



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting
Wednesday, June 16th, 2021

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, 2021 at 4:05pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

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

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- No additions

4. Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No business arising.

7. Correspondence:

a. St. Mary's River Association (SMRA):

- Council and staff received correspondence from Mr. Scott Beaver of the SMRA requesting the Municipality write a letter supporting the designation of Archibald Lake as a Wilderness Protected Area and reply by June 21st, 2021.
- Council discussed and said that in order to understand what the effects would be of the designation more time would be needed. Council decided to take the next 60 days to further research the topic and revisit at an August COTW. Council directed staff to write a letter to SMRA updating them with this decision.

8. Other Matters of Business:

b. Provincial Climate Change Plan- Feedback:

- Staff received a letter from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change indicating that they will be undertaking a 60-day public engagement on creating goals under the Sustainable Development Goals Act and new Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth. The engagement will run from May 27 to July 26, 2021. They are asking municipalities and individuals to submit comments and ideas.
- Council discussed and asked that our Climate Change Action Coordinator provide a presentation with potential considerations on this topic at next COTW. Council also would like this information in the July newsletter.

c. Non-Profit Organization Property Tax Exemption- Application

- Staff received an application from the Greenfield Oldsters Club and meets all requirements under the policy.

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agreed to add the Greenfield Oldsters Club to the Non-Profit Organization Property Tax Exemption Schedule A.

Recommendation adopted.

d. Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)- Recommendations

- Staff provided two recommendations from the HAC after their meeting on June 10, 2021.

On recommendation of Councillor Mailman and seconded by Councillor Harpell, the committee approved the application of the Sherbrooke Riverside Cemetery Association to register as a municipal heritage property.

Recommendation adopted.

- Deputy Warden Fuller stated that the application for the Kirk Memorial United Church to be de-registered will take longer due to the process laid out in the Municipal Heritage By-Law.

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Mailman, the committee approved the application for de-registration of the Kirk Memorial United Church as a municipal heritage property.

Recommendation adopted.

e. Beautification & Streetscaping Program

- Economic Development Officer, Marissa Jordan, spoke to Council regarding the opening of applications for the Beautification and Streetscapes Program administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Municipalities can apply for funding from this program to develop beautiful areas that attract tourists to the Municipality. The funding is to be used to beautify, improve, or maintain property that the municipality owns or leases. This program may fund up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$25,000.
- Previous work was completed under this funding for upgrades to the 16 Main Street parking lot including a public washroom, landscaping, sidewalks and curbs and historic lighting. Staff is hoping to apply this year to complete phase 3 of the project which includes paving the 16 Main Street Parking lot with additional benches and seating area, as well as a plan to beautify the front of the library with a seating area and new flower boxes.

- Council discussed and agreed to apply for the funding as long as hard quotes were obtained for the work.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, that Council move forward with the proposed Phase 3 recommendations and apply for the 2021 Beautification Streetscaping Program.

Recommendation adopted.

f. In camera session- Property Tax Sale & Contract Negotiations

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council moved into and in camera session for Tax Sale & Contract Negotiations at 4:29pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council reconvened to regular session at 5:15pm.

Motion approved.

9. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Harpell there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 5:17pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Wier