to Cooke Aquaculture expressing concerns about the St. Mary's Smokehouse closure and invite them to discuss options for the site in the future.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

- PHP Mill Tour
  - Andrew Fedora, Sustainability & Outreach from Port Hawkesbury Paper has provided Marvin with some possible dates for a mill tour.
  - Council decided on Tuesday June 26, 2018 as their first choice and Monday June 25, 2018 as their second.
- Beautification & Streetscape Program
  - The Government of Nova Scotia has released guidelines for the Beautification and Streetscape program.
  - Application deadline is June 22, 2018.
  - Marvin has been in contact with Mark Van de Wiel, ACOA and Maria Ludlow, ESREN regarding an application on behalf of St. Mary's.
  - The program provides 50% funding for projects up to a maximum of \$25,000.
  - Items that qualify for the program include lighting, benches, plants, signage, sidewalks, etc.
  - The current active transportation plan can be used to help with the application.

***On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Malloy that council authorize the CAO to proceed with the Beautification and Streetscape program application.***

***Recommendation adopted.***

- Council update for newsletter
  - Council would like to include an "Update from Council" write-up in the newsletter over the next few months.
  - The update should include items that Council has accomplished over the past few years.

- Road Name

*Councillor Smith left 2:09pm*

- A resident in Ecum Secum has requested a civic number but before it can be assigned the road that the property is on needs a name.

*Councillor Smith returned 2:11pm*

- The resident proposed "Necum Point Road" as a name.

***On recommendation of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker that council accept the name Necum Point Road for the road off Briggs Road in Ecum Secum that leads to PID 37532504.***

***Recommendation adopted.***

*Break 2:15pm-2:25pm*

- Doctor Recruitment Workshop
  - Workshop date is June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Halifax.

*On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker that Councillor Malloy attend the Doctor Recruitment Workshop in Halifax and be reimbursed for expenses associated with the workshop. Also, that Councillor Malloy will contact the St. Mary's Hospital Board to inform them of the workshop.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

- Trees
  - There have been more complaints regarding the dead trees on Highway #7 between the Municipal Office and Stillwater Bridge.
  - Marvin will contact Basil Pitts, Area Manager to get an update on the matter.
- Unsightly Property
  - There have been several complaints regarding the state of the property located at the corner of Highway #7 and Highway #347.
  - Marvin will contact the Building Inspector to investigate the situation.
  - There is also a property in Sonora that may qualify as an unsightly property.
  - Councillor Malloy will provide Marvin with the property information and Marvin will ask the Building Inspector to investigate.
- Motor Vehicle Act Rewrite Initiative
  - See attached notes
  - There has been a request from a citizen that the speed on Main Street be reduced to 30km/hour.

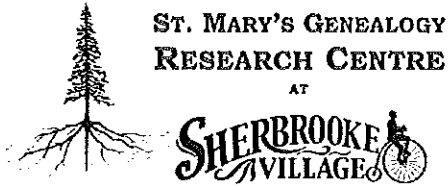
**Adjournment**

***On Motion of Councillor Malloy there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 2:47pm.***

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Recorded By  
Municipal Clerk

Approved By  
Deputy Warden Dort



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Sherbrooke Village Information Centre  
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Nova Scotia, B0J 3C0  
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Mr. Marvin MacDonald, CAO  
Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
PO Box 296, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

May 16, 2018

Dear Mr MacDonald,


It has come to our attention that a collection of old school record books is amongst the records being held at the Municipal Offices in Sherbrooke. We would respectfully request that you and Council consider transferring those school records to the St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre at Sherbrooke Village.

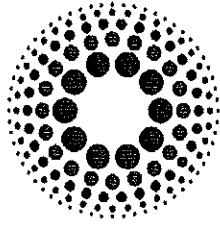
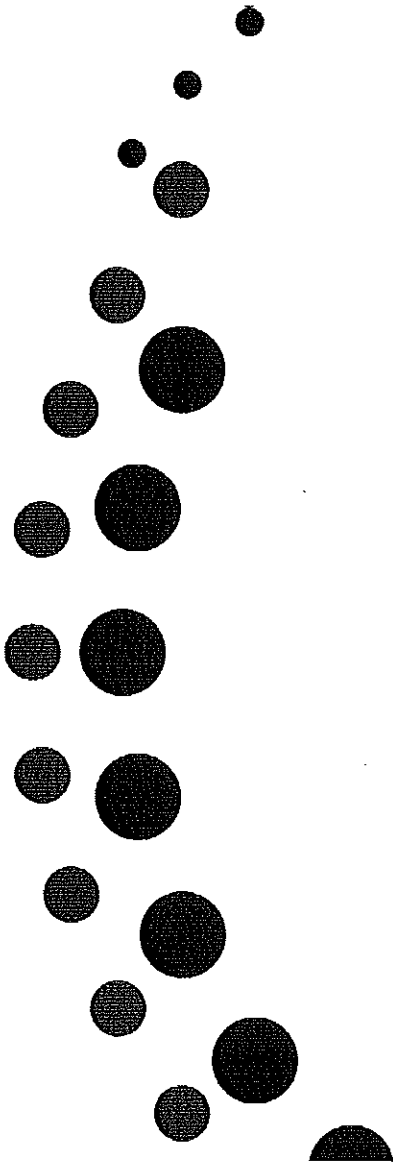
To give you some background on our group and facility, the St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre at Sherbrooke Village is a volunteer-based organization that was established in 2012. We operate as a committee of the Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society and occupy the upper storey of the Information Centre building at Historic Sherbrooke Village. We are endeavouring to collect archival and genealogical materials relating to the history of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's and to preserve them for the use of researchers. We have had a conservation assessment done by a professional conservator. Some of our members have completed training sessions through the Council of Nova Scotia Archives, of which we are an "Institutional Member." In short, we are moving towards adopting best possible archival standards in housing our collection. We have secured grants to hire summer students the past three summers, and these students serve researchers as well as helping us to move forward with the organization and preservation of our collection.

We would be interested in acquiring these and **any historical records concerning the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's** that you would consider transferring to us. We would treat them with respect as to privacy concerning records that are more recent, to protect the individuals, and would appropriately restrict them as do other archival institutions.

Should you or Council have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact me, either at the above contacts or personally at 902-779-2931 or [ruthlegge@seasidehighspeed.com](mailto:ruthlegge@seasidehighspeed.com)

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

  
Ruth M. Legge, vice chair

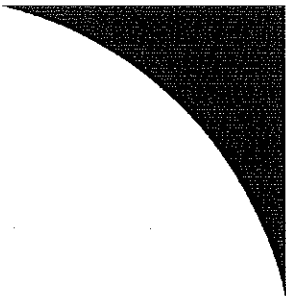


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# ONE-THIRD TAX EXEMPTION

May 2018

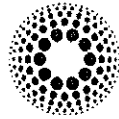
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# BACKGROUND

- Compensation for elected officials is not considered salary
- Traditionally a portion of the compensation has been exempt from income taxes
- Some rationale provided for the tax-free exemption was to recognize elected officials were contributing to their communities, attending events at their costs, travelling within their communities without reimbursement.



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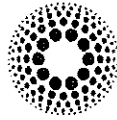
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# EXEMPTION BEING REMOVED

- The Federal Government announced in their budget the exemption would be removed effective for the 2019 tax year.
- FCM is raising the implications of this decision with the federal government and is advocating on our behalf to have the decision reversed



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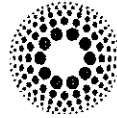
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# CHOICES

1. Make no change to council compensation – take home dollars will decrease
2. Increase council compensation to keep net pay the same
3. Increase council compensation a lesser amount
4. Keep compensation the same, but change expense policy to allow travel within the municipality



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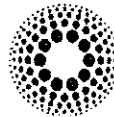
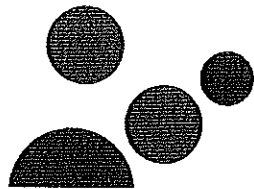
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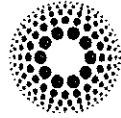
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# EXAMPLE, ONTARIO

	One third exemption	Same gross pay	Same net pay
Annual compensation	32,868	32,868	32,868
Additional pay			5,644
Total compensation	32,868	32,868	38,512
Net pay	27,615	23,890	27,615
Net difference in net pay		(3,725)	0



# DISCUSSION



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MUNICIPALITY of St. Mary's  
TOWN COUNCIL

MAY 25, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

PLEASE CONSIDER AN "AWARD" FOR  
THE GARDENS OF THE SCHÜPBACH FAMILY  
THAT HAVE ENHANCED MAIN STREET.

WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THIS  
RECOGNITION AS SOON AS THE JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
CELEBRATIONS. FRED SCHÜPBACH IS SUFFERING  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

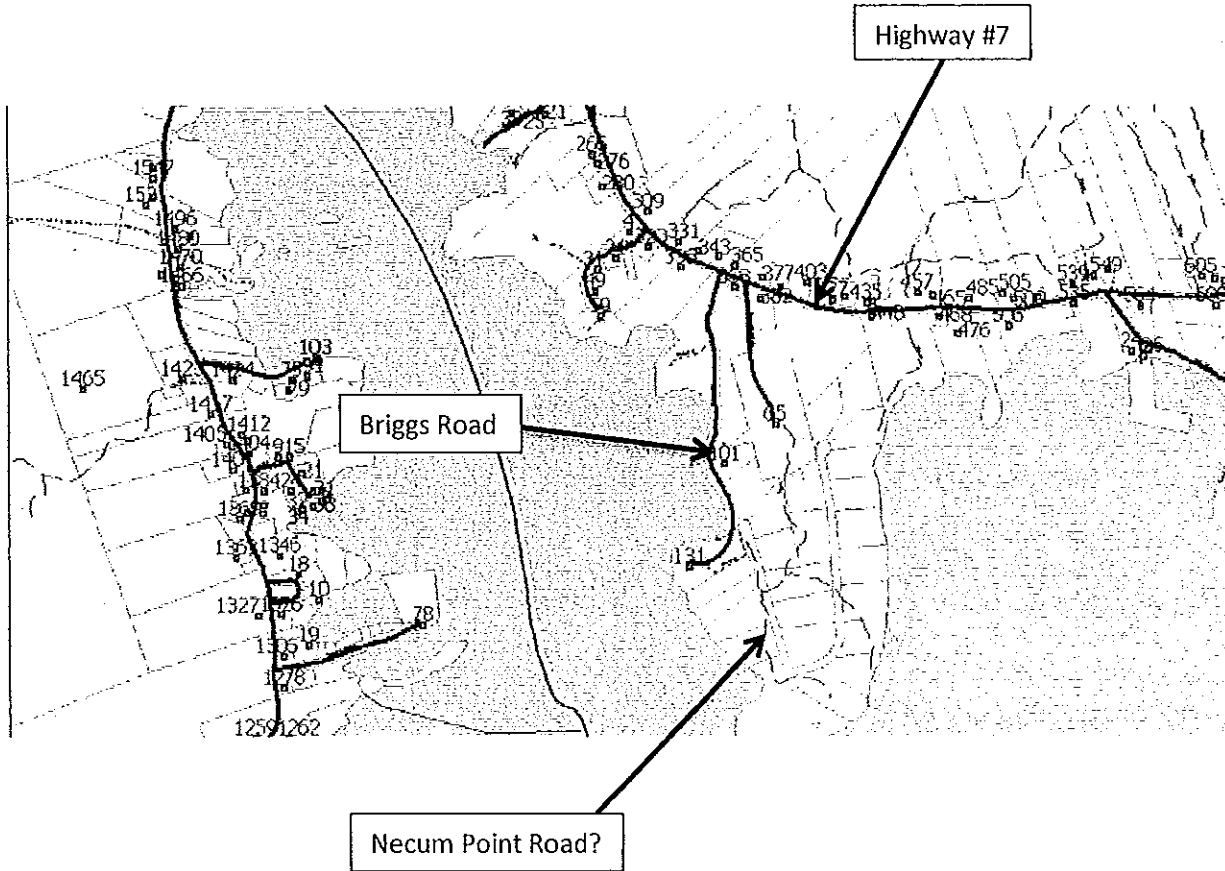
AS YOU MAY KNOW THE FAMILY  
EMIGRATED FROM SWITZERLAND OVER TWENTY  
YEARS AGO AND HAVE NO OTHER FAMILY  
IN CANADA. THE BURDEN ON UKSULA SCHÜPBACH  
HAS MADE HER DOUBT THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
REPUTATION OF HER FAMILY IN THE COMMUNITY.  
THEY HAVE REORGANIZED ST. MARY'S RIVER LODGE  
TO CARE FOR FRED.

THIS IDEA AROSE IN CONVERSATION AT  
BEANIE'S BISTRO WHERE IDEAS SEEM TO COME  
WITH THE COFFEE. I HAVE NO IDEA AS TO HOW  
AN AWARD BY TOWN COUNCIL IS DEVED.

I AM JUST AWARE OF A GESTURE THAT WOULD -  
WELL, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I DO.

I HEARD THE IDEA AND SIMPLY WANT  
TO DO MY PART TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU  
HEAR IT TOO. SINCERELY, Emily Ramey

Request to assign the name "NECUM POINT ROAD" to the road off Briggs Road in Ecum Secum that leads to PID 37532504.



MVA Rewrite Initiative  
Traffic Safety Act (TSA)  
Stakeholder Engagement Presentation Notes

- They are creating the Traffic Safety Act(TSA) to replace the current Motor Vehicle Act(MVA)
- The current MVA is 1000 pages long. The goal is to have the TSA to be around 70 pages
- Under the current structure the MVA can only be amended twice a year
- Proposed changes were brought before 2 other Governments and did not pass
- Minister Hines will be making the final decision on what will be included in the proposed TSA
- Main Points of the TSA
  - Provides new streamlined legislative framework with minimal policy changes
  - Organize into specific subject matter parts and minimize cross referencing and making it easier to read.
  - Add up-to-date content, remove irrelevant content, and use consistent terminology
  - Use modern language – clearer, more understandable, more accessible

Current timelines:

Action	Completion Date
Engagement (Stakeholders/Partners/Public)	May 2018
Review Engagement Feedback	June 2018
Finalize Draft TSA	July 2018
Request for Legislation	August 2018
Implementation	TBA
Other Major Initiatives	Completion Date
Regulations Developed	March 2019
Information System Re-Developed	TBA

The question being posed to Municipal Government: What changes do you think should be considered in the new TSA



and its accompanying Regulations ?

Responses must be concise (limited to 1000 words in total) and include:

- Identify the part of the act you are addressing.
- Identify the issue you re addressing, which may include a reference to a particular section of the existing MVA.
- Indicate your proposed solution to the issue you are addressing.
- Identify other jurisdictions that have implemented your proposed change.
- Only responses submitted on the official response form will be submitted for review.
- The response templates are to be completed and submitted to Kory Harrington at this e-mail address:  
Kory.Harrington@novascotia.ca
- The deadline for submissions is Thursday, May 31

#### Question/Comments

- A request was made to have the TSA allow off-road vehicles be allowed on road ways in certain communities, with the understanding there would be rules and regulations that would need to be followed
  - A pilot is currently taking place in Lunenburg and an assessment will be done at the completion of the pilot and taken into consideration when working on the new TSA
- A request was made to allow Municipal bodies the power to air adjustments to speed limits on certain streets or road ways (ex. Reduce a speed below 50)
  - Not all bodies on the phone were in agreement with this, the concern being the expertise needed to make such a decision lies outside of the Municipal structure.
- Better signage on ramps
- Littering- who is responsible to clean it up, higher fines, more community education/information
- Stiffer penalties for drunk/impaired drivers
- Support suggestions put forward by Bike Nova Scotia
- Make it a ticket-able offence if not wearing reflective gear
- Bikes should have to be registered to be on road ways
- The questions was posed to if there are any changes to

date that will directly effect Municipal role-nothing to  
date.