

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday April 13, 2015**

**MEETING, DATE & TIME:**

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order at 7:00pm on November 10, 2014, in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

**ATTENDING:**

Warden Mosher	Deputy Warden Clark
Councillor Baker	Councillor Dort
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk	Councillor Findlay
Councillor Pye	

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Marvin MacDonald, CAO  
David Gillis, Municipal Clerk  
Jody Cook, Acting Finance Officer

Warden Mosher welcomed Mr. MacDonald to the table, looking forward to advancing in a positive manner that benefits the municipality

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO CORRESPONDENCE b. MINISTER FUREY OVERVIEW OF MUNICIPAL IMPACTS AS RESULT OF PROVINCIAL BUDGET  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FROM MARCH 9, 2015 WITH CHANGES NOTED  
MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

- a. REN Update – report attached
  - The Province replaced former Regional Development Authorities with new model for regional economic development (RENs) across Nova Scotia
  - Official signing of Inter-Municipal Agreement was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Steering Committee with CB Partnership meeting and Liaison and Oversight Committee meetings will be held tomorrow
  - Recommendation to attend meetings and report back to council
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- b. DEANS Awards Dinner
  - Councillor Findlay and Councillor Kaiser-Kirk attended on behalf of council. It was reported that 150 people attended and was a great success.
  - In St. Mary's, Beansies Bistro, Sherbrooke Village, and Port Bickerton Lighthouse were nominated.

- Sherbrooke Village won Chief Experience Opportunity award.
  - Recommended council attend next year
- c. Sunday hunting – Deputy Warden Clark
- Discussion on how this topic will come up again in the near future

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Letter from Strait Area Mayors and Wardens
- regarding the Strait of Canso Harbour Bed and the economic benefit in having it divested to the Municipalities in the region
  - Currently the revenue generated by traffic in Strait goes directly to Federal Government
  - New approach to change Board of structure to include Municipal representation
  - Discussion on type of support to provide
  - Suggestion by Mr. MacDonald to support as it would be better to have revenue reinvested locally

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, COUNCIL SEND SUPPORT LETTER TO STRAIT AREA MAYORS AND WARDENS IN SUPPORT OF PROPSAL ORDER REGARDING HARBOUR BED TO TRANSFER FROM FEDERAL TO LOCAL CONTROL  
MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Update from Minister Furey
- Mr. MacDonald highlighted the issues that have impact on NS Municipalities as a result of Provincial Budget Including;
    - i. More stability in fiscal transfers
    - ii. Support for structural change
    - iii. Municipal Affairs will assume responsibility for RENs
    - iv. New Department of Business replacing existing Department of Economic and Rural development and Tourism.
    - v. Land Registry Office consolidation
    - vi. Courts consolidation
    - vii. Staff reductions in Community Services department

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. UNSM Spring Workshop in May at White Point

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE THAT COUNCIL SEND MR. MACDONALD, COUNCILLOR FINDLAY, and WARDEN MOSHER TO UNSM SPRING CONFERENCE IN MAY  
MOTION CARRIED**

**OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS**

- a. DDI Meeting Update – report attached
- Mr. MacDonald and Warden Mosher met with Marketing Manager for DDI for introduction purposes.
  - Municipality is working with a Planner to explore Land use Bylaw changes
  - DDI schedule has been delayed due to other business matters in HRM. They are looking at late summer/fall 2015

Councillor Dort

- Nothing to report

Warden Mosher

- Attended DDI meeting
- Attended Signing of the REN inter municipal agreement
- Attended Final meeting of Guysborough County Regional Development Authority. Final Financial statements were provided
  - o Thanked constituent representatives from St. Mary's – acknowledge via letter

Deputy Warden Clark

- Attended Guysborough Adult Learning Association (GALA) Board meeting. Waiting on year end budget to be approved. Discussed community room usage
- Attended Volunteer Awards in Halifax, Ken Macdonald recognized from St. Mary's

Councillor Baker

- Thank you to Mr. MacDonald

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- Attended Fire department meeting to provide update on dry hydrant and presented remainder of district funds.
- DEANS GALA Awards Dinner, thanked council for allowing us to attend

Councillor Pye

- Welcomed Mr. MacDonald
- Thanked Mr. Gillis

Councillor Findlay

- Sherbrooke Village Meeting – looking for new board members
- Spoke with Paul Colton, DOTIR – Main Street Sherbrooke should be fixed last week
- Spoke with Sobeys regarding Parking lot

Marvin MacDonald

- Held first Staff meeting
- Meeting with individual councillors

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 7:55PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

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Warden Mosher

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Administrative Assistant