



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday, November 19th, 2025

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

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

Warden Fuller called the COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, at 5:25pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden James Fuller
Deputy Warden Beulah Malloy
Councillor Dana O'Connell
Councillor Scott Beaver

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Emma Tibbo

Also Attending:

Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk
Keren Ruller, Director of Economic Development

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Warden Fuller called for any additions to the agenda, hearing none, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Warden Fuller called for error, omissions or amendments to the minutes, hearing no errors, omissions or amendments to the previous minutes, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held November 3rd, 2025.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.
- Council would like to thank MLA, Greg Morrow, Guysborough-Tracadie and the anonymous donor for their kind donations making the opening night of Christmas at Sherbrooke Village admission free for residents.

7. Correspondence:

- a. Letter from Mary Burns regarding the Whale Sanctuary Project
 - Please see the agenda/package for the correspondence.
 - The Warden will reply informing that the email was received and read at the meeting.

8. Other Matters of Business:

- a. Staff Report – Requesting Inputs on Collection Contract
 - Please see the agenda/package for the staff report.
 - Lesley McFarlane informed Council that the current contract for curbside collection is due for renewal. This contract is for the collection, removal and disposal of residential garbage and two stream recyclables for all year-round and seasonal households (including multi-unit buildings) and businesses on all public roads designated throughout the Municipality.
 - Staff will post a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a 5-year contract for curbside collection. Staff ask that Council suggest changes needed for the new RFP for curbside collection.
 - Council asked if we could table this item to provide time to collect feedback from their constituents.
 - Council expressed interest in seeing costing options for an extension in weekly pick up with the associated impact on property taxes.

- b. Staff Report - 2025 Tourism Summary Report
 - Please see the agenda/package for the report.
 - Keren Ruller, Director of Economic Development provided Council with an overview of the 2025 tourism summary.
 - This overview is a combination of website analytics, advertising campaign analytics, Facebook analytics, and the budget summary.

9. In-Camera: Contract Negotiations

On motion of Councillor O'Connell seconded by Councillor Beaver Council move In-Camera for Contract Negotiations at 5:52pm.

Motion approved.


On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy seconded by Councillor O'Connell Council agreed to reconvene to regular session at 6:26pm.


Motion approved.

Adjournment

On motion of Warden Fuller there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 6:27pm.

Motion approved.


Recorded By
Jadzia Rudolph, Municipal Clerk


Approved By
Warden Fuller