



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 12th, 2024

We acknowledge that we are gathering in Mi'kma'ki the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The Regular Council meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, February 12th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Greg Wier	Councillor Courtney Mailman
Councillor Charlene Zinck	Councillor Beulah Malloy
Councillor Everett Baker	
Councillor James Harpell	

Absent with Regrets:

Deputy Warden James Fuller

Also Attending:

Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)
Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- Addition to 8. Outside Committee Reports E. Tourism Guysborough County Association

4. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

*On motion of Councillor Zinck, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the:
-Regular Council meeting held January 8th, 2024.*

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council approved the minutes of the:

-Emergency Council meeting held January 30th, 2024.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole:

Committee of the Whole – January 17th, 2024 (Absent Councillor James Harpell)

On motion of Councillor Mailman, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agree to give Deans-Coastal Nova Scotia their annual \$4016.35 contribution.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council agree to approve the necessary costs, to replace the three cushion tanks in order to protect the distribution system from breakage and leaks to a maximum cost limit of \$8500. Plus, tax.

Amendment: Seconded by Councillor Zinck

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Zinck, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council recommends setting the 2024 2025 Annual General Meeting date as Monday, April 8th, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approve the 2024/2025 Application for Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption with the total annual household income threshold set at less or equal to \$25,280.00 and the tax exemption credit amount set at \$180.00 per application, all other eligibility requirements to remain the same as outlined in the application.

Amendment: Motion by Councillor Zinck

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approves that the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's become a member of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program under the Standard Membership Plan and decide on 1-2 wearable products to purchase for members of the public and staff (in support).

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council recommend Staff create a Request For Proposal for Land Survey and park delineation services.

Motion approved.

Committee of the Whole – February 7th, 2024 (Absent Councillor Everett Baker)

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approve the municipality becoming a member of the Canadian Canoe Procurement group.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council requests an update from staff within 7 months that illustrates degree of savings or quality differences achieved.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Zinck, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council recommends to direct staff to add additional components of Option A to the 2024-2025 Recreation Facilities Development grant application.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council supports illuminating the Municipal office and Sherbrooke Library in purple from dusk on May 12th until dawn on May 13th in support of Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

Motion approved.

8. Outside Committee Reports

a. Guysborough Adult Learning Association – November 21st, 2023

- See the attached report.

b. Sherbrooke Restoration Commission - November 29th, 2023

- See the attached report.

c. Eastern Counties Regional Library – January 18th, 2024

- See the attached report.
- Councillor Mailman brought to Council's attention the feminine and incontinence products located at the Sherbrooke Library for use to anyone who may need them. The Municipality can also order some to have and give out

d. Eastern Regions Solid Waste Management Committee – January 23rd, 2024

- See the attached report.

e. Tourism Guysborough County Association – January 16th, 2024

- See the attached report.

f. **Other Matters of Business:**

a. 10 Years of Service Recognition- Kerri Jack

- Kerri Jack has dedicated 10 years to the Municipality. Warden Greg Wier acknowledged this, and Kerri has received a 10 Years of Service Certificate.

b. Award Water Plant Filter Media

- Received a quote from our tender, from Continental Carbon Group to do the Filter Media replacement at the Sherbrooke Water Treatment Plant.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council approve the tender bid to Continental Carbon Group to replace the filter media of both filters at the Sherbrooke Water Treatment Plant to ensure we have the upmost quality drinking water provided to customers for the price of \$66,860 plus HST.

c. Award Survey of Municipal Property PID: 37501095

- PID# 37501095, a 62-acre parcel of land has been reserved by Council for housing on the recommendation of the Land Development Committee. It is located between Highway 7 & Old Hill Road and contains Stonewall Park and associated trails. It's located adjacent to a Pre-Primary to grade 12 school and across the street from the community recreation facility the "Recplex".
- The Municipality will be using the survey to facilitate development planning for the land. The survey will be provided to architects and other professional planning services.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, to award the survey project of Municipal property PID: 37501095 in Sherbrooke to M. Berrigan land surveying for \$8,570 plus HST.

Motion approved.

10. CAO Report:

- See the attached report.
- Some highlights included in the report are the Municipality has received a letter from the province about Construction and Demolition (C&D), CAO, Doug Patterson and Warden Greg Wier had a meeting about C&D with the province.
- The Municipality received a letter from the province regarding cellular service. CAO, Doug Patterson, Warden Greg Wier, and Director of Finance, Marian Fraser attended a meeting with Build NS for increased cellular service over St. Mary's.
- Denise Dunn, Economic Development Officer (EDO) is on a National CMHC Housing Committee, this produces benefits for information and greater insights into our local housing organizations.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, there being no further matters of business, the council adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Motion approved.

Jadzia Graham.

Recorded By

Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk

G. Wier

Approved By

Warden Wier