



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 17th, 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 June 17th, 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
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 Councillor Tibbo, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Warden Fuller called for errors, omissions, or amendments to the minutes of the Council Meeting held May 20, 2026. The CAO indicated that one non-substantive amendment is reflected in the minutes of the meeting of Council held May 20, 2026, to adjust the amount of the vehicle purchased from \$55,000 plus HST to the actual amount, which was \$55,500 plus HST.

On motion of Councillor Beaver and seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held May 20, 2026, as amended.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- The CAO advised Council that revisions had been made to the Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) By-law and Shared Services Agreement following the June 3rd Committee of the Whole Meeting, as these documents have now received First Reading by all three municipalities involved in the REMO.

- A document was shared with Council which summarized the changes completed through the review process. There were no questions from Council.

7. Presentation: Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Cpl. D'Arcy Doucette, Guysborough County RCMP

- Corporal D'Arcy Doucette provided Council with an overview of policing activities within the Municipality and surrounding area.
- Corporal Doucette clarified there will be new members serving in the local detachment starting this summer.
- Council discussed traffic concerns, including speeding in Liscomb within the 70km/h zone, and within the 50 km/h zone entering Sherbrooke and raised concerns regarding the Port Bickerton area.
- Council and Corporal Doucette also discussed the need for a Cross Walk at the Clover Farm location.
- Corporal Doucette emphasized the importance of residents reporting suspicious or unusual activity to the RCMP, noting that timely reporting assists police in responding effectively and identifying trends within the community. This includes unusual watercraft, or any unusual activity at the shore.
- Council thanked Corporal Doucette for his presentation and ongoing service to the Municipality.

8. Recommendations from Committees of Council:

a. Committee of the Whole - June 3rd, 2026

On motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council authorize Warden Fuller to attend the 50th Annual Provincial Seamen's Memorial Service in Canso on August 9, 2026, as a representative of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, with mileage and related expenses reimbursed in accordance with the Municipality's Travel and Expense Policy.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approve entering into the Guysborough County Regional Emergency Management Organization Shared Services Agreement as presented.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Beaver, seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council give First Reading to the Regional Emergency Management Organization By-law and direct staff to provide notice in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council authorize the CAO to enter into an agreement with Naviline Central Square Solutions for the Municipal Finance System.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council authorize staff to schedule a Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. on July 15th, 2026, prior to the meeting of Council, for the rezoning request for PID #37529856.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council appoint Applicant 1, Applicant 2, Applicant 3 and Applicant 4 to the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Hate & Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council approve hosting a flag raising ceremony to kick off Pride Weekend celebrations on June 12–14, 2026, and annually in years when Pride Weekend celebrations are held.

Motion approved.

9. Outside Committee Reports

- a. Port Bickerton Lighthouse Association – May 25th, 2026
 - Council received the report as presented.
- b. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management – May 28th, 2026
 - Council received the report as presented.

10. Correspondence

- a. ECRL Statement on Library Service – June 8, 2026
 - Council received the correspondence for information. The Warden noted that our region does a lot with very few staff, and manages to stay in good shape financial.
- b. Rink Revitalization Project Funding Denial Letter – May 26, 2026
 - Council received the correspondence for information.
- c. Environment/Climate Change – Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund – May 28, 2026
 - Council received the correspondence for information.

11. Other Matters of Business:

- a. Staff Report – Ice Edger Replacement
 - The CAO presented the staff report regarding the replacement of the ice edger for the St. Mary's Recplex. Council discussed the proposed purchase, including the funding source following the Municipality's unsuccessful Rink Revitalization Grant application. The CAO clarified that \$11,280 in total had been budgeted for the Ice Edger, including grant funding as well as funds from the municipal Capital Reserve. The purchase of a unit costing \$6,195, or about half of the original unit planned, has mitigated the impact of the grant funding being denied.

On motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Tibbo, Council approve the purchase of a Zamboni 10.5HP Electric start, Gas powered Ice Edger from Saunders Equipment Limited, at a cost of \$6,195.00 plus HST and any applicable freight costs, to be funded through the 2026/2027 Capital Budget.

Motion approved.

- b. Staff Report – REMO Committee Appointments
 - The CAO presented the staff report respecting appointments to the Guysborough County Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) Executive Committee. Council

discussed the requirement to appoint two members for the duration of the current Council term, with one appointee being either the Warden or Deputy Warden. Council agreed to appoint Warden Fuller and Councillor Beaver.

On motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council appoint Warden Fuller and Councillor Beaver to serve on the Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) Executive Committee for the duration of the current Council term.

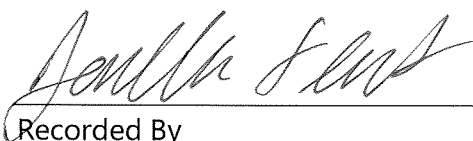
Motion approved.

12. CAO Report:

- Please see the Agenda/Package for the report.
- Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) informed Council and provided updates on several municipal initiatives and ongoing projects, including:
 - Progress on water infrastructure and well drilling initiatives.
 - Funding opportunities for current and future municipal projects.
 - Continued work with provincial and federal funding partners.
 - Drought response planning and public education initiatives.
 - Recommendations from the Department of Environment regarding water conservation.
 - Electrical upgrades on the water infrastructure at Clover Farm and other municipal infrastructure projects.
- Council discussed the importance of continuing to pursue available grant funding while educating residents on water conservation and drought preparedness.

Adjournment

There being no further matters of business, Warden Fuller declared the meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.



Recorded By
Janelle Fleet, Interim Municipal Clerk



Approved By
Warden Fuller