



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting
Wednesday, April 21st, 2021

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Councillor Baker	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Harpell	Councillor Zinck

Also Attending:

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

Regrets:

Deputy Warden Fuller

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- No additions

4. Approval of the Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, April 7th, 2021.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No business arising.

7. Correspondence:

a. Whale Sanctuary:

- Council received three emails from residents expressing concern about the Whale Sanctuary. The Warden stated that they were replied to but asked if Council would like to send a letter to Mr. Vinick to make him aware of the concern from residents. Council agreed.

On recommendation of Councillor Mailman and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agree to write a letter to Mr. Charles Vinick of the Whale Sanctuary to convey the concerns of the residents of Wine Harbour.

Recommendation adopted.

8. Other Matters of Business:

a. Eastern Counties Regional Library:

- Council discussed the possibility of a meeting with Ms. Emery. Ms. Emery asked that Council supply her with some questions prior to the meeting. Council compiled some questions and supplied them to Ms. Emery.
- Council discussed what options they had if an agreement could not be made with the ECRL. Pictou County Libraries was suggested as a possible option to reach out to.
- Council discussed the meeting options that were given by Ms. Emery and agreed that meeting in person is the best option for clear communication. Council will have a special meeting on May 3rd, 2021 with Mrs. Emery.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Mailman, that Council wait to investigate other avenues until after the meeting with Ms. Emery.

- Council Harpell suggested that the letter be sent now.

On recommendation of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Malloy, that Council will send the letter to Pictou County to investigate other avenues for Library Services prior to meeting with Ms. Emery.

Recommendation with amendment adopted.

On recommendation of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agreed to hold a special council meeting with Ms. Laura Emery, ECRL Chief Librarian on May 3, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Recommendation adopted.

- Council discussed if there should be a communication piece in the Municipal Newsletter regarding the Sherbrooke Library.

On recommendation of Councillor Zinck and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council agreed to provide communication regarding the Sherbrooke Library in the Municipal Newsletter and on Social Media.

Recommendation adopted.

b. Inflow and Infiltration(I&I) Study:

- Staff met with the consultants who have provided phased recommendations to initiate the work to the sewer system. Some of the repairs can be done by municipal public work staff. Other work to be scheduled includes capital repairs to the manholes and drains.

c. Dangerous and Unsightly:

- The CAO brought forth three properties that are considered dangerous and/or unsightly, PID# 37545738, PID# 37527868, PID# 37544822. Council discussed and agreed to have staff move forward with sending letters to the property owners and inspections from the building inspector if needed.

On recommendation of Councillor Zinck and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to write a letter to property owners of PID# 37545738, PID# 37527868, PID# 37544822 with 60 days for action regarding dangerous and unsightly properties.

Recommendation adopted.

d. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Road:

- Council discussed the presentation from Donnie Dodge of the Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association at the previous COTW meeting. Council discussed the next steps in repairing the Port Bickerton Lighthouse Road.
- Councillor Mailman read the following statement on behalf of Deputy Warden Fuller:

"I went to observe and evaluate the condition of the road personally last weekend. I wholeheartedly agree with the members of the Lighthouse Preservation Committee that it is currently beyond simple pothole repair and grading. Sections of the road have been filled in with inadequate fill from the beach and accessible dirt which most certainly will not hold up to the frequent severe weather conditions.

As this is a major public attraction easy and safe entry and egress is essential.

I would move that the Municipality seek tenders from local businesses for the proper repair and resurfacing of this road, and at the same time seek assistance from both provincial and federal agencies in the financing of these repairs.

With this in mind, I would give my proxy to Councillor Mailman to vote on this issue if necessary."

- The CAO stated that a councillor is not able to vote or make a motion when they are not present and are not permitted give proxy to another councillor.

On recommendation of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to develop a tender package for repairs to the Port Bickerton Lighthouse Road.

Recommendation adopted.

- Councillor Zinck asked that if it was possible to reach out to Llyod Hines or Sean Fraser if there was any funding available that can be put toward repairs to the road. The CAO said that he will seek opportunities for provincial or federal funding.

e. In Camera- Personnel:

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council moved into an in-camera session for "Personnel" at 7:30pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Harpell and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council reconvened to regular session at 8:05pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, that Council post the CAO position as soon as possible.

Recommendation adopted.

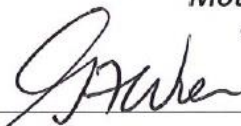
9. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Zinck and Councilor Mailman there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 8:06pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Wier