



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Deputy Warden Fuller	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Zinck	

Also Attending:

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

Regrets:

Councillor Baker

3. Additions to the Agenda:

Councillor Mailman requested to add to agenda; Disclosure of a conflict of interest to council; Re: Sherbrooke Village Commission; item added as 9d.

4. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck Council approved the agenda with the addition of 9d.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Mailman and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, November 18th, 2020.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Deputy Warden Fuller suggested that donation received from Ms. Skelly should be donated to the local food bank.

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council agreed to provide the \$100 donation from Ms. Skelly to the St Mary Food Bank.

Recommendation adopted.

7. Correspondence:

a. Bursary in honour of Deputy Warden Dort – Susan & Robert Mitchell

- Staff received a letter from Susan & Robert Mitchell explaining that they would like to donate to the Deputy Warden Dort Bursary. Thank will be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell.

8. Presentation:

a. RCMP- Sgt. Ron Bryce; Cpl. Kathryn MacLeod:

- Cpl. MacLeod sent her regrets to council as she was unable to attend.
- Sgt. Ron Bryce presented council with a report on the fiscal half of the fiscal year's RCMP activities. The report covered the following:
 - Crime Prevention/Reduction, Road Safety and Enhancing Relations with Diverse Communities
 - Number and type of offences for the Sherbrooke Detachment for the period of Apr. 1st-Sept. 30,2020
 - Pro-active efforts; crim prevention presentation to youth, proactive media releases, social media communications, offender management, attendance at community events when possible human resources

9. Other Matters of Business:

a. Surplus Provincial property at St. Mary's River:

- Confirmation has been received from NS TIR for the Municipalities interest in the surplus land located on St. Mary's River, Sonora. Once the notice of surplus land closes on December 2nd, the Municipality will be provided with additional communication for the next steps in the process.

b. Covid-19 Changes – Impact to District of St. Mary's:

- On Wednesday, November 25th the following was posted on the municipal website and social media:

“Due to the changing state of COVID-19 in our province, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is asking individuals to be thoughtful of your own safety and of others during this time. The Central Region of the province has seen higher infection rates in the past week than they have to date. It is important that we act to limit the spread of infection throughout our province. The province and Chief Medical Officer, Robert Strang, have suggested that individuals limit their travel in and out of the central region for essential purposes only. We are requesting that all individuals who have been to the central region in the past 14 days do not attend our events or programs. Thank you for your kindness and understanding during these difficult times. “

c. Onsite Energy Management project – Eastern Region Update:

- The Municipality has partnered with neighboring Municipalities to take part in the Strait Region Energy Management program, partnering with Efficiency NS. As part of this program St. Mary's will receive the following: develop strategic energy management plans for municipal buildings/facilities, perform energy audits, benchmark facility energy use, identify funding and incentives, project management support and measure results. This project will continue throughout 2021 and updates will be provided throughout the program.

d. Declare Conflict of Interest to Council – Councillor Mailman:

- Councillor Mailman provided additional information on a formally disclosed conflict of interest between herself and sitting on the Historic Sherbrooke Village Restoration Commission. Councillor Mailman has declared a conflict of interest due to her husband being an employee of Sherbrooke Village and has sought legal advice on the matter.
- It is currently mandated through the commission act that the councillor for district one sit on the commission. Legal recommended that Councillor Mailman declare the conflict, step away from the commission and write a letter to the local MLA requested that a bill be brought forward to change the legislation to allow any councillor to sit on the commission.
- An exemption was also requested that until the bill is passed that an alternate councillor may attend the meeting. A letter has been sent to the commission's chair, John Grant informing him of the situation.

On recommendation of Councillor Mailman and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council agree to appoint an alternate to the Sherbrooke Village Commission until an exemption is granted or until the Bill is passed to amend the legislation.

Recommendation adopted

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agree to appoint Deputy Warden Fuller to be the alternate for the Sherbrooke Village Commission until such time that the exemption is granted, or legislation has been changed.

Recommendation adopted.

10. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 8:06pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance



Approved By
Warden Wier