

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Regular Council Meeting
Monday November 9, 2015**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order at 7:00pm on November 9, 2015, in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

ATTENDING:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk
Jody Cook, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

Councillor Dort

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS; FINANCE REPORT, STEP, FOCUS GROUP CORRESPONDENCE
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FROM OCTOBER 5, 2015 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING

- Liscomb Dry Hydrants – nothing complete yet. Waiting for update from Melvin
- Strait Area Ground Search And Rescue – funding request to be discussed at next COTW

PRESENTATION: - Principal, Mr. Jack MacDonald

- Building update
 - o renovations main building complete, classrooms still need to be refreshed, SHOPS room currently being used for storage area.
 - o Concrete work out front are uneven, levels are highlighted and work order is in progress.
 - o Roof of older section was replaced.
 - o Caged area with basketball nets, tennis court, holes don't allow for street hockey.
 - o Outstanding projects – playground additions, memorial park.
- Student success plan (student improvement plan)
 - o Provincial assessment results, surveys and internal assessment, Strengths and weakness.

- Gr 3,4,6 students achieve at a level higher than board level. Gr 8, 10 not as well.
- SSP – uses these results for motivational purposes and to find strategies as Academic math and language levels drop off at grade 8. Organization is weak thru all grades.
- Enhancing technology in cooperation with newly formed Parent Teacher association fund raising.
- Goal is to increase motivation with Maker space – eventually a community area. Future partnership with municipality.
- Student Advisory Committee – role to advise administration on policy and enhance student learning.
- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk asked about math mentor; The Strait Regional School board has literacy and math mentors, provincially appointed that mainly work with teachers.
- Councillor Pye asked what largest size class and did loss of teacher contribute; – 32 in highschool and grade 5/6 is 28. There was a need to combine classes however, numbers are manageable, teachers need to be organized, variety of abilities.
- Councillor Findlay asked about provincial cap class sizes; St. Mary’s has met the standards
- Deputy Warden Clark commented on the guidance allotment lost and given to virtual class time; and Options and Opportunities program was discussed

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Street Light policy

- Redrafted and read at Committee level

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE STREET LIGHT POLICY AS PRESENTED

Discussion: Last policy was 2003, wait for light audit to be completed

MOTION CARRIED

One Nay vote – Councillor Findlay

b. EMO Plan

- Draft plan was presented by Lid and Shawn and recommendation from Committee

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER TO APPROVE THE FINAL EMO PLAN UPDATE

MOTION CARRIED

- No plan to date to replace EMO Alternate position

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, COUNCIL AGREED TO PAYOUT FINAL QUARERLY PAYMENT FOR EMO PLAN UPDATE AS PER CONTRACT

MOTION CARRIED

c. NS Power Regional Meeting in Port Hawkesbury, whoever can attend

NEW BUSINESS

a. Finance Report presented by Marian Fraser – report on file.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BASKER COUNCIL ACCEPT FINANCE REPORT FOR PERIODS SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 and OCTOBER 31, 2015

Discussion on a briefer review

MOTION CARRIED

b. Strategic Tourism Expansion Program –board and working group – Councillor Findlay and Mr. MacDonald attended workshop in Sheet Harbour for the purpose of developing plan for tourism

from Musquodobit Hrb to Sherbrooke. Suggested from floor that Councillor Findlay be part of board. Discussion was held; STEP has a consultant hired to identify points of interest for tourism. STEP is an ACOA program and is assisting Bay of Islands.

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN CLARK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, THAT COUNCILLOR FINDLAY REPRESENT MUNICIPALITY ON STEP BOARD
MOTION CARRIED**

SOLICITOR REPORT

Regrets sent for not attending

- Recorded tax deed
- Ready for tax sale title searches
- Invited to Consultation on proposed changes to Municipal Government Act

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS

- Correspondence; Department of Labour Focus Group for workplace education. Inviting municipality, Mr. MacDonald will attend

Councillor Pye

- Attended UNSM
- Small Business Week
- Success story with Canada Post - Got mail box moved
- Would like to see Sherbrooke parking area and NS fisheries and Aquaculture presentation in Committee of the Whole Agenda

Mr. MacDonald

- Attended UNSM
- Attended REN Update

Warden Mosher

- Small business open house
- Attended UNSM; thanked Mr. MacDonald for making arrangements with Minister Municipal Affairs and his staff and Paul Wills, MFC. Shelburne and derelict vessels met with them before resolution came forward. Session on risk management COTW

Deputy Warden Clark

- Attended REN session; met Board first time, mandate to hire Executive
- 15 year longevity award with UNSM – thanked for opportunity to represent municipality.
- Attended Workshop and Ministers panel good

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

- Attended Lighthouse group meeting – looking at siding costs for interpretive center and pea gravel for foot path
- SPCA board meeting – looking at name change due to larger catchment area
- Attended UNSM
- Small Business Open House – unfortunate community engagement

Councillor Findlay

- STEP meeting
- Sherbrooke village Commission meeting
- Residents issues
- Starting to decorate for Old Fashion Christmas

Councillor Baker

- Attended UNSM

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 8:40PM

Approved By:

Recorded By:

Warden Mosher

Administrative Assistant