



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026

We acknowledge that we are gathering in Mi'kma'ki the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The Regular Council meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at 5:01pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden James Fuller
Deputy Warden Beulah Malloy
Councillor Dana O'Connell
Councillor Scott Beaver
Councillor Emma Tibbo

Also Attending:

Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Mallory Tibbo, Director of Community Services and Recreation
Janelle Fleet, Interim Municipal Clerk

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy and seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes:

On the motion of Warden Fuller, hearing no errors or omission to the previous minutes, Council approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held March 4th, 2026.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a. No business arising from the previous minutes.

7. Presentation: Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Sgt. Natasha Farrell, Guysborough County RCMP

- Sgt. Farrell provided a presentation, as included in the meeting materials.

- Sgt. Farrell also clarified that Danielle Desjardins, RCMP Liaison from the provincial Department of Justice, will be holding a session in Guysborough on April 21st at 6pm, about what a Police Advisory Board does and their purpose. Council and appropriate staff are welcome to attend.
- Council asked if a future session could be arranged in St. Mary's, and it was discussed that there could be training provided locally once a Board is established in St. Mary's.
- Council inquired about traffic incidents and Sgt. Farrell agreed to increase enforcement focus on Cochrane Hill and the area of Highway 7 near the daycare in Sherbrooke to address speeding.
- Council agreed with the priority areas identified in the presentation.

8. Recommendations from Committees of Council:

Committee of the Whole – February 18th, 2026

On the motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council requested staff to provide recommendations to Council regarding the letter from Robin MacDougall about Childcare Facilities.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Councillor O'Connell seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council agreed to combine the Volunteer Appreciation Event, First Responder Event and the Healthcare Appreciation Event into one Community Heroes Appreciation Event.

Motion approved.

Committee of the Whole – March 4th, 2026

On the motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approve the selection of the St. Mary's District Lion's Club to provide catering services for the provision of monthly snacks, at a maximum cost of \$9,072 for the term of March 2026 to February 2027, with funding to be provided from the Office of Health Care Professionals Recruitment Fund received by the Municipality.

Motion Approved.

On the motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council declare the property at 8164 Highway 7, PID 37501871, AAN 04147405, to be no longer required for the purposes of the municipality.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Councillor Beaver, seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council approve that due to excessive costs of installing dry hydrants combined with ineffective functionality, investment in dry hydrants and the Fire Services Capital Reserve Policy be paused, and considered as part of the broader policy and governance review associated with implementing the Support for Fire Protection Services Act.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approve that the Warden, Deputy Warden and CAO be approved to attend the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Spring Conference in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia from April 29 to May 1, 2026.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approve that all five (5) members of Council plus the CAO be approved to attend the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Fall Conference in November 2026, with attendance to be confirmed pending announcement of conference details.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Deputy Warden Malloy, seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council confirms that no members of Council will attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Edmonton, Alberta from June 4 to June 7, 2026.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approves the Annual General Meeting be set for 5:30pm on Monday April 27th, 2026.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approves willing members of Council to attend a session about police advisory boards in Guysborough April 21st, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Motion approved.

On the motion of Councillor Beaver, seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, approve that Council award the Old Road Hill Multi-Use Trail Design contract to Strait Engineering Limited in the amount of \$25,145.00 (plus applicable taxes), with \$6,286.25 plus applicable taxes to be funded through the approved 2026 Capital Budget and \$18,858.75 plus applicable taxes from the Connect2 funding received from the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion approved.

9. Other Matters of Business:

- There were no other matters of business.

10. CAO Report:

- The CAO presented the CAO report, included in meeting materials.
- The CAO provided Council with an update on the recruitment of the Regional Emergency Management Officer (REMO). Council was advised that Kelsey Reece has been hired for the position and is scheduled to begin on April 14. Ms. Reece is a paramedic and an active community volunteer. A formal public announcement will be made at a later date.

11. In Camera - Contract Negotiations

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council agreed to move In-Camera for Contract Negotiations at 5:36pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Tibbo seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council agreed to reconvene to regular session at 5:43pm.

Motion approved.

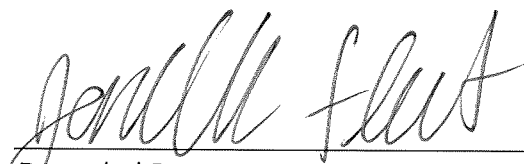
On the motion of Deputy Warden Malloy and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approved the Shared Service Agreement with MODG for Dog Control, Building Inspection, and Sub-Division Processing and Land Use Services be renewed as per the updated schedule of fees, for the period of April 1st, 2026 through March 31st, 2031.

Motion approved.

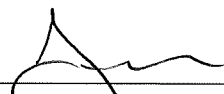
Adjournment

On motion of Warden Fuller, there being no further matters of business, the Council adjourned at 5:44pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Janelle Fleet, Interim Municipal Clerk



Approved By
Warden Fuller