



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee Of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Thursday –January 2nd, 2020

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO	Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance	

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

"6a. Municipal Affairs and Housing- Community Works Program 2019" moved to "8. In camera session"

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday- December 18th, 2019.

Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Office Generator:

- Council asked when the start date was for installing the generator. The CAO stated that the ground work has begun but KVS Electrical said it might be up to 11 weeks before the generator is in.
- Council instructed the CAO to contact KVS and stress the importance of completing the setup of the generator as soon as possible and no later than March 6th, 2020.

Sherbrooke Library- Heating:

- The heat pump has been ordered.

Municipal Building- Reception Area Upgrades:

- Staff is waiting for Tate Construction to visit the office to do an assessment of the area in the new year.

Surplus Equipment/Zamboni:

- There has been one inquiry about the Zamboni but there are currently no offers.
- Council asked if staff applied for the grant for the ice plant. The CAO stated that the application was completed and they wouldn't hear anything until the spring of 2020.

6. Correspondence:

b. Municipal Affairs and Housing- Hurricane Dorian

- The CAO received a correspondence from Municipal Affairs and Housing in response to a letter sent from the Municipality on October 30, 2019. This letter expressed the concern on behalf of the Municipality and of its experiences during Hurricane Dorian.

c. NS Fisheries and Aquaculture- Atlantic Fisheries Fund

- Brennan Goreham, Director of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF), contacted the CAO to inquire if there was interest from Council for a presentation to further explain the importance of the seafood sector and the areas in which the AFF are focused on. These three areas are innovation, infrastructure and science partnerships.
- Council agreed to have Brennan Goreham of the AFF present to Council. Staff will proceed to set up the presentation for an upcoming COTW.

d. Municipality of Barrington- Student Volunteer Fire Fighters Program

- The Municipality of Barrington requested the support of Council with their application to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to be able to provide a personal development credit to students who join a volunteer fire department and complete the required training.
- Council suggested taking this information to the next Fire Services meeting in order to further discuss.

7. Other Matters of Business:

a. Simply Voting- Electronic Voting

- The CAO was contacted by Simply Voting Inc., a company for electronic voting. They provided a free quote for an integrated electronic voting solution for municipal voting in St. Mary's Municipality.
- The unsolicited quote was based on the amount of eligible voters in the municipality and the base cost was approximately \$10,000 - \$12,000.
- Council asked if the province would be subsidizing electronic voting as in other provinces. The CAO said the province has not said they would be.
- Council agreed that at this time it is too expensive for this area. The CAO will look into the HRM's electronic voting to compare costs.

b. Before and After Program Update

- The CAO updated Council on the Before and After Program. There are currently no users of the Before portion of the program and on average there are three users per day for the After portion of the program.
- The province would like to continue the program until the end of the school year and requested a revised budget. The Director of Finance said that based on the revised budget that was submitted, the municipality would need \$16,260 from the province in order to operate without a loss, which is \$1260 above the previously allotted \$15,000.
- When there is a response from the province, staff will put this item back on the agenda for an update.

c. Parks and Protected Areas

- The CAO showed three maps from the parks division of Lands and Forestry of proposed boundaries around the St. Mary's River for the designation of provincial park area. These boundaries stretch from Dean Settlement to Stillwater. Legislation will be moving forward on this matter in January or February. All lands under consideration is Provincial Crown.
- Council asked what percentage of St. Mary's Municipality is already deemed protected land compared to other parts of the province. The CAO said he believes that we are on par with other areas in the province.
- The CAO said that Matt Parker with Lands and Forestry offered to present to Council in order to answer additional questions. Council agreed to have staff set up a future meeting with Mr. Parker.

8. In Camera Session:

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Deputy Warden Dort, Council moved into an in camera session for contract negotiations at 1:56pm.

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk, Council reconvened to regular session at 2:15pm

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Smith, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 2:15pm



Recorded By
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Approved By
Warden Mosher