



NOTICE

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 31st, 2018

TIME: 9:00am

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

Please advise if unable to attend

Dated: October 24, 2018

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, October 31st, 2018**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held October 2nd, 2018
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. RCMP – Sergeant David Simpson
7. 2nd Quarter Finance Update – Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
8. Other Matters of Business
 - a. Old Fashioned Christmas
 - b. Municipal Awareness Week (Nov 19-23)
 - c. Remembrance Day
 - d. Heritage Properties
 - e. St. Mary's River Association
 - f. Hospital Society
 - g. Eastern Counties Regional Library – Share A Book Campaign

Adjournment

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Meeting, Date & Time

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, October 31st, 2018, 2018 at 9:00am in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending

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

Also Attending

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

Absent with Regrets

Councillor Malloy

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Findlay that Council approved the agenda with the following Additions:

Other Matters of Business

- h. Daniel MacIsaac Legal Services
- i. Recplex
- j. Repairs on Main Street Sherbrooke

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councillor Smith seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held October 2nd, 2018.

Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes

- Follow up from Engage Nova Scotia. Representatives from Engage have requested a phone meeting with CAO and Warden on this Friday to provide an update.
- Follow up from correspondence sent to MLA Randy Delorey regarding local Ambulance service, no response has been received by the Municipality to date, CAO to follow up on issue.

Presentations - RCMP – Sergeant David Simpson & Corporal MacLeod

- see attached presentation

2nd Quarter Finance Update – Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

Reviewed and highlighted the following items as part of the 2nd Quarter Finance update:

- Department of Community Development and Recreation
 - Canada Day – reviewed grants received and expenses
 - Community Use of Schools, Kid Fit, After the Bell, Facility Access grants and funding – primarily used for recreation programming at the Recplex
 - Friends of Stonewall Park – former committee disbanded and left \$6,034 in funding to be used in the park. Signage for the park has been purchased and installed to date.
 - Community Development projects, year round recreation programming, and senior's socials were also reviewed.
 - Fitness Center is back in operation for the school year
 - St. Mary's Recplex – ice is currently being installed
 - Roy Steed Fund – sprinkler tank maintenance has been performed (required to be done every three years). Under the community enhancement project the following has been completed; remaining walking track mats, glass panels, new chairs/tables, interior and exterior painting. Staff is still working on securing a good used Zamboni for the Recplex.
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk requested community welcoming signs be added as a discussion topic for the upcoming 2019/20 budget deliberations.
- Department of Economic Development
 - Updates on tourism promotion, website upgrades, Saltscapes, misc. advertisements, balance remaining for tourism promotion is \$2,735
 - DEANS Grant and Guide Advertisements have been fully expensed for 2018/19
 - Economic Development Projects – Engage St. Mary's Event, Main Street façade/planning/beatification project, currently received \$25,000 in provincial funding for project.
- Department of Public Works
 - Municipal Transfer Station – reviewed the following items; container tipping fee revenue, scrap metal, C&D disposal (possibly deferred until next year), general repairs, ERSWM committee cost share (invoice not yet received) and all ground water testing has been completed for the year.
 - Sherbrooke Sewer Utility – utility has experienced additional maintenance expense due to materials being disposed of in the sewer system that should not be. Problem has been found and individuals involved have been notified. Revenue loss from businesses closing was highlighted.

- Sherbrooke Water Utility – uncollectable accounts were reviewed and Council was asked to consider them for write off at the next regular council meeting. Water system is working extremely well and maintenance expenses are down.
- Municipal Operating Budget
 - Revenue - Deed transfer tax revenue above budgeted, fire tax levy 6 month cheques have been released, bldg. permit revenue above budgeted, fine revenue above budgeted.
 - Expenses – reviewed the following expense items; solicitor, EMO, property inspection, planning and Sherbrooke library
- Capital Reserve
 - Items scheduled for 2018/19 were an additional dry hydrant and a large office generator.
- Follow up items
 - Director of Finance to provide the following follow up items from 2nd quarter finance review – tax sale listings, district grants update, summary of building permits issued and tax account receivable listing.

Other Matters of Business

- Old Fashioned Christmas - Council agreed they would like to participate in parade and decorating events. Staff to organize and send out additional information.
- Municipal Awareness Week (Nov 19-23) – Council indicated they wished to contact the school to see if they are interested in council speaking with the student and possibly the youth advisory.
- Remembrance Day – Reminder of services and locations.
- Heritage Properties – Reminder to council of Municipal Heritage properties and that this committee has not met in a number of years.
- St. Mary’s River Association - Reviewed the 4 items the association presented to council at the regular council meeting.
 1. Information piece for council.
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 3. Request for financial assistance in cost sharing of an independent professional assessment.
 - Request has not yet been received.
 4. Asked council to establish a municipal bylaw to prohibit any open pit mine within 8km radius of the St. Mary’s River.
 - Council wishes to keep the lines of communication open with the River Association.
 - Council did submit a letter to the environment assessment agency but haven’t made a stand as to whether they support or oppose the mine.
 - The position put forward in the letter was in support economic development but also support ensuring that environmental considerations are taken into account for the protection of the river. The letter stated that there should be an environmental assessment done to ensure protection of the environment.
 - It was suggested that council respond back to the River Association indicating that council will be doing additional research and will have other questions they may need assistance with.

- It was suggested that legal advice regarding the bylaw and potential funding request be sought.
- CAO will draft a response to the River Association and share with Council prior to releasing.

Break at 10:32 – 11:00 am

- St. Mary's Hospital Society - Council reviewed the two letters received from the St Mary's Hospital Society.
On recommendation of Council Kaiser-Kirk and Seconded by Councillor Findlay Council agrees to cost share the rental of the Giffin house to be used as an incentive to attract nurses, time limit from November 15th, 2018 to April 15th, 2019, at a total cost not exceeding \$4,000.

Motion carried.

Council requested a letter be sent to the society informing them of council decision and a letter sent to the Province informing them of the current issues regarding RN shortages. Letter to be cc'd to the society and local MLA.

- Eastern Counties Regional Library – Share A Book Campaign – information for council.
- DJMI Legal Services Ltd – Council request to obtain legal advice
- Recplex - condition of washrooms needs to be improved.
- Repairs on Main Street Sherbrooke - CAO to further explore repairs and condition

Adjournment

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dort there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 11:30am.

Recorded By
Director of Finance

Approved By
Warden Mosher

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT RCMP

Policing Report

for the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

April 1st, 2018 to September 30, 2018.



This report covers the first half of fiscal year 2018-2019 ending September 30, 2018.

Guysborough District RCMP's focus during this fiscal year continues to be Crime Prevention/Reduction, Road Safety, and Enhancing Relations with Diverse Communities.

During each fiscal year, a strategic plan is created and put into place by Guysborough District RCMP to ensure that the goals and strategic objectives are inline with national, provincial, and local priorities. The results are tracked via the Annual Performance Plan (APP) which is a program established for efficient and effective capturing of assigned objectives.

Upon review of assigned priorities and targets at the end of September, Guysborough District RCMP is either on-track (or better) to meet all of it's objectives assigned to be completed during this fiscal year.

Between April 1st and September 30th, there were a total of 1149 files opened and actioned within the jurisdiction of the Guysborough District RCMP (three detachments).

The breakdown of the files opened between April 1st and September 30th were as follows:

Canso Detachment – 356 occurrences
Guysborough Detachment – 360 occurrences
Sherbrooke Detachment – 433 occurrences

In effort to provide a direct comparison, the breakdown for received occurrences during the same time periods of previous years were as follows:

2016 Canso Detachment – 96 occurrences
 Guysborough Detachment – 147 occurrences
 Sherbrooke Detachment – 207 occurrences

2017 Canso Detachment – 161 occurrences
 Guysborough Detachment – 316 occurrences
 Sherbrooke Detachment – 336 occurrences

Specifically, within the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, RCMP members investigated the following:

INCIDENT	April	May	June	July	August	Sept
ASSAULT	1		1	1	1	2
ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON	1	1		1		
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT						
ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY HARM						
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY			1			
ASSAULT on POLICE OFFICER						
RESIST A PEACE OFFICER						
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1				2	
SEXUAL INTERFERENCE	1				1	
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON FDP						
UTTERING THREATS	2	5	2	1		1
HARASSMENT / PHONE CALLS	1			1		1
DISTURBING THE PEACE		2	1			1
CARELESS USE /POINTING FIREARM				1		
BREAK & ENTER		2	3		2	
MISCHIEF	1	5	2	2		1

INCIDENT	April	May	June	July	August	Sept
UNLAWFULLY AT LARGE		1	1			
BREACH COURT ORDERS	1			1		
THEFT OVER \$5,000						
THEFT UNDER \$5000		14	6	1		2
POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY						
THEFT OF AUTO					1	
TAKE MV/BOAT W/O CONSENT						
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	3	2	4	2	1	1
IMPAIRED OPERATION/OVER 80 MGS	3	1		1	2	
DANGEROUS DRIVING		2	2		1	
HIT AND RUN						
ARSON		2				
911 Act	2	1	1	5	1	1
False Alarms	3			1		1
Off Highway Vehicle Act			1			
Motor Vehicle Act / Traffic related	29	12	50	58	59	9
Checkstops	19	1	6	4	3	2
DRUG RELATED OFFENCES	1	2	1			

INCIDENT	April	May	June	July	August	Sept
WELLBEING CHECK		1		2		
MISSING PERSON						
Crime Prevention	10	3	6	8	5	11
Firearms Offences			1	1		2
Medical Examiner	1				1	
YOUTH CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT						
FRAUD/ FALSE PRETENCES /FORGERY	1			2		
CRIMINAL HARASSMENT	1	1		1	1	1
Child Welfare Act						
MENTAL HEALTH ACT		6	3	2	10	2
PROVINCIAL ACTS Other	5	3	5	5	4	3
TOTALS	87	67	95	100	95	41

Our pro-active efforts during the first half of this fiscal year have included:

- Crime Prevention presentations to youth and at community events
- Proactive media releases (including news, education, and community events)
- Social media releases via RCMP provincial communications
- Offender Management via completion of curfew and court condition compliance for both convicted persons and persons currently under charge/before the courts
- Attendance at community events (ie. School dances, community functions, community dances) in effort to deter criminal activity.

ROAD SAFETY

Guysborough District RCMP remains committed to road safety and the district members are continuing their efforts via targeted patrols and traffic safety checkpoints.

In the District of St. Mary's during the first half of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, RCMP responded to:

- **10 property damage crashes**
- **7 injury crashes**
- **0 fatal crashes**

In comparison, the same time periods of previous years were as follows:

2016

- **4 property damage crashes**
- **6 injury crashes**
- **0 fatal crashes**

2017

- **7 property damage crashes**
- **3 injury crashes**
- **0 fatal crashes**

Pro-active efforts to enhance Road Safety in the District of St. Mary's thus far during this fiscal year include:

- Increased violator contact in strategic areas of high traffic. Specifically, within the District of St. Mary's, RCMP members completed:
 - 24 Checkpoints
 - Issued 61 Summary Offence Tickets
 - Issued 74 warnings
 - Apprehended 2 impaired drivers
 - Partnered with Antigonish Traffic Services to complete patrols
 - Have completed dedicated traffic enforcement shifts

Further this, Guysborough District members have completed:

- 5 Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (STEP) completed at events where impaired driving could take place. This combines educational, awareness & enforcement methods in order to deter and apprehend any impaired drivers.
- 9 checkpoints were conducted in the district where RCMP partnered with other organizations (DNR, Vehicle Compliance, MADD, DFO).
- Provided increased police officer presence during fishing season (May/June 2018) that included 24hr patrols of the area to ensure public safety
- Partnering with traffic services (based out of Stellarton and Antigonish) to provide additional traffic related services to the community.

CRIME PREVENTION / EDUCATION

Guysborough District RCMP has attended a number of community meetings and events in effort to be a proactive in providing public safety and be involved in the community.

As a snapshot, some have included:

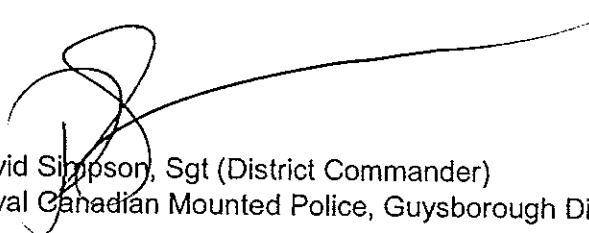
- Sherbrooke Detachment members coordinated a mock impaired crash at St Mary's academy in May. Same was very well received/attended and garnered positive media attention as a result. Significant planning went into arranging this event and the results were evident. It's noted that as a result of this event, the district has been requested to organize a similar event in Guysborough in the spring of 2019.
- Cst Larivere worked with the elementary school students to create artistic messages on bookmarks urging motorists not to drink and drive (or text and drive) and to slow down when behind the wheel. Upon completion of these, Cst. Lariviere and Cst. Farrell completed check stops and handed out the children's bookmarks to local drivers.
- 24 hour patrols during fishing season to ensure public safety and attempt to keep calm on the docks and the water;
- Off-shore patrols completed via use of the RCMP boat (from Port Hawkesbury) as well as Coastal Watch vessel (from Halifax)
- Joint boat patrols with DFO during fishing season
- Drug presentations at the school

MATTERS OF NOTE IN THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARY'S

- **Human Resources** – Currently all positions in Guysborough District are filled. Specifically, within the District of St. Mary's, although there is only 4 members posted to Sherbrooke RCMP office, there have been 5 members over the past few months during the period of human resource transition:
 - Cst Adam Lariviere completed his field training in August;
 - Cst Jamie Fisher completed his last shift in the district and is transferring out of Sherbrooke this week;
 - Cst Luke Mccarthy transferred into the community in September;
 - Cst Natasha Farrell has recently been promoted to the rank of Corporal and will be transferring to Pictou District in the coming months;
 - Cst Justin Greene has been posted to Sherbrooke Detachment (arriving from RCMP Training Academy) and will arrive mid-November. His trainer will be Cst Len MacDonald.
 - PSE Arlene Bingley has tendered her intention to retire after being with the RCMP for 38 years. Her last day will be November 29th.

Guysborough District RCMP is currently proceeding through the process to identify/hire a replacement for PSE Arlene Bingley.

If you should have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the undersigned at your convenience at (902) 533-3801.



David Simpson, Sgt (District Commander)
Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Guysborough District

St. Mary's Municipal Heritage Properties

1. Kirk Memorial United Church, Aspen
2. Bethel Presbyterian Church, Caledonia
3. New Chester Community Club, New Chester
4. "Edgewood" - 16 Cameron Road, Sherbrooke
5. Heritage Goldenville Society – Presbyterian Church, Goldenville
6. 60 Third Street, Sherbrooke

Action items for the District of St. Mary's Municipal Council from the SMRA

The purpose of our visit to the Municipal Council is to make our Council Members aware that the SMRA is strongly opposed to Atlantic Golds proposed open pit gold mine.

Meeting October 9th

Our intentions and call to action.

1. The SMRA is submitting our draft submittal to the Municipal Council. This document is intended to accompany Atlantic Golds EIS (environmental Impact Statement). The purpose is to help shed light on the impact this open pit mine could have on the St. Mary's river, state our stance towards the proposed mine and ensure if the mine does come items of concern are addressed.
2. The SMRA is sharing a copy of our Liming and Habitat proposal targeting the Coastal Restoration Fund. The purpose is simply communication within a small community and to help shed light on the impact the proposed open pit gold mine will have on the community's efforts to restore the St. Mary's river to a pre mining and deforestation Era.
3. SMRA is initiating a NOPE campaign (No Open Pit Excavation) under this initiative the SMRA is investigating hiring a professional to do an independent assessment on Atlantic Golds EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). We will be approaching the municipality in the near future to share this cost with SMRA. Also we are interested in pursuing a community survey within the district of St Mary's with the intent on gathering the needed information to determine the communities stance regarding Atlantic Golds proposed open pit gold mine in Cochrane Hill and any proposed mine in the future.
4. Call upon the district of St Mary's municipal council to establish a municipal by law to prohibit any open pit mine within an 8 km radius of the St. Mary's river in the district of St. Mary's. Similar to the action taken by the Municipality of the county of Colchester regarding the proposed mine in the French River Valley. SuNNS (Sustainable Northern Nova Scotia) was started as a result of the proposed mine for the French River Valley and has been working together with their municipality to keep this mine from entering their watershed.

October 17th, 2018

St. Mary's Municipal Council

Dear Council Members:

We are coming to St. Mary's District Municipal Council with a pressing concern. As you are aware we have serious shortage of RN nursing and X-ray staff at the hospital.

Our short term proposal to address this situation is to rent the property owned by Wayne and Vivian Giffin for a period of five months from November 15th to April 15th, 2019 in hope that this will provide Cathy Chisholm with an incentive she can use to assist in her effort to recruit sufficient staff to cover the needs at the hospital.

We request the cost of this rental be shared on a fifty/fifty by council and our hospital society. We are estimating the total monthly cost would be \$1,600. Should any additional costs be incurred our Hospital society would be prepared to cover those added expenses.

We are thanking you in advance for your consideration and realize we are have a very short window of to address this concern.

On behalf of St. Mary's Memorial Hospital Society,

Chairman Donald Dunbar



Community Based Support for Physician and Clinical Staff Recruitment: Nova Scotia Health Authority Eastern Zone, to the Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, Oct 30, 2018.

Overview:

Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) is committed to working with communities to support their health care needs. Recruitment for various health care professional is ongoing across the province, including at St Mary's Memorial Hospital in Sherbrooke. We would like to share with you some of our efforts to address the recruitment challenges:

- NSHA provides funding to St. Mary's Memorial Hospital to support overall operational requirements. This funding covers the areas associated with direct patient care, as well as the various services and programs provided to clients, patients and residents in the communities served by NSHA. This funding includes the costs for salaries and benefits provided to staff.
- On occasion, NSHA is able to provide some incentives to support recruitment and retention. Recently, as part of a two year return of service agreement, \$10,000 signing bonuses were advertised to help fill two vacant permanent RN positions at St Mary's Memorial Hospital.
- There are times when NSHA also supports staff travelling to rural sites on a temporary basis through coverage of costs associated with short term accommodation, mileage and per diem rates.
- The level of incentives and supports will vary depending on the circumstances, including: the challenge to fill positions on either a full-time or temporary basis, geographic location, and/or availability of accommodation.
- There is a long-standing tradition and practice across NSHA Eastern Zone in relation to partnerships with foundations and auxiliaries. The level and types of support varies from capital construction, equipment purchases, staff education, health promotion, and recruitment and retention initiatives. NSHA's partnership with foundations and municipalities is vital, particularly in relation to recruitment and retention efforts.
- Those partnership models can also vary within Eastern Zone. Some municipalities have helped to provide housing for health care professionals and their families. In some communities the foundation has partnered with municipalities to assist their community hospitals. Foundations and municipalities also work together to send physicians and staff on recruitment initiatives.



- Recruitment and retention of health care professionals is a challenge across the country, and for NSHA this is particularly true for rural communities.
- We are working in a time where there is great emphasis being placed on fiscal responsibility and accountability for us all.

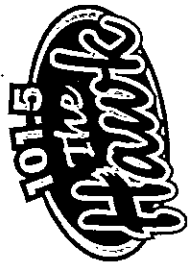
NSHA and the management and staff of St Mary's Memorial Hospital are very appreciative of any help our community partners can offer in relation to our ongoing recruitment and retention efforts.

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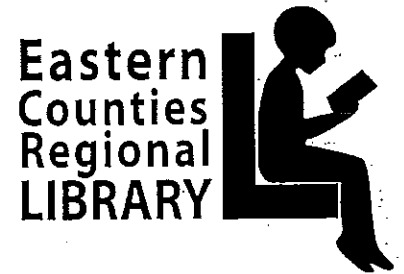
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October 12, 2018

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
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Gentlemen:

Re: Tax Sale
PID 37580966 – Assessment Account Number 5097363
AND 37551942-Assessment Account Number 5536669

The above is undivided property.

Lionel Hemlow has recently paid the taxes on the properties. I have admisted him that he should place the same in a tax sale for clarification of title.

I would formally request that the funds be returned to Lionel Hemlow in order to permit a tax sale.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Daniel J. MacIsaac

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