Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting
Wednesday, October 21st, 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 COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026, at 5:27pm. 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
Kelsey Reece, Director of Emergency Services

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Councillor O'Connell, seconded by Councillor Beaver, Council approved the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held October 7th, 2026.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Correspondence:

a. From the Cruiser – September 2026

- Council reviewed the September 2026 report from the Guysborough County District RCMP, which highlighted local policing activities, road safety initiatives, and community engagement efforts.

b. Trails Association Request – Letter of Support

- Council discussed the Trails Association's request for a letter of support for its trail expansion project along the former railbed.
- It was noted that CAO Lesley McFarlane and Warden Fuller had attended the opening associated with the Trails Association.
- The Trails Association requested an updated letter of support to assist with grant applications for the 2027–2028 funding year. The letter would acknowledge the Municipality's awareness of the project, its involvement regarding funding assistance, and how the project aligns with municipal priorities. The Association also advised that an additional three kilometres of trail were expected to open in October, with nine kilometres remaining to be developed.
- Council supported providing a letter of support for the Trails Association.

On the motion of Deputy Warden Malloy, seconded by Councillor Tibbo, the Committee of the Whole recommended that Council approve the preparation of a letter of support for the Trails Association.

Recommendation approved.

8. In-Camera: Contract Negotiations

On the motion of Councillor Tibbo, seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council agreed to move in-camera for contract negotiations at 5:31pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Deputy Warden Malloy, seconded by Councillor O'Connell, Council agreed to reconvene to regular session at 6:03pm.

Motion approved.

Adjournment

On motion of Warden Fuller there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 6:04pm.

Motion approved.

Recorded By
Janelle Fleet, Interim Municipal Clerk

Approved By
Warden Fuller