

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Regular Meeting  
Monday May 14, 2012**

**MEETING, DATE & TIME:**

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on May 14, 2012 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

**ATTENDING:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:**

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS;  
CORRESPONDENCE h) EMAIL FROM SHAWN MILLS, i) NEW HORIZON GRANT AND RESPORTS d)  
SOLID WASTE MAP FUNDING  
MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR HARPELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVED THE MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 AS AMENDED.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

- Clerk reported there has been no response on the Blanche Pace property in Sherbrooke.

**PRESENTATION:**

**a) Trail Blazers Group**

Council was shown a slide show of pictures showcasing the activities the trailblazers took part in i.e. snowshoeing, debris hut scavenger hunt, and eagle eye game. The program participants each spoke their "wilderness name" and what they enjoyed about Trailblazers this year. The students asked council to assist purchasing a picnic table for them to paint and place in stonewall park and purchasing fishing rods in which council agreed to fund both.

**b) Career and Job Counseling Centre, Community Business Development Corporation**

Karen MacDonald, Employment Coordinator, for CBDC presented to council regarding the background, services, and workshop topics. The Guysborough Career Centre provides career services to those interested including employment counseling, job search, resume writing, and interviewing techniques and dealing with the changing world of work. Ms. MacDonald's focus is on visibility within the municipality and getting the word out that these services exist locally.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Town of Canso - Invitation to Open House June 10, 2012

- Warden will be attending

b) East Novability - funding request

- Council declined funding due to the omission of required grant to organization application and the deadline has past for this years budget requests.

c) Lieutenant Governor's Medals - May 25<sup>th</sup>, Guysborough

- From St. Mary's the two recipients are Ryan Hudson and Natalie Burns. Warden Clark will be attending

d) UNSM - Deadline for resolution for UNSM Conference 2012 in September

e) Women's Institute NS - Signage update

After some discussion, consensus is to get signs for the Number 7 Highway first then expand to side roads. Staff is to look into pricing for Welcome to Municipality of the District of St. Mary's signs. And respond to Women's Institute via letter to inform them of council's intent. Councilor Harpell will get measurements.

f) Snow Plowing request - RCMP Property Management

- After discussion, council is unable to take over snowplow removal on said street as municipality does not own snow plow equipment and suggestion was made to try and get street included in contract with the RCMP detachment. Request will be replied to in the form of a letter.

g) Port Bickerton Lighthouse

Clerk reported nothing has been received from federal government yet in regards to surplus property. For information purposes the risk assessment report states the property's environmental condition is acceptable

h) Shawn Mills - disappointed with Department of Transportation with condition of Old Road Hill and its speed limit. It was agreed by council this road has high traffic volume. Councilor Dort said all dirt roads are standard 80km. Suggestion to send request on to DOT to consider lowering speed limit and resolution at UNSM.

i) New Horizons for Seniors Program: is now accepting applications for Community based projects. Program's objectives; promote volunteerism, engaging seniors in mentoring, elderly abuse awareness, supporting inclusion of seniors, and providing capital assistance for new projects/programs for seniors.

### REPORTS:

a) Regional Development Authority - Christa Webber

- Thanked Council for allowing trailblazers to present.

- upcoming meeting with Donnie Cameron from Economic Development for SHOPS

- Set quarterly meeting with Council for business plan review - May 22 at 5pm

- Reported on Carmel's tourism trip to Winnipeg; learned how to "package" places, events, and restaurants to sell to outsiders - trip was relatable to rural areas.
- Attended Friends of Stonewall Park meeting with Garnet MacLaughlin developing trails in a six phase process.
- Attending newcomer navigator presentation at Claymore in Antigonish
- Trailblazers upcoming events; fishing derby and survival skills with Dept of Natural Resources
- Eastern Sportfish Association; Presented river background information, sent to first nations
- Funding approval thru Health and Wellness for Stillwater Community Centre roof repairs.
- Upcoming BRE Breakfast with Carmel at Main Street Café
- Attended Tourism innovation days in Halifax
- Working with Shirley Long (SHOPS) for Rural Innovation fund
- Information sessions planned at all schools for business builders.

b) Recreation Committee - Councilor Bowen

- Received grant to 100% fund Bulletin Board for community centres.
- Currently working on grant for 1/3 funding to complete walking trail in the Recplex
- Suggestion to add youth component to volunteer awards next year
- Interviews for summer employment will be held May 23
- Share the road signs are available - check to see if Department of Transportation would install

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR BOWEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL COUNCIL APPROVED PURCHASE OF INCLUSION BAG, IPOD AND IPOD DOC FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR BOWEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PYE, COUNCIL APPROVED EMILY TO ATTEND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP IN PICTOU MAY 17 2012**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Service Canada is funding summer students salary for 6 weeks instead of 8 weeks this year
- Equipment loan out form - add time limit

c) UNSM Spring Workshop

- written Report to follow
- Deputy Warden Mosher appreciated being able to attend.
- Warden Clark mentioned it was more geared towards the campaign and social media. Also received personal thank you from Yarmouth County for Council's support during the Ferry closure.

d) RRFB MAP funding - Councilor Dort

- Provided council with deadline for funding for illegal dump cleanup

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

- Nothing to report for municipality
- No new judge appointed Antigonish court for this area yet

**OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS:**

a) Tender - surplus trailer

Clerk opened 2 tenders; a) \$750 from Bill Vasil b) \$1028 from Russel MacLennan

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HARPELL, COUNCIL ACCEPTS BID FROM RUSSELL MACLENNAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1028.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Finance Officer

- Invitation to attend Brian Smith re-opening of Eastern Shore Cartage on Friday May 18 as handing business down to Kent Smith
- Fitness Centre manager position deadline is today
- Emily Morton is due for her 6 month review by personel committee
- Meeting with Dale Archibald on May 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm
- Council discussed plowing new ground with Federal Gas Tax funding availability to 100% fund building minus furnishings with LEED certification

COUNCILOR HARPELL

- Identified illegal dumpsite on Fishermans Harbour road

COUNCILOR DUNBAR

- Attended village meeting they have hired a new director
- Attended Sherbrooke Village retirement dinner for George Brothers
- Maintenance worker wishes to have additional equipment.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVED PURCHASE OF TABLE SAW AND SKILL SAW FOR USE IN THE BUILDING FOR MAINTENANCE AT A MAXIMUM COST OF \$800.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

COUNCILOR PYE

- Hosted meeting in Indian Harbour Lake and upcoming one in Sonora.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

- Suggestion to handle requests - Council agreed to direct further inquiries through FOIPOP
- Will respond Alex Anderson's request to take over road.

COUNCILOR BOWEN

- Has received garbage along the ditch complaints
  - o Consult RCMP on fines in littering and put reminder in upcoming newsletter
- Councilor Dunbar mention a planned litter clean up from Sherbrooke up the Number 7 Highway

COUNCILOR DORT

- Attended Solid waste symposium in Niagara Falls - report to follow

**DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER**

- Reported funding approval from Health and Wellness that municipality received \$76,000 of the approved \$95,000 for the school enhancement project.
- Wants to know status on Dry hydrants application

**WARDEN**

- Waiting for update from Billy Joe MacLean regarding the Mill
- Commented on volunteer awards - great to have Journal Coverage.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PYE COUNCIL MOVED TO AN IN CAMERA SESSION**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DORT, COUNCIL RECONVEINED TO REGULAR SESSION**

- Personel Committee agreed to meet on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm with Josh Corkum and 4pm with Emily Morton

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PYE COUNCIL AGREED TO A LOT RICKY KAISER AN ADDITIONAL 1 WEEK VACATION PER YEAR IN LIEU OF HOLIDAYS WORKED THOUGHOUT THE YEAR  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BOWEN THAT COUNCILOR PYE REPLACE COUNCILOR DORT ON THE PERSONEL AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEES  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR HARPELL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:50PM**

Approved By:

Recorded By:

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Warden Clark

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Administrative Assistant