



NOTICE

MEETING: St Mary's Municipal Council
Committee of the Whole

DATE: Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: St. Mary's Municipality
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

Please advise if unable to attend

Dated: March 27, 2019

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held March 20th, 2019
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Presentation – RCMP Sgt David Simpson
7. Correspondence
 - a. Budget 2019 FCM analysis
 - b. NSFM Budget News Release
8. Other Matters of Business
 - a. NSFM Spring Workshop
 - b. Municipal Policies Review
 - c. Whale Sanctuary
 - d. Leased Land Taxes
 - e. Liscomb Lodge
 - f. Prioritizing Roads
 - g. Dangerous & Unsightly
 - h. MPAL MOU

Adjournment

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Meeting, Date & Time

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending

Warden Mosher (Arrived 1:42pm)
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker
Councillor Smith
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Malloy

Also Attending

Marvin MacDonald, CAO (Arrived 1:42pm)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Denise Sawlor, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the agenda with the following adjustments and additions:

4. RCMP Presentation
5. Whale Sanctuary
6. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held March 20th, 2019
7. Business Arising from Minutes
8. Correspondence
 - o Budget 2019 FCM analysis
 - o NSFMM Budget News Release
 - o Liscomb Lodge
 - o MPAL MOU
9. Other Matters of Business
 - o Leased Land Taxes
 - o Dangerous & Unsightly
 - o Municipal Policies Review
 - o Prioritizing Roads
 - o NSFMM Spring Workshop
 - o EMO Date

Motion carried.

Presentation - RCMP Sergeant David Simpson, Corporal MacLeod & Constable Greene

- See attached information on the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Pilot.
- Sherbrooke is part of the OHV Pilot program; it runs from Old Road Hill to an area near the RCMP detachment.

- For an OHV operator to use the designated program area they require a full driver's license, no passengers under 9 years of age, any machine carrying a passenger must be designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a passenger, etc.
- See attached Policing Report for the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Break 1:30pm to 1:42pm

Marvin and Warden Mosher arrived 1:42pm

Whale Sanctuary

- The question was raised as to whether Council should appoint any members to sit on a whale sanctuary committee.
- A timeline of events regarding a whale sanctuary in the local area was reviewed.
- Questions were raised about the existence of a steering committee and Council's current involvement to date.
- Multiple communities are still being considered as sites for the whale sanctuary.
- It was suggested that a presentation to Council regarding the Whale Sanctuary would be a good idea.
- Marvin will contact Stephen Fleming to get clarity on the process so far.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held March 20th, 2019 was deferred to the April 17, 2019 COTW meeting.

Business Arising From Minutes

- Deferred to the April 17, 2019 COTW meeting.

Correspondence

- Budget 2019 FCM Analysis provided to Council.
- NSFM Budget News Release provided to Council.
- Liscomb Lodge
 - DevelopNS has hired a Real Estate Consultant to assist with the sale of the lodge.
- MPAL MOU
 - The most recent version of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program (MPAL) was received.

Other Matters of Business

- Leased Land Taxes
 - A lease was terminated on crown land but the Land Administration Officer did not notify Property Valuation Services Corporation PVSC in a timely manner. As a result there is a small amount of taxes owing on the land.
 - It was requested that the taxes be written off by the Municipality
 - Council decided not to write off the outstanding taxes.
- Dangerous & Unsightly
 - The Building Inspector has viewed the property at 58 Court Street in Sherbrooke.
 - The Inspector recommends demolition and cleanup of the site.
 - Council wishes to view pictures of the property at the next COTW.
- Municipal Policies Review
 - A list of all municipal by-laws and policies was given to Council.
 - Council reviewed the draft of the new Video Conferencing and Teleconferencing Policy.

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Malloy that Council adopt the Video Conferencing and Teleconferencing Policy as presented.

Recommendation adopted.

- Council reviewed the drafts for the new Code of Conduct and Social Media policies. Changes were suggested and Council requested that these two policies be brought back to the next COTW.
- Council asked that a policy be created regarding agendas for Council meetings.
- Council expressed interest in a Hobby Farm by-law.

Break 2:47pm to 3:05pm

- **Prioritizing Roads**
 - Council discussed a potential conflict of interest regarding Councillor Smith and the prioritizing of gravel roads in the Municipality. It was determined that there isn't a conflict of interest.
 - There is approximately 252Kms of gravel roads in St. Mary's.
 - Council discussed several gravel roads in the municipality that are in need of repair.
 - Council stated the following three roads as priority:
 1. New Chester Rd
 2. Waternish Rd (west side)
 3. Dean Settlement Rd
 - Marvin will have a discussion with Paul Flynn regarding the roads discussed today.
- **NSFM Spring Workshop**
 - The workshop will be held May 8-10th, 2019.
 - No Councillors will be attending the workshop.
- **EMO Date**
 - A date for the EMO meeting will be set by the end of this week.

Adjournment

On Motion of Councillor Malloy there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 3:43pm.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk

Approved By
Warden Mosher

GUYSBOROUGH DISTRICT RCMP

Policing Report

for the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

October 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.



This report covers the second half of fiscal year 2018-2019, ending March 31, 2019.

Guysborough District RCMP's focus during this fiscal year was Crime Prevention/Reduction, Road Safety, and Enhancing Relations with Diverse Communities.

During each fiscal year, a strategic plan is created and put into place by Guysborough District RCMP to ensure that the goals and strategic objectives are inline with national, provincial, and local priorities. The results are tracked via the Annual Performance Plan (APP) which is a program established for efficient and effective capturing of assigned objectives.

Upon review of assigned priorities and targets for the 2018/2019, Guysborough District RCMP is please to report that it met or achieved all of it's assigned strategic goals.

Between October 1st and March 31st, there were a total of 690 files opened and actioned within the jurisdiction of the Guysborough District RCMP (three detachments).

The breakdown of the files opened between October 1st and March 31st, were as follows:

Canso Detachment – 136 occurrences
Guysborough Detachment – 214 occurrences
Sherbrooke Detachment – 340 occurrences

In effort to provide a direct comparison, the breakdown for received occurrences during the same time periods of two previous years were as follows:

2016/2017 Canso Detachment – 53 occurrences
 Guysborough Detachment – 102 occurrences
 Sherbrooke Detachment – 121 occurrences

2017/2018 Canso Detachment – 127 occurrences
 Guysborough Detachment – 238 occurrences
 Sherbrooke Detachment – 338 occurrences

Specifically, within the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, RCMP members investigated the following:

INCIDENT	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
ASSAULT					2	
ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON						
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT						
ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY HARM						
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY		1				
ASSAULT POLICE OFFICER, RESIST ARREST						
CRIMINAL HARASSMENT	1		1	1		
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	1			1	
SEXUAL INTERFERENCE						
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON FDP						
UTTERING THREATS		1	1	1	3	
HARASSMENT / PHONE CALLS		1	1	1	2	
DISTURBING THE PEACE						
CARELESS USE /POINTING FIREARM						
BREAK & ENTER	4					1
MISCHIEF			1	1	1	1
UNLAWFULLY AT LARGE		1		1		2

INCIDENT	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
BREACH COURT ORDERS					1	
THEFT OVER \$5,000		1				
THEFT UNDER \$5000	24	1	1	2		1
POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY						
THEFT OF AUTO						
TAKE MV/BOAT W/O CONSENT			1			
MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS	3	1	5	3	2	1
IMPAIRED OPERATION/OVER 80 MGS				2		
DANGEROUS DRIVING	2			1	1	
HIT AND RUN			3			
ARSON / Fire Prevention			1			
911 ACT	1	3	4	3	2	1
FALSE ALARMS			1	3		3
OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ACT				1		
MOTOR VEHICLE ACT / TRAFFIC RELATED	40	18	45	28	7	17
CHECKSTOPS	5	3	11	6		2
DRUG RELATED OFFENCES	1					
WELLBEING CHECK	1					

INCIDENT	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
MISSING PERSON						
CRIME PREVENTION	4	2	2	2	1	1
FIREARMS OFFENCES			1			1
MEDICAL EXAMINER (ASSISTANCE TO)	1	2			1	
LIQUOR CONTROL ACT				1		
FRAUD/ FALSE PRETENCES /FORGERY		1	2	1		1
POLICE ASSISTANCE TO GENERAL PUBLIC	3	3		3		4
CHILD WELFARE						
MENTAL HEALTH RELATED	3	1	3	1		2
PROVINCIAL ACTS Other			1			3
TOTALS	94	41	81	62	24	41

Our pro-active efforts during this fiscal year have included:

- Crime Prevention presentations to youth and at community events
- Proactive media releases (including news, education, and community events)
- Social media releases via RCMP provincial communications
- Offender Management via completion of curfew and court condition compliance for both convicted persons and persons currently under charge/before the courts
- Attendance at community events (ie. School dances, community functions, community dances) in effort to deter criminal activity.

ROAD SAFETY

Guysborough District RCMP remains committed to road safety and the district members are continuing their efforts via targeted patrols and traffic safety checkpoints.

In the District of St. Mary's during the second half of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, RCMP responded to:

- **10 property damage collisions**
- **4 injury collisions**
- **0 fatal collisions**
- **1 Off-Highway Vehicle collision**

In comparison, the same time periods of previous years were as follows:

2016/2017

- **5 property damage collisions**
- **4 injury collisions**
- **0 fatal collisions**
- **0 Off-Highway Vehicle collisions**

2017/2018

- **14 property damage collisions**
- **8 injury collisions**
- **0 fatal collisions**
- **0 Off-Highway Vehicle collisions**

Pro-active efforts to enhance Road Safety in the District of St. Mary's thus far during this fiscal year include:

- Increased violator contact in strategic areas of high traffic. Specifically, within the District of St. Mary's, RCMP members completed:
 - 27 Checkpoints
 - Issued 32 Summary Offence Tickets
 - Issued 60 warnings
 - Issued 20 defect notices (vehicle equipment)
 - Apprehended 2 impaired drivers
 - Partnered with Antigonish Traffic Services to complete proactive traffic patrols
 - Have completed dedicated traffic enforcement shifts
 - RCMP officers have attended traffic duty related training

Further to this, Guysborough District RCMP has partnered with the local Nova Scotia Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel, and Tobacco compliance officer who is in charge of issuing liquor licenses. Each week the RCMP receives a list of events where licenses have been issued and are making proactive patrols in those specific areas in effort to deter persons from impaired driving.

CRIME PREVENTION / EDUCATION

Guysborough District RCMP has attended a number of community meetings and events in effort to be a proactive in providing public safety and be involved in the community.

Within the past six months, Sherbrooke RCMP members have tended to 16 crime prevention initiatives that have included:

- **Halloween Safety at the school**
- **Old Fashioned Christmas**
- **Cyber Safety presentations**
- **Child safety presentation/discussions as per request of parents**
- **Presentation to the Scouts**

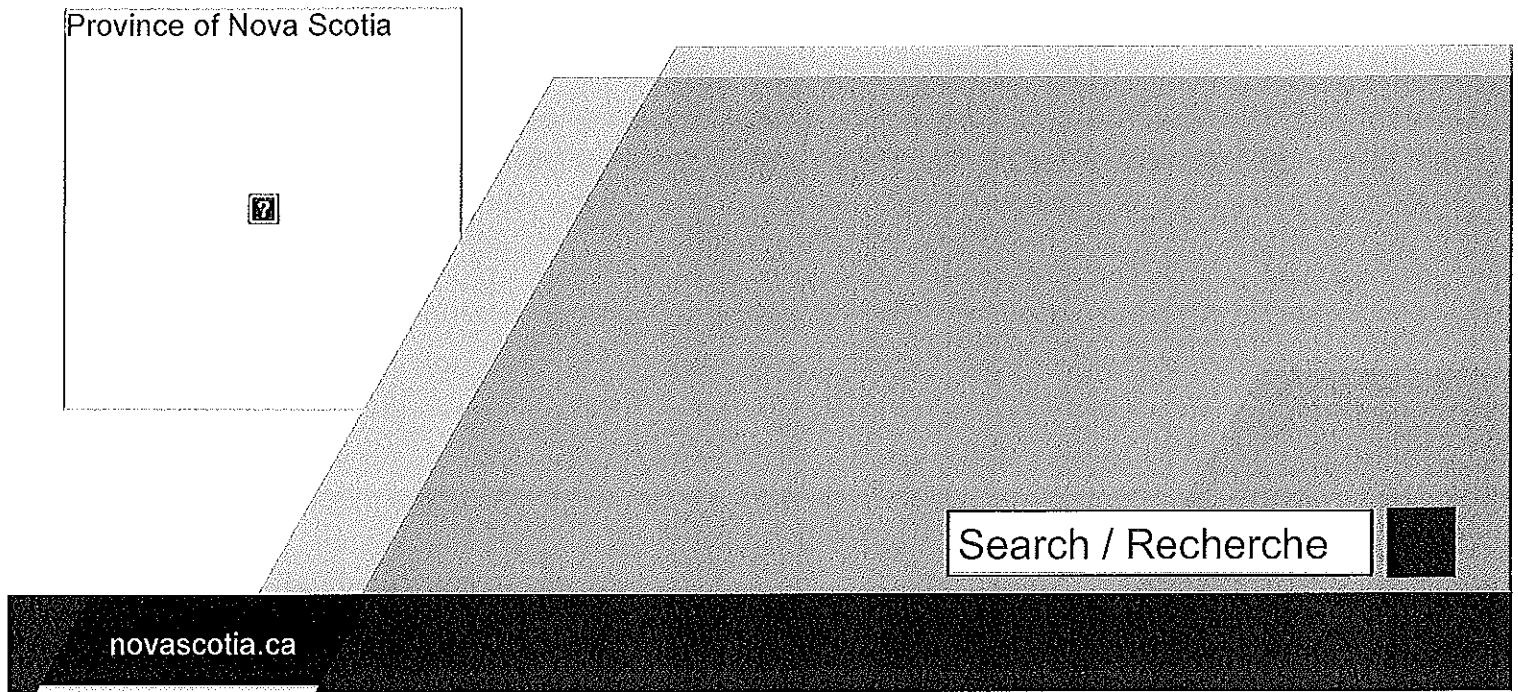
HUMAN RESOURCE UPDATE FOR RCMP IN THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARY'S
(for the full 2018/2019 fiscal year)

- Currently all positions in Guysborough District are filled.
- Within the District of St. Mary's there's been a number of human resource changes over the past year:
 - Cst Adam Lariviere completed his field training in August 2018;
 - Cst Jamie Fisher transferred to Cumberland County (traffic services) in November 2018;
 - Cst Luke McCarthy transferred to Sherbrooke in September, 2018;
 - Cst Natasha Farrell was promoted to Corporal and transferred to Pictou County;
 - Cst Justin Greene arrived in Sherbrooke in November 2018 from Depot (RCMP Training Academy) and is currently completing field training;
- Guysborough District RCMP is proceeding through the process to identify/hiring a replacement Detachment Services Assistant for Sherbrooke Detachment. In the interim, Arlene Bingley has been filling the role on a contractual basis to ensure that front counter policing services at the detachment remain available to the public in the District of St. Mary's.

If you should have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the undersigned at your convenience at (902) 533-3801.



David Simpson, Sgt (District Commander)
Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Guysborough District



Off-Highway Vehicle Pilot

Nova Scotia has launched a three-year pilot project in seven communities across the province to safely enhance trail connectivity for Off-Highway Vehicles.

The pilot enables Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) to access the shoulders of roadways, and the roadway itself where necessary, in order to safely travel from one OHV trail to another or to access facilities, such as gas stations, in selected pilot areas.

Only certain registered, licenced and insured OHVs can operate on the right of way, or the roadway, in these pilot areas as long as the operator has a valid driver's licence. No passenger on an OHV in a pilot area can be younger than 9 years old.

The pilot project will give the department an opportunity to evaluate the integration of OHVs onto our roadways and help determine whether a permanent solution is viable.

Pilot Communities

The seven locations for the Off-Highway Vehicle Pilot are:

- Ship Harbour (HRM) – Portions of West Ship Harbour Road and Trunk 7
- Porters Lake (HRM) – Myra Road
- New Germany (Lunenburg County) – Trunk 10
- Weymouth (Digby County) – Trunk 1
- Walton (East Hants) – Bancroft Road
- Sherbrooke (Guysborough County) – Trunk 7
- Gabarus (CBRM) – Oceanview Drive and Route 327

Summary of the Rules of the Road for OHV Pilot Areas Only

Vehicles Permitted

- All-Terrain Vehicles
- Multi-Purpose Off-Highway Utility Vehicle (i.e. utility side by sides)
- Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (i.e. recreational side by sides)

Licensing and Registration

- Registration fees and application processes apply as outlined in the Off-Highway Vehicle Act.
 - To operate an OHV on the right of way, the operator must hold a valid driver's license under the Motor Vehicle Act. Drivers holding a learner's licence will not be permitted to take part in the pilot. For non-residents of Nova Scotia, the equivalent of a Class 5 in their jurisdiction of residence will be required.
- Any OHV accessing pilot areas must have a number plate affixed to the vehicle.
 - OHVs shall be insured in accordance with *Section 15B* of the *Off-Highway Vehicles Act*.

Operation

- When operating in pilot areas OHVS will be limited to speeds of no more than 25km/h.
- OHVs will only be permitted to travel in pilot areas from the hours of one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after dusk.
- OHVs will be permitted to be driven on the shoulder of the designated highway only in the same direction as traffic using the same side of the highway.
- OHVs will be permitted to be driven on roadways in the same direction as traffic using the same

side of the highway if:

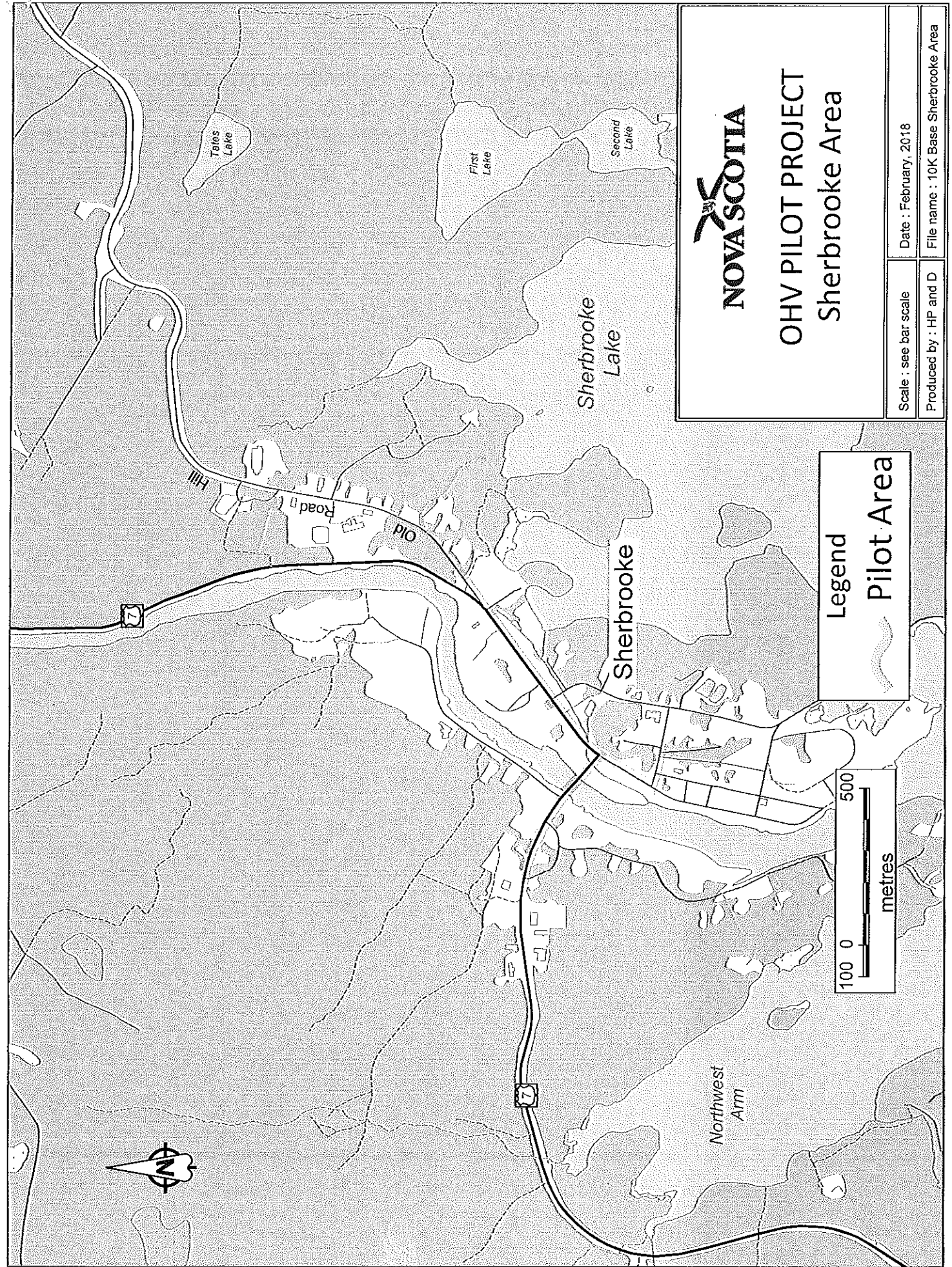
- There is no shoulder,
 - The shoulder is obstructed,
 - They are preparing to make a left turn across the roadway,
 - The shoulder is not wide enough to be driven with all tires completely off the roadway, or
 - When being driven across a level railway crossing
- When entering the shoulder or roadway of a designated highway OHVs will be required to yield the right of way to any traffic already using the shoulder or roadway. OHVs will be permitted to enter shoulder only when safe to do so.
 - Before commencing a left turn the OHV will be required to (without interfering with traffic) move away from the shoulder or right edge of the roadway and be positioned on the roadway in the position to make a left turn. Upon completing a left turn, the OHV will be required to (without interfering with traffic) move back to the right edge of the roadway or shoulder.
 - The OHV Act prohibits OHVs from being equipped with turn signals. Therefore, prior to commencing any turn OHVs will be required to indicate the intention to turn following the hand signalling instructions provided in the Motor Vehicle Act.
 - OHVs will be required to travel in single file and are not permitted to pass when riding in pilot areas.
 - The operation of an OHV with a passenger younger than 9 years old is prohibited in pilot areas.

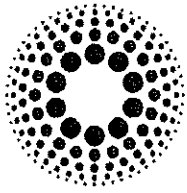
Equipment

- OHVs may only carry passengers in pilot areas if the OHV is designed by the original equipment manufacturer to carry both a driver and a passenger
- In addition to any other provision in the pilot regulations, no person will be permitted to operate an OHV in a pilot area unless it meets all equipment requirements in accordance with the Nova Scotia's Off-Highway Vehicle Act and general regulations.

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Stable, Balanced Budget Good News for Nova Scotia Municipalities

Halifax, March 26, 2019 –The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) supports the Nova Scotia government's balanced budget. While little new direct funding was provided for municipalities, the government is addressing many of the issues facing local governments and their communities.

The government reaffirmed its support of connecting Nova Scotians through its \$193 million investment in broadband. They also continue to commit to building many long-term infrastructure projects that connect our province.

NSFM Vice President, Pam Mood, said, "This budget addresses many of the concerns municipalities hear from our residents but are not necessarily part of our municipal mandate. There is a welcome \$10.2 million for affordable housing and significant investment in healthcare. While \$4 million was put into new doctor residency seats at Dalhousie, only a mere \$200,000 was directed to support doctor recruitment."

Municipalities are expected to incur significant costs when new accessibility legislation is implemented. Local governments will be looking for substantial increases in next year's budget to help them meet new standards.

Direct support for municipalities was spread throughout the budget. \$578,000 went to a Municipal Innovation Program that supports municipalities who want to find ways to work together. There was also an additional \$7.3 million in green infrastructure funding as part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan. Community transportation projects also received an additional \$7.2 million, and the Boots on the Street program was fully funded at \$16.8 million.

“While municipalities would have liked to receive more in direct funding, every penny matters. Municipal governments are closest to the people and all funding directly affects their communities and their residents”, says Mood.

NSFM continues to advocate on behalf of our members for our five annual resolutions: reform of the CAP, Extended Producer Responsibility for consumer packaging, new sources for municipal funding, modernization of municipal governance, and a new funding model for roads.

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About NSFM: The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) has been the collective voice for municipal governments across the province since 1906. With 379 members comprising Mayors, Wardens and councillors, NSFM represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within provincial jurisdiction. Members include all 50 of Nova Scotia's municipalities.