



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee Of The Whole Meeting

Wednesday – June 12, 2019

Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S

Attending:

Warden Mosher

Deputy Warden Dort

Councillor Findlay

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

Councillor Baker

Councillor Smith

Councillor Malloy

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

3. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Dort Council approved the agenda with the following amendments:

7c- To be moved to future meeting, June 26th, 2019

7d- To be added as Broadband Meeting with Xplornet as per CAO

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday- May 15, 2019.

Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Meeting with the Port Hawkesbury Paper:

- They are not available in July but will work on an alternate date.

6. Correspondence:

a.) Department of Municipal Affairs- 12-months' Notice for fiscal year 2020/2021:

- Short-Term Accommodations:
 - Changes to Assessment Act will allow any primary residents that are only partially rented to be assessed as residential instead of commercial.
 - This reclassification shouldn't impact St. Mary's very much.
- Equalization Grant:
 - Funding hasn't changed.
 - DMA is still reviewing the grant.
- Proposed Coastal Protection Act:
 - Proposed development must have a review/certification by an independent designated professional in order to obtain a building permit.
 - Potential added work for building inspector.
 - This may lead to the need of an engineer to provide review and certification for new developments on coastal lots.
- Library Funding:
 - Government will be adding an additional \$2 M to libraries.
 - Meeting to be made with Laura Emery.
- Additional Officer Program:
 - The program will remain.
- Legalization of Cannabis:
 - Edibles will be legal– October 17th, 2019.
- Accessibility Act:
 - Town of Wolfville will be the pilot for Accessibility Act.
 - No additional information as of now, but there should be more after Wolfville's presentation.
 - Accessibility Plan will be required by all municipalities.

7. Other Matters of Business:

a. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Road Relocation:

- Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association contacted CAO in regards to relocating the Port Bickerton lighthouse road.

- The Association is worried about the erosion around the existing road and if the road were to be relocated, it would require less maintenance.
- Discussion was held amongst Council about the proper steps to take and who to make an inquiry with.
- Council asked who is currently responsible for the maintenance or modification- CAO says that according to the lease agreement the Association would be responsible.
- The Planning Association has received estimates from \$50,000-\$200,000 to have the road relocated.
- Council has a concern about the existing telephone poles and wet lands.
- Council suggests there should be a written request from the Assoc. for Council to pursue.
- CAO to relay the information and copy Council on the letter.

On recommendation of Councillor Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay, that Council would like to receive a written request from the Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association formally asking Council to pursue gathering appropriate information from the province, TIR and DNR.

Recommendation adopted.

b. Boundary Review:

- Council questioned if the review needs to be done 9 months before the next election, made public and then does it go to the Utility Review Board.
- Council would like to know a timeline for this Review
- Council would like specific statistics researched for the Review.

On recommendation of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker, that the administration start researching the timeline and statistics for the Review.

Recommendation adopted.

c. EDO- Planning & Document Update:

- To be moved to future meeting, June 26th, 2019

d. Broadband:

- A meeting with Xplornet representative Jeff Burlock about broadband was held at the Antigonish County Municipality. Councillor Malloy, Marissa Jordan-Clerk and Marvin MacDonald-CAO attended.
- Xplornet is asking for letter of support for their proposal to Develop NS.
- Council asked if we wrote a letter of support, would this commit St. Mary's Municipality to only this Internet Service Provider in future plans with Develop NS- CAO says no.

On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker, that the CAO write a general letter of support to Jeff Burlock with Xplornet to accompany their proposal to Develop NS.

Recommendation adopted.

8. Adjournment

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 1:48pm.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Moshier