

Warden and Council Update



January 27th, 2022

Warden and Council would like to address the change in structure of the Municipal Office. As you all know, Mr. Hutten submitted his resignation as the CAO for St. Mary's. The CAO's position had a 6-month probation period, which gives both parties the opportunity to ensure the best interests of the Municipality and the employee are being considered. Prior to his resignation, a restructuring of staff was initiated on a trial basis with the position of the CAO changing to a consulting CAO and administrative day to day activities being assigned under the Deputy CAO. This was to allow the CAO to focus on specific high-level projects and plans, with the oversight and supervision of staff workplans and operations at large. Unfortunately, during this trial period and still within the probationary period, Mr. Hutten submitted his resignation and council accepted. We thank him for his time in St. Mary's and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Council has taken time this week to carefully consider all options to fulfill the CAO position under the provisions of the MGA and in the best interests of the Municipality. This opportunity was provided to our Deputy CAO and was accepted. On January 26, 2022, at a meeting of council, council formally moved and unanimously appointed Marissa Jordan as the new CAO for the Municipality of St. Mary's on a 12-month term. Council looks forward to working closely with the new CAO whose past municipal experience and work ethic has been exemplary. Both council and staff are excited to move forward with the many exciting possibilities in St. Mary's future.

We will continue to inform the public as important changes arise and appreciate all of the patience and support from the residents of St. Mary's during this transition.

Sincerely,

Warden and Council