

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Regular Meeting  
Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**MEETING, DATE & TIME:**

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

**ATTENDING:**

Warden David Clark	Deputy Warden Michael Mosher
Councillor Jacqueline Dort	Councillor Peggy Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Everett G. Baker	
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 DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO CORRESPONDENCE; d. PUBLIC HEARING FROM GUYSBOROUGH MUNICIPAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT, e. NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY CENTRE MEETING, f. ASPEN POST OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS AND TO OTHER MATTERS a. HARPELLVILLE PROPERTY, b. FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES, c. OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE INVITATION.  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS; COUNCILLOR DORT AND COUNCILLOR PYE WERE ABSENT.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**Councillor Pye and Councillor Findlay joined the meeting.**

**Business arising:**

- Meetings have not yet been set up with Richie Mann, Melford Terminal or Strait Superport.
- Letter was sent to MLA regarding the decision from Economic & Rural Development not to financially support school enhancement project. Mr. Boudreau informed Deputy Warden there will be a positive resolution
- There has been no release of accumulated surplus to GCRDA as written permission from the Province has not yet been provided
- Questions regarding the Heavy Haul Tender have been answered

**Correspondence:**

- a. Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society – just for information purposes, Port Bickerton Lighthouse is already divested

- b. Mary Nauffts - Garbage collection request to remove charge from tax bill as the business is no longer in operation. Discussion was held around contacting PVSC. Clerk to send letter to Mary saying the garbage charge will not be removed as it remains classed as commercial property/dwelling.
- c. Heart and Stroke Foundation – Automated External Defibrillator (AED) purchase  
Letter has been received stating funding approval for \$2,500. Along with the funds raised there is now enough to purchase by end of March.
- d. Public Hearing for amendments to Guysborough’s Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use Bylaw
- e. Health Board consultation meeting is rescheduled meeting to April 4<sup>th</sup> discussing a Collaborative Emergency Centre.
- f. Aspen Post Office – Change of business hours. Discussion was held around staffing concerns as similar situation in Port Bickerton. Deputy Warden Mosher declared conflict on this discussion as wife is employed by Canada post.

**Reports:**

**1. Committee Of the Whole**

- a. Marie Joseph Community Centre Tender – Clerk reread tenders that were received. Solicitor revealed nothing in compliant seen within any bid and to assume the highest bidder; Chaze Fancy assume has authority on behalf of Kaiser Marine. Municipality, as seller is responsible for deed preparation and migration costs.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER, THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID FOR MARIE JOSEPH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF \$25,000 FROM CHAZE FANCY ON BEHALF OF KAISER MARINE TO BE PAID IN FULL WITHIN 30 DAYS.**

Discussion of accepting second bid

**MOTION AMENDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT SECOND HIGHEST BID FROM ...IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED FROM CHAZE  
MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Heavy Haul Tender**

Package was received from Eastern Shore Cartage only and questions have been answered regarding the electronic and tire pickup and change of dates. Both Spring and Fall Heavy Haul collection (not including trucking to Boylston) was priced at \$14,504.98 (2 payments of \$7,525.49) plus \$325 per trip for trucking plus HST.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK, THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT TENDER PACKAGE COMBINING BOTH HEAVY HAULS, FROM EASTERN SHORE CARTAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,504.98 PLUS TRUCKING AND HST.  
MOTION CARRIED**

**c. Seaside Cable Initiative– Volunteer Fire Department support project resulting in a \$2000 cash donation combined with free internet access in the fire halls. Discussion was held around municipality’s participation in matching the \$2000. Council would like to see a seven year commitment from both parties as there are seven fire halls in St. Mary’s.**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER THAT COUNCIL JOIN SEASIDE INITIATIVE TO MATCH CONTRIBUTION OF \$2000 PER YEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS WITH EACH**

**HALL BEING DROPPED ONCE RECEIVED DONATION FOR CONTINUITY.  
MOTION CARRIED**

**d. Letter to MLA regarding EHS Service**

Clerk sent email last Friday regarding the out migration of the paramedics, Mr. Boudreau confirmed receipt of message. Councillor Kaiser-Kirk has concern for rural district with this along with ECE initiate is creating a deficit in our health care system.

**e. Provincial Volunteer Submission**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY WARDEN MOSHER, THAT COUNCIL APPOINT MRS. VIOLET FRASER AS ST MARY'S MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR THE HALIFAX PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY.  
MOTION CARRIED**

**f. Working Policy Amendment; Time in Lieu hours**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER THAT COUNCIL LIMIT THE MAXIMUM TIME IN LIEU HOURS THAT CAN ACCUMULATE TO 35 HOURS  
MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Building Update**

**a. Change Orders #10, #11, and #12 are yet to be approved. Discussion was held on CO #12 and council's discontentment. Recommendation made for Building Inspector to begin attending site meetings. Council agreed to accept change order #10 and #11. Council would like to see a breakout of credit from CO#12.**

**b. Office Furniture- Recommendation from Committee of the Whole**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID FOR OFFICE FURNITURE FROM GRAND AND TOY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,466.59 PLUS HST.  
MOTION CARRIED**

**c. Council Table RFP**

The tender for council chambers table was reviewed. Suggestion was given to reface the existing table. Discussion was held on options. Decision was made to wait to tender.

**3. Finance Report**

Finance report on file including up to date statements and 2013/14 budget deliberation items to consider. Dates were chosen for budget meetings; March 28 and April 3.

**Solicitors Report**

Mr. Rodgers reviewed a few items;

- Marie Joseph Community Centre tender was already discussed.
- Port Bickerton Lighthouse Lease arrangements discussed. Decision on specific contract items will have to be in camera.
- Solicitor mentioned if anyone wanted a review on privacy policies to contact him.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK ND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL MOVED TO IN CAMERA SESSION**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT, COUNCIL RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION**

### Other Matters of Business

a. Mason Property – Request from owners for Municipality to accept property free of charge. Discussion was held around where property was located and possible uses. Decision was to send a thank you but council is not interested. Councillor Kaiser-Kirk suggested for owners to perhaps approach a non-profit organization.

b. Federation of Canadian Municipalities is in Vancouver this year. Discussion was held on supporting FCM and the cost of attending.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PYE, THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WARDEN AND DEPUTY WARDEN TO ATTEND THE FCM IN VANCOUVER, AND APPROVE COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AS ALTERNATE.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

c. Warden Hines letter to council; Guysborough Municipality is taking part as members of the NS Department of Energy's delegation to the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston and asking St. Mary's to consider sending someone as well. Council agreed on its importance and would get more information to possible send the Community Development officer.

### Councillor Baker

- Working to get new flooring for Library

### Deputy Warden Mosher

- Review of SHOPS meeting attended;
  - o They plan to avoid recreation's SMILE program and move on their own for now.
  - o Mr. Coady has been in contact with social services
  - o They are looking for a fund raising thermometer

### Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk

- Reviewed the interview questions

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### Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

Attended:

- Building site meetings
- St. Marys' School Science fairs
- Guysborough County Home Support

### Councillor Dort

- Upcoming Construction and Demolition meeting to be rescheduled.
- Branding webinar thru Christa Webber was excellent with good ideas
- Would like to see dangerous properties on next Committee of the Whole meeting

### Councillor Findlay

Attended: Building site meetings and St. Mary's Science fairs

- Sherbrooke village meeting, commented on new group Steampunk
- Norman Kelly's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations
- Received inquiries about the Low Income Exemption

Warden Clark

- Attended Royal caucus meeting including such topics as; apposing quotas for fisherman, poverties discussion, motion passed to submit promoting provincial dialogue at UNSM conference in the fall, service exchange i.e. roads and education services that municipal level has no say in, and motion to send letter regarding fracking. Lastly a municipal coastal strategic plan presentation where St. Mary's was seen as proactive in our planning strategy is already complete.

Municipal Clerk

- Had a request from John Cameron to have Goldworx attend an upcoming meeting of council to discuss future. Council agreed to meet, date to be

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DORT MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:35PM**

Approved By:

Recorded By:

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Warden Clark

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Administrative Assistant