



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Emergency Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 7th, 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 Emergency Council Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Tuesday, July 7th, 2026, at 3:12pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden James Fuller

Deputy Warden Beulah Malloy

Councillor Dana O'Connell

Councillor Scott Beaver – virtual

Councillor Emma Tibbo

Also Attending:

Lesley McFarlane, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer

3. Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion approved.

4. IAAC Submission Response – 15 Mile Processing Hub Project

The Warden read the draft municipal response to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) regarding the 15-Mile Processing Hub Project – Initial Project Description, as revised during the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 6, 2026.

On the motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Deputy Warden Malloy, Council considered the revised response to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada regarding the 15-Mile Processing Hub Project – Initial Project Description.

The Warden opened the floor for discussion.

- Council asked whether requesting the highest level of environmental scrutiny for the watershed was equivalent to requesting a federal impact assessment. Other members of Council expressed a preference that a federal assessment should be explicitly included in the submission.

- The purpose of holding the Emergency Council meeting was questioned. The Warden explained that while the matter had been discussed at Committee of the Whole, Council was required to make the formal decision and that this provided an additional opportunity for discussion.
- Some members of Council expressed that they did not feel Council was ready to submit a response, as formal analysis had not been presented by staff, and that additional time should be taken to consider the matter and allow residents an opportunity to provide input before a submission was made.
- Concerns were raised that the 20-day duration for inputs to the IAAC did not provide much time for analysis and input.
- Members of Council indicated that further opportunities would exist to express matters of concern on behalf of Council and the municipality regarding this project.
- A question was raised regarding a potential conflict of interest. The Chair advised that each member is responsible for determining and declaring any conflict of interest. No conflict of interest was declared.

The Warden called for the vote.

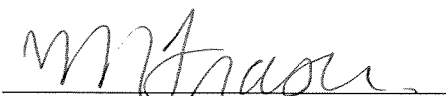
***Motion defeated.
Councillor Beaver voted in the minority.***

As a result, the draft response was not approved for submission.

- Council discussed whether an alternative response would be submitted. It was agreed that no submission would be sent at this time, pending additional information regarding the federal impact assessment process.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.


Recorded By
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance


Approved By
Warden Fuller