

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Regular Meeting  
Monday March 12, 2012**

**MEETING, DATE & TIME:**

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on Monday March 12, 2012 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

**ATTENDING:**

Warden David Clark	Deputy Warden Michael Mosher
Councillor James Harpell	Councillor Jacqueline Dort
Councillor Donald Dunbar	Adam Rodgers, Solicitor
Councillor Shelly Bowen	

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Kevin Pye

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR HARPELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR COUNCIL APPROVED THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

A) Real Estate listing for Marie Joseph Community Centre  
- Following the public meeting held in Marie Joseph that determined no group was interested, and as no invitation of interest has been shown up to the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline Council decided to list property for sale with local realtor, John Cameron . Municipal Clerk and Deputy Warden Mosher plan to meet regarding the divesting of items within the Centre to interested community members.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER COUNCIL WILL LIST THE MARIE JOSEPH COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH A REALTOR.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

B) Tender for Trailer from Transfer Station  
- No tenders were received, staff will readvertise.

**PRESENTATION: Port Bickerton Lighthouse Divestiture**

Ron Stansfield and Donald Dodge presented to council regarding the divestiture status of Port Bickerton Lighthouse property and how movement is anticipated in the near future. Mr. Stansfield reviewed the history of the lighthouse and the current objective of the Port Bickerton Planning Association which is to protect and preserve its history and to encourage the use and existence of the lighthouse. The non-profit association receives income from admission, fundraising, and government funding to offset property maintenance and salary expenses. The Lighthouse is under Department of Fisheries (DFO) divestiture program and has been deemed surplus to its needs. DFO is not interested in maintaining unused buildings and under its current lease arrangement for the interpretive centre and nature trails is looking to divest to municipality. The other option the Planning Association had considered under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act posed an unclear outcome. Port Bickerton Planning Association is proposing to council to consider the divestiture from DFO, form a working group, and lease the lighthouse to the Association where they can continue to run the Interpretative centre as they do not wish to see the property in private hands. Mr. Stansfield

Following presentation, a discussion was held regarding timelines for divestiture program. Donald Dodge referred to documentation clearing all contamination issues with the property. Also noted was how the province has taken responsibility for the road into the lighthouse.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Date for April Regular Council meeting
  - Agreed to move ahead to Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> due to Holiday Easter Monday
  
- B) Confirm dates for Budget meetings
  - Reviewed tentative meeting schedule

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A) Letter from John Cameron - Eastern Sportfish Association
  - Meeting to engage with Chief of Pictou Landing first nation regarding business plan to enhance the recovery of St Marys River with building a hatchery. Discussion held wanting endorsement from council and how it would be good for tourism.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL COUNCIL APPROVE WARDEN CLARK TO ACT WITH EASTERN SPORTFISH ASSOCIATION TO REPRESENT COUNCIL ON MATTER.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORTS:**

- A) Regional Development Authority - Christa Webber
  - Met with Eastern Sportfish Association regarding business plan to revitalize the river
  - Nominations to be submitted for the "7 Wonders of Guysborough County"
  - Pamphlet being sent out to businesses to learn more about websites "business online workshops"
  - Strategic plan and business plan is complete
  - Assisting Nimrods Campground with funding application to province
  - Looking for volunteers to do sessions with Trailblazers i.e. fly tying
  - Attended shops meeting where a fundraising plan is being developed

**B) Solid Waste - Councilor Dort**

- RRFB has to make decision on Compliance Officer, St. Mary's may have to pick up funding shortfall
- Blue bag tipping Colchester contract is up this year from \$45 to \$60/tonne which is a major increase
- Eastern Shore Cartage was contacted by staff to ensure they advertise via radio any changes to the collection route ie not traveling on road due to weather conditions etc.

**C) Recreation - Councilor Bowen**

- Committee meeting held
- \$3000 available to incorporate a walking trail but need to decide where?
- Council discussed Stonewall Park funding and lease agreement - contact information for Garnet MacLaughlin to be sent to Christa Webber as she now sits on Friends of Stonewall Park Committee
- Hours for PA Coordinator was discussed to perhaps increase

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR HARPELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR COUNCIL AGREED TO SEND 2 RECREATION STAFF TO CANSO FOR THE NATURAL PLAYSPACE WORKSHOP APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- There were 22 applicants for volunteer of the year. The winner is Donna Kaiser and will attend Provincial awards in Halifax April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

- Tax deed completion for Marie Joseph Community Centre

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DUNBAR, COUNCIL MOVED TO IN CAMERA SESSION**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR HARPELL COUNCIL RECONVENED REGULAR SESSION**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL SEND LETTER TO SAWMILL LANDING IN RESPONSE, THANKING THEM AND ADVISING OF BUILDING PLAN PROGRESS THUS FAR.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS:**

**COUNCILOR HARPELL**

- Attended Library meeting; Sherbrooke Library hours cut back due to no new money, maybe request come in for municipality to fund some hours

**COUNCILOR DUNBAR**

- Attended Village meeting; in process of appointing a new Director

COUNCILOR BOWEN

- Run was well attended

DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER

- Police Advisor Volunteer member - George Lahey
- Guysborough County Regional Development Authority meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm

WARDEN

- Attended Chamber dinner
- Attended Mayors and Wardens meeting with Melford International terminal presentation

FINANCE OFFICER

- \$180,000 can used as energy efficient components of new building design
- Marian will contact Dale to determine how much can be allocate towards the labour and design

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

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Warden Clark

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Administrative Assistant