



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday, April 27th, 2026

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 Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Monday, April 27th, 2026, at 5:32pm in Council Chambers.

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)
Janelle Fleet, Interim Municipal Clerk

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Tibbo and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Presentation of the 2026-2027 Budget – Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer

- Please see the Agenda/Package for the presentation.
- Marian Fraser, Director of Finance outlined the 2026-2027 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget.

6. 2025-2026 Budget Resolutions and Motions

a. Tax Rate Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's that pursuant to Section 72 and 73 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal Council of the estimates the sums of **\$ 3,036,882** is required for the lawful purposes of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2027, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than taxes for said year which may not be collectable and collected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a rate of **\$ 2.31** on each one-hundred dollar of the assessed value of the property assessed in the

Assessment Roll, which shall be the Commercial Property Tax Rate, and which rate the said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditure of the said Municipality for the said year and any deficit from the preceding year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a Property Tax Rate of \$ 1.00 on each one-hundred dollar of assessed value of residential property assessed in the Residential Rate Roll, said rate having been calculated after applying the commercial rate to the residential property assessed to obtain the amount to be raised from Residential Property Taxation.

The *Commercial and Residential Property Tax Rate* as determined by Council and that Council deems sufficient to raise the amounts necessary for the lawful purposes of the said Municipality for the twelve-month year ending March 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 31st day of July 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council imposes an additional percentage of fourteen percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 31st day of July 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby fixes the 31st day of July 2026 as the day after which the Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes.

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy and seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council approved the Tax Rate Resolution for Adopting Estimates and Striking the Tax Rate for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2026 to March 31st, 2027.

Motion approved.

b. Remuneration of Warden and Councillors

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, that the Remuneration entitled to **Warden & Councillors** for April 1st, 2026, to March 31st, 2027, be as follows:

1. The Warden of the Municipality shall receive an amount of \$ 11,835 per annum as remuneration of their services as Warden and the Deputy Warden shall receive an amount of \$ 3,375 per annum for their services as Deputy Warden.
2. Every member of the Municipal Council shall receive an amount of \$ 17,771 per annum as remuneration for their service as Councillor, such remuneration shall also be paid to the Warden and Deputy Warden as a Councillor pursuant to section 1 of this resolution.
3. The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors shall in addition to such remuneration be paid a daily meal fee of \$70.00 (\$15.00 breakfast, \$20.00 dinner, \$35.00 supper) and to utilize the **Federal Floating Mileage Rate** for travel to and from meetings, conferences, workshops, etc.
4. Municipal representatives appointed by Council to outside agencies, organizations, and commissions shall be paid in accordance with section 3, the Remuneration for Warden & Councillors.
5. The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors are paid 12 times per year.

On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approves the Warden, Deputy Warden and Council Remuneration Resolution for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2026, to March 31st, 2027.

Motion approved.

c. 2026-2027 Municipal Operating Budget

On motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approves the 2026/2027 Municipal Operating Budget which includes individual department budgets, and schedule of rates including increases to area rates as presented.

Motion approved.

d. 2026-2027 Sherbrooke Water Utility Budget

On motion of Councillor O'Connell seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approves the 2026/2027 Sherbrooke Water Utility budget based on the approved rates as set by Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Motion approved.

e. 2026-2027 Capital Budgets

On motion of Councillor Tibbo seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approves the 2026/27 Capital Budget as presented.

Motion approved.

f. 2026-2027 General Government Grants

- District Grants – Each municipal councillor will have an equal amount, \$9,700, of funds per district, to be allocated at their discretion in accordance with the policy throughout the fiscal year. The total funds allocated for the five municipal districts will be \$48,500 for the fiscal year.
- Grants to Organizations – total funding allocated for 2026-27 grants to organizations is \$10,000.
 - Sherbrooke Village \$2,000 with funds to be released once event is confirmed to proceed.
 - East river St. Mary's Fire Dept \$500
 - St. Mary's Lions Club \$2,000
 - St. Mary's Trails Association \$2,000
 - St. Mary's Arts Connection \$1,500
 - Goshen Community Centre \$2,000
- School Scholarships – a \$3,000 grant will be provided to St Mary's Academy for scholarships to students who are residents of the municipality graduating grade 12 planning to further their post-secondary education.
- Total General Government Grants for 2026/27 - \$61,500

On motion of Councillor Tibbo seconded by Councillor O'Connell Council approves the General Government Grants for the fiscal year April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027, as presented.

Motion approved.

G. 2026-2027 Internal and External Committee Appointments

INTERNAL COMMITTEES		
	2025-2026	2026-2027
Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Hate & Accessibility Advisory Committee (IDEAA)	Warden Fuller Alternate: Councillor Tibbo	Warden Fuller Alternate: Councillor Tibbo
Audit Committee	<i>Open to all Councillors</i>	
Fences and Arbitration Committee	Warden Fuller Alternate: Councillor Tibbo	Warden Fuller Alternate: Councillor Tibbo
Fire Services Advisory Committee	<i>Open to all Councillors</i>	
	Warden Fuller Deputy Warden Malloy	Warden Fuller Deputy Warden Malloy Councillor O'Connell
Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee	Deputy Warden Malloy Alternate: Warden Fuller	Deputy Warden Malloy Alternate: Warden Fuller
Source Water Protection Advisory Committee	Councillor O'Connell Alternate: Councillor Beaver	Councillor O'Connell Alternate: Councillor Beaver
EXTERNAL BOARDS/AGENCIES		
	2025-2026	2026-2027
Eastern Counties Regional Library Board	Warden Fuller Alternate: Councillor Tibbo	Warden Fuller Alternate: Councillor Tibbo
Eastern Region Solid Waste Management	Deputy Warden Malloy Alternate: Councillor Tibbo	Deputy Warden Malloy Alternate: Councillor Tibbo
Guysborough Community Health Board	Councillor Tibbo Alternate: Councillor Beaver	Councillor Tibbo Alternate: Councillor Beaver
Tourism Guysborough County Association	Councillor Beaver Alternate: Councillor O'Connell	Councillor Beaver Alternate: Councillor O'Connell
Guysborough County Home Support Agency	Councillor O'Connell Alternate: Councillor Tibbo	Councillor O'Connell Alternate: Councillor Tibbo
Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association	Deputy Warden Malloy Alternate: Warden Fuller	Deputy Warden Malloy Alternate: Warden Fuller
Sherbrooke Restoration Commission	Councillor O'Connell Alternate: Warden Fuller	Councillor O'Connell Alternate: Warden Fuller

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approves the 2026-2027 Internal and External Committee Appointments for the fiscal year April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027, as presented in the attached table.

Motion approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further matters of business, Warden Fuller declared the meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.



Recorded By
Janelle Fleet, Interim Municipal Clerk



Approved By
Warden Fuller