

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Meeting
Monday January 14th, 2013**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on January 14, 2013 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

Warden David Clark	Deputy Warden Michael Mosher
Councillor Jacqueline Dort	Councillor Kevin Pye
Councillor Debbie Findlay	Councillor Everett G. Baker
Councillor Peggy Kaiser-Kirk	Adam Rodgers, Solicitor

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

David Gillis, Municipal Clerk
Marian Fraser, Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk
Jody Cook, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 13th, 2012 AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED.**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19th, 2012 AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED**

Business arising from November 13th:

- Nova Scotia Power is setup for next Committee of the Whole meeting to talk to council about the LED street light change over.

Business arising from December 19th:

- Once all furniture quotes are in, staff will meet with building committee for recommendation and then visit a couple of show rooms.

Correspondence:

- a) Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores Advertisement (DEANS); discussion was held on what was submitted last year and the target the guides reaches.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE COUNCIL WILL SUBMIT A FULL PAGE AD FOR EASTERN SHORE GUIDE AND 1/3 PAGE AD FOR NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE GUIDE.

**Recommendation to involve RDA Development Officer for design
MOTION CARRIED**

- b) Survival Guide Advertisement; discussion on cost and worthwhile cause.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL WILL
SUBMIT A BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD FOR THE NOVA SCOTIA GROUND SEARCH & RESUCUE
SURVIVAL GUIDE
MOTION CARRIED**

- c) St. Mary's River Association Annual Advertisement; discussion on the association have been voicing concerns of municipality for years and should be buying ads locally; this ad will be pre-approved for next year's budget

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, COUNCIL WILL
SUBMIT A FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT FOR ST MARY'S RIVER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
NEWSLETTER.
MOTION CARRIED**

Reports:

1. Committee of the Whole
a. Building Update – Change orders #7,8,9

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCIL ACCEPTED
CHANGE ORDER #7
MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL ACCEPTED
CHANGE ORDER #9
MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL
APPROVED CHANGE ORDER #8 PENDING THE CHANGE OF DIMENSIONS OF THE HOLE TO REFLECT THE
ACTUAL SIZE THAT WAS DUG
MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Minor Hockey/School Ice rental fees

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER, COUNCIL CHANGED
MINOR HOCKEY AND SCHOOL ICE RENTAL FEE TO \$100 PLUS HST RETROACTIVE TO WHEN RECPLX
WAS OPENED AND FOR 2012/2013 SEASON
MOTION CARRIED**

2. Finance Report – Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk

- a. Low Income Exemption – 39 people received this exemption last year. General discussion was held and recommendation was given to council

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KASIER-KIRK COUNCIL
APPROVED AN INCOME THERESHOLD OF \$18,500 with \$110 REBATE FOR TAX YEAR 2013-2014.
MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Interim Borrowing arrangements with RBC – recommendation made to council in order to proceed, with general discussion

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVED A MAXIMUM BORROWING AMOUNT OF 1.25 MILLION WITH RBC RATE OF PRIME MINUS ½%

**Clarification was made on RBC having no additional fees
MOTION CARRIED**

- c. Municipal Finance Corporation financing – see report
Discussion on how new councillors were not involved in the early discussions when the 12 year term was decided.

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO COMPOSE A LETTER TO THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORPORATION TO FORMALLY ENTER INTO THE SPRING DEBENTURE PROCESS WITH THE INTENTION TO BORROW A MAXIMUM OF \$1,250,000 WITH THE TERM TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE
MOTION CARRIED**

3. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Property

- a. Insurance – Municipality owns all buildings on premises and is in process of determining replacement costs. Solicitor gave Clerk a couple of names of reputable appraisers.
- b. Lease – Council's intention is to enter into lease with Port Bickerton Planning Association and perhaps invite association to upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Rodgers provided a general reminder to council of the municipal conflict of interest act with reference to the Rob Ford decision in late November that he must vacate his seat. Best practice for councillors is if in doubt to declare conflict.

Other Matters of Business

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE COUNCIL MOVED TO IN CAMERA SESSION

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION

Councillor Baker

- Has given Amelia Wilson \$200 from district funds to attend Terry Fox event
- Library board has not elected officers yet; will be in February

Deputy Warden Mosher

- Attend meeting regarding Nova Scotia Power and LED street lights

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- Attended a meeting with SHOPS group and it was very positive

Councillor Findlay

- Department of Natural Resources discovered that the supposed bear scat was actually mole holes

Councillor Pye

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Warden Clark

- Report to be emailed to each councillor
- I attended Federation of Agriculture AGM in Antigonish
- Attended Mayors and Wardens; decided that Mayor Billy Joe MacLean would continue as chairperson and brief discussion was held on the Panel's Report on the RDA's.
- Joined the APES organization for a peaceful rally in front of Province House opposing Open Pen Fish Farms on eastern shore.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:23PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Clark

Administrative Assistant