



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee Of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday –October 2nd, 2019

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Baker

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

- 7 b. Streetscapes
- 7 c. In Camera

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, September 18th, 2019.

Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No current business arising

6. Presentations:

RCMP (Sergeant Simpson)- Update:

Sergeant Simpson could not attend so Corporal MacLeod from the RCMP gave an update to Council.

- Guysborough District RCMP's focus this year has been to continue their efforts in regards to Crime Prevention/Reduction, Road Safety and Enhancing Relations with Diverse Communities.
- Between April 1st and September 30th, there were a total of 999 files opened and actioned within the jurisdiction of the Guysborough District RCMP; Sherbrooke Detachment- 476 occurrences of the 999.
- Pro-active efforts during 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.
- Within the past six months, Sherbrooke RCMP members have tended to 21 crime prevention initiatives that have included:
 - Attending community meetings.
 - Presentation regarding fraud prevention in the home
 - Proactive patrols in conjunction with DFO during commercial fishing season (same included RCMP boat patrols)
 - Presentation regarding safe cycling practices
 - St. Mary's ATV Club advising of an ATV Rally (including parade permit review)
 - Foot patrols during truck pull and beer garden in June
 - Worked in conjunction with EMO partners during Hurricane Dorian (and subsequent power outage following same).
- PSE- Jody MacDonald has assumed her role as the new Detachment Services Assistant for Sherbrooke Detachment (commenced August 2019)
- Sergeant David Simpson, Guysborough RCMP District Commander, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant and will be departing in the coming months to his new position as Detachment Commander in charge of Yarmouth Municipal RCMP. The detachment will be looking to fill the vacant position.
- Council asked if the current RCMP officers are living in the area. Corporal MacLeod said there are currently two officers living full time in the area. The other officers stay in the area when they are on duty.
- Council asked why there was an increase in July of the Fraud/False Pretenses/Forgery. Corporal MacLeod later informed Council that it was an error and should have read 3 not 23.
- Council asked about the former Boots on the Street Program that has an officer going to the school. Corporal MacLeod said they no longer have a dedicated officer the duty is shared among the officers.

7. Other Matters of Business:

Boundary Review- Update:

- The CAO gave a presentation on Boundary Review Process and reviewed two new options for boundaries in addition to the two previous options from previous COTW meetings.
- Council asked about the 4th option that would require a change in governance from a Warden system to a Mayoral System and the differences between the systems.
- Council discussed all of the options that were presented and agreed that the boundaries will remain status quo with the seven current districts.

On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Deputy Warden Dort, Council directed staff to discontinue the Boundary Review Process.

Recommendation adopted. (2 Nay- Warden Mosher, Councillor Smith)

Streetscapes:

- The CAO suggested that Council hold public consultations at the beginning of November for the Streetscapes Plan. Council agreed.
- Council asked about the Building Vibrant Communities Grant recently announced by the province. CAO to look into the program.

Council Meeting Dates:

- November Council- November 12th, 2019- 7:00pm
- November COTW's- October 30th, 2019- 1:00pm & November 20th, 2019- 1:00pm
- Possible dates for Streetscapes Community Consultations: November 14th, 2019- 7:00pm-8:00pm or November 21st, 2019 7:00pm-8:00pm

In Camera- Legal Matter:

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council moved to an in camera session for legal matters at 2:00pm.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort, Council reconvened to regular session at 2:41pm.

Adjournment

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 2:41pm.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Mosher