



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

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 Wednesday April 15th, 2026, at 5:00pm 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)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer
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 O'Connell and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Warden Fuller called for any errors or omissions to the minutes of the Council Meeting held March 24th, 2026. Hearing none, the Warden declared the minutes approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a. No business arising from the previous minutes.

7. Recommendations from Committees of Council:

Committee of the Whole – March 24th, 2026

On motion of Councillor Beaver seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approves awarding Maritime Blower Repair Inc., the purchase and installation of two new blowers, at a cost of \$21,219.70 plus HST, to maintain redundancy at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with funds sourced from the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Motion Approved.

On motion of Councillor O'Connell seconded by Councilor Beaver, Council approves inviting representatives from Emergency Health Services (EHS) to attend a future Council meeting to provide a presentation on current service levels within the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, including response times, coverage, and any identified challenges or opportunities for improvement.

Motion Approved.

Committee of the Whole – April 1st, 2026

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council release the 2025-26 grant funding of \$4,016.34 to Coastal Nova Scotia funded through the 2025-26 Economic Development Tourism Budget.

Motion Approved.

On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council provide pre-budget approval to award Francis J. Boyle Construction Ltd., the purchase and installation of the materials and complete permanent repair of the water main in Clover Farm parking lot, at a cost of \$9,000 plus HST, with funds to be sourced from the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Motion Approved.

On motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council authorize the emergency expenditure of \$1,744.20+HST to Sherbrooke Electrical for the essential service repair of the heat trace controller and electrical box in Clover Farm parking lot, with funds to be sourced from the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Motion Approved.

On motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Councillor O'Connell, subject to the 2026-27 capital budget approval, Council award Flowstar the purchase of 25 new water meters, at a cost of \$6,294.75 plus HST, to maintain proper water usage tracking and billing, with funds to be sourced from the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Motion Approved.

On motion of Councillor O'Connell and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council ratify the award to Davis MacIntyre & Associates conduct an Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment on PID 37541620, at a cost of \$6,749.22 plus HST.

Motion Approved.

On motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council award the contract for the design of a multi-use community centre in Ecum Secum to IMCO Custom Designing in the amount of \$69,550 plus HST, to be funded by \$60,000 in provincial grant funding, with the remaining \$9,550 to be funded through the municipal fire services operating budget.

Motion Approved.

8. Outside Committee Reports:

- a. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Association – March 2026
 - Committee report is included in the meeting materials.
- b. Eastern Region Solid Waste – March 2026
 - Committee report is included in the meeting materials.

9. Other Matters of Business:

- Councillor O'Connell declared a conflict of interest regarding this matter, as he knows the candidate personally, and recused himself from the discussion and vote.
- The CAO advised that a successful candidate has been selected for the Term Director of Community Development and Recreation position.

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy, seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approves the appointment of Mackayla Laing as Term Director of Community Development and Recreation for the period of May 4, 2026, to October 29, 2027.

Motion Approved.

10. CAO Report:

- Please see the meeting material for the report.
- Council received the CAO Report for March 2026, highlighting ongoing municipal projects and activities.
- Work continues on housing initiatives, climate change projects, and economic development recruitment.
- Emergency management activities included a Level 1 ECC activation in response to inland flooding; a new REMO Coordinator is set to begin in April.
- Recreation programs and community initiatives remained active with strong participation, and planning is underway for upcoming events such as Canada Day.
- Public Works projects are ongoing, including water infrastructure upgrades, environmental remediation planning, and wastewater system improvements.
- Various capital projects were completed, underway, or under review, including Recplex upgrades, accessibility improvements, and trail development planning.

Adjournment

There being no further matters of business, Warden Fuller declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.



Recorded By
Janelle Fleet, Interim Municipal Clerk



Approved By
Warden Fuller

