

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

**MEETING, DATE & TIME:**

The Council Meeting of St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, July 13, 2015 commencing at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

**ATTENDING:**

Warden Mosher  
Deputy Warden Clark  
Councillor Baker  
Councillor Findlay  
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk  
Solicitor, Adam Rodgers

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

David Gillis, Municipal Clerk  
Jody Cook, Acting Finance Officer

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Dort  
Councillor Pye

**AGENDA:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK COUNCIL  
APPROVED THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2015 AS PRESENTED  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES FROM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16 2015 AS PRESENTED  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Business Arising from Meeting:**

- Marvin reported a letter was sent to Sherbrooke Volunteer Fire Department outlining what Council approved at special meeting

- a. Port Bickerton Lighthouse property rezoning – further to request made by Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association to be able to rent out bungalow to assist viability of their operation. Currently zoned as recreation which does not include rented properties.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER**

**THAT on the recommendation of the committee of the whole, the council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's instruct Municipal staff to schedule a Public Hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act to consider a request from the Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association for rezoning of two parcels of land (identified as PID #37542099 and PID #35216712) in the Four Harbours Planning Area from Park and Recreation (P) to Port Bickerton Mixed Use (PB) to allow a broader range of business development in this area.**

**AND FURTHER THAT the public Hearing be scheduled for Monday August 10, 2015 at 5:00pm in the Council chambers of the St. Mary's Municipal Building**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Advertising in journal and casket and newsletter for the August meeting
- b. Dry Hydrant Update; Marvin has been working with Ed MacDonald to get permits from Department of Environment and designs completed. The Liscomb, Ecum Secum and IHL sites seem to be standard, however the port Bickerton site is in wetland area with no surface water. Options have been discussed with the Port Bickerton Fire Department; croc system or dig an open pond. The options will be compared based on price and water volume available. Ed has also visited current sites of Sherbrooke and Goshen to address issues and make recommendations. Marvin will speak with Sherbrooke Fire Department and discuss testing. Goshen's pipe is too low, easiest solution would be to raise up the intake.
- c. DDI Waste Water Management District – As recommended by David Smith and discussed at Committee meeting, to move forward with an amendment to Planning Documents to include development agreements. Marvin reviewed steps with council for amending such as; David Smith to perform work on documents, advertise, public meetings, and municipal affairs approval.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY**

**Whereas Council for the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's adopted Planning Documents in July 2015 based on the development circumstances at the time;**

**And whereas development circumstances have changed since the time of original adoption;**

**Hereby be it resolved that;**

1. Council wishes to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land use bylaw to include provision for a development agreement in instances where large scale developments are proposed.
2. A public participation program, as required under s. 204 of the Municipal Government Act, consist of a single public meeting, to be held at an appropriate time and place to elicit public opinion on the proposed changes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**New Business:**

- a. Surplus Property Request – Sonora

**On motion of COUNCILLOR FINDLAY and seconded by COUNCILLOR BAKER that council deem PID# 37507787 owned by Municipality of the District of St. Mary's be deemed surplus to Municipal needs.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Finance Report - Statements were reviewed by council

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE FINANCE REPORT AS PRESENTED FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2015 AND JUNE 30, 2015**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence:**

1. Bob Book Nova Scotia Tourism Association – A letter of thanks for meeting with Warden Mosher and Mr. MacDonald on June 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the Liscombe Lodge Property for sale and terms within. Marvin receives weekly update which shows if anyone has booked appointment to visit property. Discussion was held on what the sale price would be. Message from the Province is they want to divest these properties and no longer operate.

**Solicitor:**

- Marvin received FOIPOP request – Protocol was provided for disclosure of records. There is a form and process for requesting information
- Reviewed the Goshen Enterprises Ltd property and reviewed four options with council
  - a. Can have property in next tax sale for up to 3 consecutive years.
  - b. Council direct tenders be called ,not bound by a minimum bid
  - c. Pursue the owner in court as regular litigation
  - d. Have municipality purchase property and pay outstanding fees only to be used for municipal purposes.

Discussion on these options was held and potential environmental issues to disclose.

**Other Matters:**

**Councillor Baker**

- Attended Canada Day celebrations in Liscomb and Sherbrooke
- Present \$2000 cheque to Liscomb Fire Department as part of Seaside Highspeed presentation and joint venture

**Deputy Warden Clark**

- Attended summer wrap up GALA meeting and may be possible cutbacks next year

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- Lighthouse Guides for summer already seeing tourist, including a bus tour from Eastern Shore who had a positive experience in St. Mary's
- Canada day parade
- ATV club participated in a 5km roadside cleanup

Councillor Findlay

- Canada day festivities
- Attended Sherbrooke Village meeting where received audited statements from grant thornton
- Old Fashion Christmas Golf tournament

Warden Mosher

- Bob Book, NSTA meeting
- Canada Day Celebrations

Mr. MacDonald

- 2 arranged meetings; FAST and GALA
- Attended Strait Superport Festival where made great contacts including NSBI

Jody Cook

- Audited Financial Statements will be received soon, and looking at September for meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:05 ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER**

Recorded by:

Approved by:

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Acting Finance Officer

Warden