



NOTICE

MEETING: St. Mary's Municipal Council

DATE: Monday, July 9th, 2018

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: St. Mary's Municipal Office
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

Please Advise If Unable To Attend

Dated: July 4, 2018

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marvin MacDonald".

Marvin MacDonald
CAO

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Meeting of Council
Monday, July 9th, 2018

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of agenda and any additions
4. Approval of minutes of Regular Council Meeting held June 11th, 2018
5. Business arising from minutes
6. New Business
7. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole
8. Outside committee appointment reports
 - a. GALA – Councillor Smith
 - b. Economic Development – Councillor Smith
 - c. NSFMM Mayors & Wardens Workshop – Deputy Warden Dort
 - d. FCM 2018 – Deputy Warden Dort & Councillor Malloy
 - e. Community Health Board – Councillor Malloy
 - f. Physician Recruitment Workshop – Councillor Malloy & Marvin MacDonald, CAO
9. CAO report
10. Solicitor report

Adjournment

- *10 minute question and answer period pertaining to agenda items*

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 9th, 2018**

Meeting, Date & Time:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, July 9th, 2018 at 7:01pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending:

Warden Mosher
Councillor Malloy
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Smith
Councillor Baker
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor (Arrived 7:03pm)

Also Attending:

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

Absent with Regrets:

Deputy Warden Dort
Marvin MacDonald, CAO

Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker Council approved the agenda with the following additions.

- 8.g) Atlantic Immigration Pilot – Councillor Findlay
- 8.h) WITAP – Wild Islands – Councillor Findlay
- 8.i) Sherbrooke Village Commission – Councillor Findlay

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Malloy Council approved the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 11th, 2018.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- During the meeting with Property Valuation Services Corporation the topic of shipping containers was discussed. Currently these containers are not assessed unless they have been modified (adding additional doors and windows).

Adam Rodgers arrived 7:03pm.

- Some Municipalities have been creating policies to ban the containers on residential properties.
- Council requested that staff obtain a copy of the policies and provide them to Council at the next COTW meeting.

Recommendations from Committee Of The Whole

- Fire Damaged Property – Tax Reduction Policy
On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker that the Fire Damaged Property – Tax Reduction Policy be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

- Whenever there is a fire in the Municipality the Fire Marshall should be called and they determine if an investigation is needed. This topic will be brought to the next Fire Services meeting.

- ESREN – Letter from LOC/Board

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Malloy to send a letter in support of the first two recommendations contained in the June 29th, 2018 letter from the ESREN Liaison and Oversight Committee.

Motion carried.

Outside Committee Reports

- GALA – Councillor Smith
- Economic Development – Councillor Smith
 - There is a tentative date for the Engage NS session. It will be advertised in the Municipal Newsletter.
- NSFM Mayors & Wardens Workshop – Deputy Warden Dort
- FCM 2018 – Deputy Warden Dort & Councillor Malloy
- Community Health Board – Councillor Malloy
- Physician Recruitment Workshop – Councillor Malloy & Marvin MacDonald, CAO
- Atlantic Immigration Pilot – Councillor Findlay

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council pay for Councillor Findlay's travel expenses associated with attending the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Workshop.

Motion carried.

- WITAP – Wild Islands – Councillor Findlay
- Sherbrooke Village Commission – Councillor Findlay

CAO Report

- Marian provided an update on behalf of Marvin.
- The office of Lloyd Hines, MLA will be providing some possible meeting dates to meet with Council in August.
- Canada Day celebrations went well; next big event is River Days.
- Summer Camps are up and running and so are swimming lessons.
- Property taxes are due at the end of July and there have been a lot of residents coming in and paying their property taxes over the last two months.
- The provincial tax rebate forms are now available and we have already assisted several residents with their application.
- We will receive the draft audited financial statements within the next two weeks.
- The first set of interviews for the Economic Development and Planning Officer position has been completed. The second round of interviews is being planned.
- The dangerous and unsightly property letters have been mailed.

Solicitor Report

- The Land Expropriation
 - The court date in June was adjourned until September 11th, 2018.
 - There still appears to be a potential for settlement.
 - Council extended congratulations to the law firm of Boudrot Rodgers on the opening of their new Halifax office.

Adjournment

On Motion of Councillor Malloy there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 7:20pm.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved By
Warden Mosher

FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY – TAX REDUCTION POLICY



Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to allow for the reduction of the taxes payable with respect to a property that a building situated on it has been destroyed by fire and the assessment does not reflect the reduction.

Section 69(A) of the Municipal Government Act allows Council, by policy, to provide the reduction, where appropriate, of taxes owing or paid by a property owner.

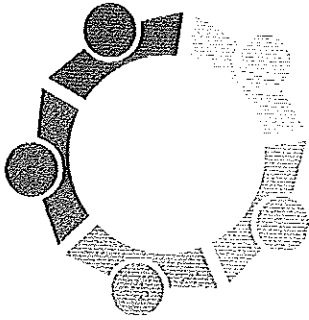
Terms of the Policy

1. For the purpose of this Policy, "taxes" includes all applicable area rates which are calculated by reference to assessed value.
2. A taxpayer may submit a written request to the Municipality asking for a reduction in, or reimbursement of, their taxes, if their property has been destroyed by an undeliberate fire and property has been cleaned up from dangerous/unsightly debris. The request must be made within 120 days from the date of the fire and include a sworn declaration confirming the date, cause and extent of the destruction, the location of the property (including AAN) and eligibility pursuant to this policy.
3. The reimbursement or reduction shall only apply to owners who have no intention of repairing or replacing the structure within 6 months of the application date.
4. The Municipality upon written request of the taxpayer will request Property Valuation Service Corporation (PVSC) to value the property for the purpose of this policy to assist in the calculation of any reduction or overpayment.
5. Upon confirmation of assessment from PVSC and the Building Inspectors, report the Treasurer for the Municipality may reduce the amount of the taxes on the building(s) by pro-rating the reduction of assessed value over the balance of the taxation year from the date of destruction.
6. Proof by sworn affidavit will be required that no insurance claim for property tax payment loss has been or will be made in respect to the loss by fire for the current tax year. Subsequent years will be dealt with through Assessment Appeal.
7. If the owner of the property or tenant is found guilty of arson, either civilly or criminally, the taxes shall not be rebated/reduced.
8. The Treasurer may revoke any tax reduction granted pursuant to this policy if any aspect of the Declaration made is found to be inaccurate or is not adhered to, in which case the

full amount of taxes which would otherwise have been payable shall become due and payable forthwith, plus interest.

9. Each request will be considered and reviewed on an individual basis.

Date Adopted:



ESREN

EASTERN STRAIT

REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

June 29, 2018

Mayor Laurie Boucher, Town of Antigonish
Warden Owen McCarron, Municipality of the County of Antigonish
Warden Vernon Pitts, Municipality of the District of Guysborough
Mayor Ralph Hadley, Town of Mulgrave
Warden Michael Mosher, Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's

Dear Member Municipalities;

We are writing on behalf of the Liaison and Oversight Committee (LOC) and the Board of Directors for the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) representing our six Municipal partners from the Town of Antigonish, the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, the Town of Mulgrave, the Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's and the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

Considering a strong and sustainable future for our ESREN has led to multiple conversations from the membership of both the LOC and the Board. Ultimately, there was a sense that status quo would not be an option going forward. To continue, the LOC and the Board members feel that changes are needed with regards to governance and financing in order to improve ways to work collaboratively and to strengthen communication for all stakeholders, including our six member Municipalities.

On May 4, 2018, the Chief Administrative Officers representing the member Municipalities met. Recommendations were brought forward and adopted at a meeting of the LOC on June 8, 2018, and later at a joint meeting of the LOC and the Board on June 22, 2018. The recommendations are:

1. The Province of Nova Scotia increase its funding to a full operational level;
2. The Province of Nova Scotia and ESREN Member Municipalities support a new governance structure that combines both the LOC and the Board of Directors into one new board structure. This new board will include a majority of business/industry positions (8-12 members); six Municipal positions (one from each of the Member Municipalities); and 1-2 Provincial positions.

3. The Province of Nova Scotia and each member municipality commit to a three-year funding agreement.

The *first recommendation* is straight forward. The Province of Nova Scotia and the Member Municipalities were to fund the ESREN 50-50, with a three year ramp-up to full operational funding. The Province has frozen its funding part way through this ramp-up period, this needs to be changed.

The *second recommendation*, combining both the LOC and the Board of Directors, will create a more streamlined governance model that will improve communications, reduce redundancy, and allow for a higher level of participation of our elected board members to work directly with business and industry leaders, contribute to strategic planning and budget formation, and to have a more direct hand in developing our Eastern Strait Region. We do not want to lose sight of the importance of our industry and business leaders leading the charge in regional economic development; therefore, it was agreed that our six elected members will be voting members but will not hold any executive offices (chair, vice-chair, etc.).

The *third recommendation*, a three-year funding agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Member Municipalities, is based on a few factors. It is difficult to gage long-term success on a short-term basis. The ESREN is still relatively new, and a three-year period will better determine the long-term success of ESREN projects, as it allows for more stability for growth, and a much more palatable time-frame to pursue our strategic plan. Another advantage of a 3-Year Term is with ESREN staff retention and attraction. If we want to attract excellence and keep excellent staff, we will be better able to do so.

The economic development of our Eastern Strait Region is so important. We are stronger when we work together as elected officials and as neighboring Municipalities – especially when we have the opportunity to work collaboratively with business and industry leaders. Regional Enterprise Networks are different all over the Province of Nova Scotia, mainly because all regions are different. This new proposed ESREN model will set us apart from all the others even more so, and perhaps even allow our Eastern Strait Region to be trailblazers in regional economic development. We can create a REN model that works best for us, and in turn, that works best for our region, our municipalities, and our citizens.

The Town of Port Hawkesbury met June 28, 2018 in a Special Public Meeting and adopted by motion of council all of the above recommendations. Doing the same in each of your Municipalities will allow the LOC and the Board to go forward and negotiate with the Province of Nova Scotia and to meet directly with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Derek Mombourquette, and Municipal Affairs staff.

Ultimately the final decision, pending the outcome of negotiations with the Province, will once again go to each council for consideration to enter into a 3-Year Term as a Member Municipality in the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN).

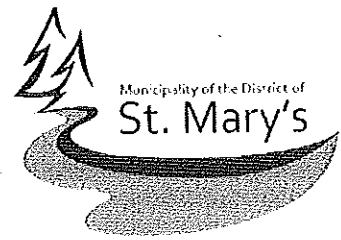
We would ask at this time, that you consider accepting our three recommendations, so that we can go forward in our negotiations with the Province of Nova Scotia. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely;

Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Chair, ESREN Liaison and Oversight Committee

Andrew Beckett
Chair, ESREN Board of Directors

CC: CAO, Jeffrey Lawrence
Municipal Clerk/Treasurer, Glenn Horne
CAO, Barry Carroll
CAO, Jim Davis
CAO, Marvin MacDonald
CAO, Terry Doyle



Report to Council

Member of Council: Kaytland Smith

Board/Agency/Organization: GALA

Date Attended: June 12th 2018 **Location:** Guysborough, NS

Agenda Items Discussed:

- Treasures report
- Board education
- Next meeting date-September

Key Highlights:

- April-May Program enrolment: Guysborough:8 Sherbrooke:9 Canso:9
- E3 pilot concluded March 31st
- NSSAL gave an additional \$11,500 non-salary funding
- A 2 year programming proposal has been submitted
- No PGI golf tournament this year, due to lack of registration
- A request from Guysborough Dept of Community Services office for GALA to host a 13-week program for their clients to focus on skills enhancement. Program potentially for the Fall, with a group of 10 clients
- Approved Financial Accountability Policy, and Internet/Social Media Use Policy
- Motion was passed to transfer \$30,000 out of the checking account into an RBC redeemable GIC-approved
- HR committee needs to meet to discuss realignment of staff and responsibilities
- Policy committee to meet in the Fall



Report to Council

Member of Council: Kaytland Smith

Also in attendance: Michael Mosher

Board/Agency/Organization: Economic Development Committee

Date Attended: June 14th 2018 **Location: Sherbrooke, NS**

Agenda Items Discussed:

- Recruitment for new committee members
- Terms of reference of Board member-to be revisited pending amendment to TOR
- Sherbrooke Village-50th Anniversary coming up, announcement coming the end of the month
- EDO Position- Approximately 25 applications received, closes June 15th
- Next meeting-July 26th 7pm

Key Highlights:

- Engage Nova Scotia
 - Working on logistics and promotion plan
 - Event will focus on revisiting Strategic Plan and collecting public input
 - Tentative date September 15th 2018
 - Types of questions and facilitation style to be determined-detail will be prepared for next meeting
- Mentor ship Program (Grades 11-12)
 - Rec is on board with the idea
 - Setting up communication with SMECA
 - Possibility of setting up a career fair
- Beautification/Streetscape Program
 - New program out with 50% Provincial funding up to \$25,000
 - ESREN, ACOA, Sherbrooke Village apart of the discussion
 - Application to have a combination of immediate items (flowers, picnic tables etc) and a larger plan for project



Report to Council

Member of Council: Deputy Warden Jackie Dort

Board/Agency/Organization: NSFM Mayors & Wardens Workshop

Date Attended: June 25, 2018

Location: Teleconference

Agenda Items Discussed

Key Highlights:

- Mayors and Wardens encouraged to put forward items for discussion on future agendas
- Costs to Municipalities due to the new Cannabis Law. Would like to see municipal costs due to provincial laws separated from costs due to municipal bylaws.
- CAP: Although there are many issues with the CAP, one problem that arises each year is at tax time. Many homebuyers do not have all or the proper information on how the CAP works so when they receive their tax bill they are facing a large increase compared to what the former owners Capped bill was. NSFM will ask the provincial government to consider doing a one page information sheet on how the CAP works that can be used by retail agencies, municipal units, etc. as a handout to new buyers, etc.
- Municipal Officers Expense Allowance: NSFM is currently drafting a letter to the municipalities with their recommendation on this change. It was requested the following be taken to the NSFM board for discussion: requesting that the NSFM use their resources to compile a list of expenses that municipal officers will be allowed to claim when filing their CRA income tax for 2019 and forward.
- A reminder of the deadline for the Frank Cowan Home Town Program



Report to Council

Member of Council: Deputy Warden Jackie Dort & Councillor Beulah Malloy

Board/Agency/Organization: FCM 2018

Date Attended: May 31, June 1, 2 & 3, 2018

Location: Halifax

Agenda Items Discussed

Key Highlights:

- Keynote Speakers:
 - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
 - Andrew Scheer
 - Jagmeet Singh
 - Elizabeth May
 - All speakers spoke on the importance of the municipal government and the importance of communication between the three levels of government.
- Workshops included:
 - Implementing Canada's Infrastructure plan in your community
 - Talked about historic investing in Canada's Infrastructure Plan and how FCM helped shape this plan. Also covered how agreements between federal and provincial government benefits these plans.
 - Optimizing the opportunity for citizen engagement:
 - Importance of a certified engineer if considering a major project especially ones that citizens would have input in. This session was targeted more to the larger urban areas.
 - Today's Youth in Tomorrow's Canada
 - This forum was a panel of youth (up to age 35) that have already been engaged or worked for municipal government or on government issues.
 - How youth are bringing positive change and the importance of youth in building Canada.
 - We were expecting more in this session on engaging youth for the first time
- Tours
 - Waterside Tour of the Port of Halifax
 - This included a tour of the Halifax Harbour on a chartered boat
 - A tour guide provided much information on the various components of the port. We were fortunate to have four of the port authority staff at our table that provided much more additional information and answered our many questions.
 - The Evolution of Halifax's Relationship with The African NS Community
 - A visit to the Africville Church Museum was very informative. We toured the museum and then listened to stories from two ladies that were children at the time of the destruction of Africville when residents were moved to various locations in NS and NB.

- They talked about the current work that has been done with HRM and future relations going forward. A Q&A followed which again was very interesting.
- Working together 911 & EMO
 - We toured the EMO, 911 and Integrated Dispatch Centre.
 - Presentations were provided by HRM Fire & Emergency Department, Halifax Regional Police, staff from 911 Centre, and Fire Marshall's Office.
 - This was extremely interesting and informative. It showed how different departments work together when there is an emergency and how today's various technology software and hardware can make a difference in time and rescue when calls are received.
 - We were impressed with the technology and the presentation on what happens in an emergency and how the activity and the whereabouts of the emergency service providers is provided to officials at the command centre.
- Networking
 - Time was allowed throughout the conference for networking which was plentiful especially during the study tours. Through conversations, much information was gathered from the other municipalities, often from rural areas much the same as our own.
 - This also allowed the opportunity for us and other Nova Scotians to promote our province and what we have to offer. We talked to a number of delegates who were staying in Nova Scotia for a week or two to do some sightseeing.
- Largest FCM Conference:
 - This was the largest FCM Conference held. Over 2100 delegates from across Canada. It was an excellent opportunity to support the work of the FCM who work diligently on our behalf.
 - We heard so many comments on how this FCM was the best one attended from delegates which made us very proud.
 - Thanks to HRM for hosting this conference
 - FCM 2019 conference will be held in Quebec City
- Mayors Welcome Reception:
 - This reception was sponsored by HRM. This was very well attended and displayed much of our NS talent through various cultures. The turnout of delegates for this was a full house right through to the end.
- Gala & Dinner
 - On closing night a Gala and Dinner was provided. This again was well attended with a packed house. The NS talent was superb and again the networking was a highlight.
- Meetings during the conference included president and director elections.
 - New FCM president: Mayor Vicki May Hamm (Magog, Quebec)
 - 1st Vice President: Councillor Bill Karsten (HRM, NS)
 - 2nd Vice President: Councillor Garth Frizzell (Prince George, BC)
 - 3rd Vice President: Councillor Yolaine Kirlew (Sioux Lookout, On)
 - Past President: Councillor Jenny Gerbasi (Winnipeg, MB)
 - Directors from Nova Scotia
 - Councillor Geoff Stewart (NSFM President, Colchester County)
 - Councillor Russell Walker (HRM)
 - Warden Timothy Habinski (Annapolis County)
 - Tom Taggart (Colchester County)
- Presentations from the FCM are available on the FCM site: www.fcm.ca
- Thank you to council for allowing us to attend this most important conference.



Report to Council

Member of Council: Councillor Beulah Malloy

Board/Agency/Organization: CHB

Date Attended: June 13/18

Location: Guys. Academy

Agenda Items Discussed:

- Approval of Agenda and minutes from last meeting
- Nominations/Election & membership check-in
- Annual Board Assessment
- Chairperson's report
- Recruitment
- Wellness Fund
- New Business

Key Highlights:

No quorum at May meeting, discussion only

The board reviewed the positions and Mary agreed to stay on as chair Paula and Marie will continue to take the minutes.

Two members have left the board as Buzz has completed his term and Maria will be attending St. FX.

Cannabis awareness day in Cape Breton that was to be put on by the students was cancelled by the Dept. of Education.

NSHA is still recruiting as many Nova Scotians are still without Doctors.

New palliative care has opened 6 beds at St. Marthas. New MRI in CBR Hospital is expected to open soon.

Applications for the Wellness fund will be out by June 15th. Non profit, school, and municipalities may now apply for funding.

Mary attended a workshop on making food more accessible in Guys. Co. She invited the facility's to attend our meeting in the fall.



Report to Council

Date: June 18, 2018
From: Councilor Malloy and Marvin MacDonald
Subject / Issue: Physician Recruitment Workshop

Background:

The Physician Recruitment Workshop was held at the Westin Hotel in Halifax on June 18, 2018 by the NSFM and the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

Dr. Evelyn Sutton, Associate Dean of Medicine at Dalhousie University, provided information on the intake of medical students each year. There are provincial quotas for the three Maritime Provinces: NS 63, NB 30, PEI 6 and an additional 9 from non-Maritime locations. Total of 108 per year. Average age of new students is 24. They use a case based learning system – groups of 8 students with a trainer for each group.

Dal is currently running a pilot with Latitudinal Integrated Clinical Clerkship (LIC) model of family medicine in Sydney / New Waterford.

Current doctors in family medicine are not happy, they feel a loss of control. Lack of doctors on Hospital Boards is a big concern. Difficult to retain graduates in NS if they see this concern with existing doctors in the system.

NS has increased residency opportunities in recent years.

Rural week is provided at the end of year one. Students are paired with doctors in rural areas for a one week rural experience. Benefits of working in rural areas are highlighted through this early exposure to rural settings.

Grayson Fulmer, Senior Director Medical Affairs and Joanne MacKinnon, Provincial Physician Recruitment Lead, Department of Health and Wellness, spoke about the role of the various agencies:

NA Health Authority –

- Governing, managing and providing health services in the province and implementing the strategic direction set out in the provincial health plan
- Engaging with communities they serve, through the community health boards

NS Department of Health & Wellness –

- Providing leadership for the health system by setting the strategic policy direction, priorities and standards for the health system
- Ensuring appropriate access to quality care through the establishment of public funding for health services that are of high value to the population
- Ensuring accountability for funding and for the measuring and monitoring of health system performance

Dr. Rod Wilson, Physician Advisor, DHW, spoke about the overall role of DHW. Annual health budget of \$4.2 B; \$2.2B for NSHA and \$2.0B for DHW programs and administration. The department is responsible for a wide range of funding models. Conduct negotiations with Doctors Nova Scotia with openness to change.

Role includes managing contractors and conducting planning and research.

Have an IT firm conducting research in the numbers and determining what the needs are within the different regions of the province.

Adjustment is made in the number of slots in each specialty to better match what is actually needed in the province. Not reducing any seats this year.

96 Residency Seats in NS; 50 Specialty and 46 in Family Medicine

Average debt of student is \$200,000.

Dr. Frances Moriarty, MD Dartmouth, spoke of her 40 year practice in family medicine and the challenges of finding doctors to take over her practice. New doctors will not work the hours that are required to handle the volume of patients she currently has. Pay system is a concern for the new doctors as well.

Kevin Chapman, Director Partnerships & Finance, Doctors Nova Scotia, spoke of the challenge over the next 10 years of the aging population in NS and the additional health needs that this will cause.

- Every area of the province, every community, will need to recruit family physicians over the next decade
- This need is not unique to Nova Scotia, will be a national challenge
- Need to work together in a disciplined way to recruit family physicians to communities
- While there are many structural needs (a new payment model, increased funding, more distributed medical education) communities can and need to create a welcoming culture that will recruit, and retain, physician resources

Dr. Albert Doucet, Retired Family Doctor from Liverpool, spoke about the efforts and success that Liverpool experienced in attracting new family doctors to their community. Showed a video that they used to attract potential new physicians.

Joanne MacKinnon, Provincial Physician Recruitment Lead, spoke about going forward with physician recruitment in Nova Scotia.

- Physician recruitment is crucial going forward
- NSHA has a recruitment specialist within each zone that can work with communities
- Housing can be a challenge
- Talk to physicians and the zone representative to stay in touch with the situation in your area. Also communicate with the Hospital Board and community groups to see how we can work together.
- Site visits and incentive programs can help. Relocation incentives are important
- Be clear on terms and conditions

- Use videos to create visibility and recognition of the benefits of the community – show case what you are offering

Signature:



Report to Council

Member of Council: Debbie Findlay

Board/Agency/Organization: Atlantic Immigration Pilot

Date Attended: June 19 **Location:** Guysborough

Immigration Workshop – speakers – Sheila Pelly, MLA Lena Diab, MLA Lloyd Hines, Mary Jo MacKay – Office of Immigration

Key Highlights:

- Speeds up processing at the Federal level; gives a working permit while waiting for permanent residency
- Employers can skip the Labour Impact Assessment if local employment efforts are unsuccessful
- International graduates from Atlantic Universities can be hired directly from school
- Program applies to both intermediate skilled as well as highly skilled workers.
- This program continues until Dec 31, 2019

Interesting Facts

- 2016 – 18 – 9,998 immigrants to Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia experienced highest population ever in last 3 months
- Nova scotia has a 71% retention rate of immigrants
- In 2018, there 800 immigrants to Nova Scotia; 2,000 to Atlantic Canada

Contact info: [immigration@ novascotia.ca](mailto:immigration@novascotia.ca); phone:1-877-292-9597

Report to Council



Member of Council: Debbie Findlay

Board/Agency/Organization: WITAP - Wild Islands

Date Attended: June 18 **Location:** Heritage Village - Lake Charlotte

Agenda Items Discussed: **up-date on committees**

Historical Update – 700+ islands, 285 more than an acre; 80+ occupied at one time or another; 1700's to the 1900's – there were mills, fish plants etc on the islands. From 1880 – 1920 lobster factories flourished. Year round business stopped with the introduction of gasoline – did not have to rely on manpower to come ashore.

It is thought that in 1604, a ship accompanying Champlain stopped here before going on to Annapolis Royal. There is evidence that the Portuguese were on the islands in the 1500's.

Field Station – there is a Wild Islands Field station, a site for environmental place-based research in the arts. It is located in West Quoddy Bay. Check out the web site:
<https://wildislandsfieldstation.com/>

Report by Tourism Nova Scotia – Working on discover Nova Scotia/Discover Halifax and all things in between. Three workshops have been are planned as a pilot for Travel Trade Readiness program. The 10 fun facts about Nova Scotia video has gone viral.

A team has scoured the islands for signs of previous inhabitation. Many signs have been found such as foundations, cemeteries – all have been documented and will become a part of the whole Wild Island experience.

Report to Council



Member of Council: Debbie Findlay

Board/Agency/Organization: Sherbrooke Village Commission

Date June 26, 2018

Location: Village Board Room

Agenda Items Discussed:

The Tentative Agreement with the union waiting for final signing. There are some minor adjustments

The transfer of the donated land along the St. Mary's River is progressing. Documentation in legal hands now for processing.

Financial statements were presented to the Board and were approved.

Victorian Boot Camp held May 28 – June 8 – successful; Tea Room renovations complete – very Victorian; Greenwood Cottage will now be holding afternoon teas; short plays supporting temperance will be enacted starting July 7; the collapsed foundation under the building next to the Village office is being rebuilt.

RICHES program – Approved for a grant of \$68,500 to plan the program – concept to have satellite teaching sites as well as in the Village, a Victorian Garden but mainly to put us on the tourism map as a destination. A dinner announcing the project was held June 23, 2018 – well attended and well received. MLA Lloyd Hines announced the approval of the grant and MP Sean Fraser spoke giving his support of the project.