

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's  
Regular Meeting  
Monday January 13, 2014**

**MEETING, DATE & TIME:**

The regular meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order at 7:00pm on January 13, 2014 in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS.

**ATTENDING:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Findlay

**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 BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO NEW BUSINESS; ROADSIDE CLEANUP OF ANIMAL CARCASS  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR PYE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DORT COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2013 AS PRESENTED  
MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KAISER-KIRK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 AS PRESENTED  
MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Findlay joined the meeting

**Business Arising from Regular Council Meeting:**

- Deputy Clerk has sent letter to GOALS regarding funding request
- Municipal Clerk has been unable to reach Mr. Doyle regarding the old Industrial Arts Building site status
- The Criminal record check and vulnerable sector check have been received for Recplex assistant
- Clerk invited Mark Sajatouich to committee meeting on Wednesday to discuss new Council tables

- Still waiting for prices from Hines Sign for back of sign solar lights

#### **Business Arising from Special Council Meeting:**

**a. EMO Alternate Position**

**On motion of Councillor Dort and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council moved to in camera session for personnel discussions**

**On motion of Councillor Dort, Council reconvened to regular session**

- Direction given to have Municipal Clerk setup interview with both candidates on January 22 in conjunction with EMO Coordinator

#### **New Business:**

**a. REN (Regional Economic Network) meeting update was provided by Municipal Clerk;**

- There is no obligation to join at this point, the group is looking for a memo of understanding to design and develop a plan in which all parties are interested.
- Discussion was held around the early stages of development in the West
- Important to differentiate between the business oriented REN and the past community based RDA
- Cape Breton model is moving forward with Port Hawkesbury still undecided
- Province is supporting REN but no funding formula in place yet
- After discussion, Council consensus is to support staff attendance to REN meetings to gather information

**b. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Niagara Falls**

- Discussion was held around the importance and interest
- agreement is to send two councillors; Councillor Findlay and Warden Clark

**c. Roadside Cleanup of Animal Carcass**

- Request to send Letter sent to Glenn Terris and Paul Colton for clarification of responsibility

#### **Solicitor Report**

- Provided costs to Clerk regarding Tax sale property search and mentioned his office is ready to proceed
- Mentioned a conference he will be attending this week on Municipal Law hosted by the Municipal Canadian Bar Association
- Played in the East Coast Musicians versus St. Mary's Coyotes Minor Hockey fund raising event in Sherbrooke.

#### **Finance Officer/ Deputy Clerk Report**

- Approval of report deferred to Committee meeting on wednesday

#### **Other Matters of Business**

##### **Round Table:**

##### **Deputy Warden Mosher**

- Attended Christmas seniors party in Port Bickerton had a great time, got a chance to talk with new MLA
- Played in the East Coast Musicians versus St. Mary's Coyotes Minor Hockey fund raising event

- Experiencing Dog control issue; consensus to have the Dog Catcher visit the Ecum Secum area

**Councillor Dort**

- Nothing to report

**Councillor Baker**

- Nothing to report

**Warden Clark**

- Attended presentations by Ecology Action Centre and Nova Scotia Power in Halifax regarding the Biomass Plant and provided detailed description;
  - o NSP described what the plant means in terms of employment, wood extraction and power generation and they are committed to FCF certified wood which was well received by the EAC.
  - o EAC presented their numbers and concerns about previous practices around forest fiber extraction in which they have learned from.
  - o Clark felt it was beneficial to attend this meeting, understanding the importance of the Plant's employment but to look at the ethics for the landscape. Clark's concern lies with NSP and their lack of knowledge on contracting and forestry practices especially on crown land
  - o Council agreed to send letter to Manager of Port Hawkesbury Plant, Jeff Campbell to request the names of those on Sustainable Forest Advisory Committee.
- Attended Port Hawkesbury Mayors and Wardens Christmas gathering
- Featured on the latest episode of Land and Sea on CBC - Wild Salmon - the desperate fight to save a disappearing species.

**Councillor Pye**

- Played in the East Coast Musicians versus St. Mary's Coyotes Minor Hockey fund raising event
- Would like to invite Fisheries Minister and MLA, Lloyd Hines to Council

**Councillor Kaiser-Kirk**

- Attended the Hearing in Guysborough along with concerned citizen, regarding Fisherman's Harbour property being rezoned from Natural Resource to Industrial Resource.
  - o Presentation was made to Council by Junior Bingley bringing points such as; the impact on fishing industry, the boundary lines didn't appear to match mapping, and concern over what heavy industrial businesses would be coming and their impact on Highway 211 etc.
  - o Councillor Kaiser-Kirk felt they raised awareness but it remains to be seen if there was any impact from their presentations.
- Follow-up on Letter to citizen regarding derelict vehicles; nothing was heard back direction given to have staff phone owner regarding this matter.

**Councillor Findlay**

- Attended to street light issue and dog complaint issue
- Old Fashioned Christmas was huge success bringing 5700 people to Sherbrooke; all local businesses were happy
- upcoming Sherbrooke Village meetings

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BAKER MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:50PM**

Approved By:

Recorded By:

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Warden Clark

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Administrative Assistant