



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Special Council Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The Special meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, 2021 at 3:30pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Deputy Warden Fuller - via teleconference	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Harpell	Councillor Zinck

Also Attending:

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

Absent with Regrets

Councillor Baker

3. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approve the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

4. ECRL- Sherbrooke Library Services

- Council had conversation around potential topics that may be discussed during the meeting with ECRL's chief librarian Ms. Laura Emery.
- Councillor Mailman provided an update from the last ECRL board meeting. The hours currently set at the library were brought to the board's attention as inaccessible especially for school aged children. The board said they will take the hours into consideration and potentially make some adjustments. Shirley McNamara, Dana Thompson and Laura Emery as well as the branch manager plan to attend the meeting with St. Mary's Council.
- ECRL is planning to update their by-laws as there are currently no parameters around in camera minutes. The draft budget was not going to be allowed to go to council by the board, but after some discussion it was agreed that the board would allow the ECRL draft budget to go council for information purposes.
- Deputy Warden Fuller pointed out that using the restricted hours as a baseline for when the most active libraries hours are. Council also discussed the library being closed on Saturdays. Ms. Emery stated the current staff member at the Sherbrooke branch will not work Saturdays, so they would have to hire an additional staff member. Council pointed out the working Saturdays was a part of the original ECRL job description.

- Council discussed the equity grant and how it is perceived by ECRL as well as by the Province. The ECRL detailed list of expenditures were also discussed and how they impact the Sherbrooke branch as well as other similar library branches. Council stated that there was not enough detailed information present to make comparisons of different library branch hours.
- ECRL just got approval from the Province to go ahead with open concept library in Guysborough. Council asked if this were a concept that could be applied to the Sherbrooke Library. This item will be added as a question for the meeting with Ms. Emery.
- Council stated that they are willing to pay for these services but want to make sure that taxpayers' dollars are being used appropriately and the Municipality is getting the services that are being paid for.
- The Director of Finance said she could go through the ECRL finances and create a breakdown of the \$225,000 from the Province and create more of a detailed report. Council agreed.

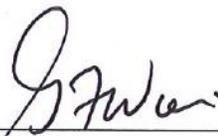
5. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Mailman seconded by Councillor Harpell there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 4:28pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Wier