

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday June 14, 2017**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday June 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke.

ATTENDING:

Warden Mosher
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Malloy
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Councillor Smith

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Jody Cook, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR FINDLAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY COUNCIL APPROVED THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; HOME WARMING PRESENTATION CANCELLED, ADDITION OF MAP FUNDING, REN ANNUAL MEETING, SOLID WASTE AREA RATES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BAKER COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2017 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Date for meeting and tour of Port Hawkesbury Paper has not been set

PRESENTATION:

Ruth Legge, Representative on Eastern Mainland Housing Authority Board

- Mrs. Legge spoke of her time on the Board representing District of St. Mary's and her role to meet regularly to consider applications for residency
- The board represents Guysborough County, Antigonish County and Pictou County properties

- Ruth is at the end of her second term as the St. Mary's District member on the Eastern Mainland Housing Authority Board. Normally there is a two-term limit and then you have to step down for a period of time, however the Municipality can push for someone to be approved for a third term.
- Ruth agreed to serve again should council feel is the best thing, but would also be pleased to step aside and let someone else take a seat on the Board
- The Property Manager for Maple Manor is Anne Scheid
- Discussion was held on availability of the rental supplement program through Housing NS
- Discussion on financial formula for the Housing Deficit
- Marvin will follow up with Property Manager on further questions.

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS:

- a. Economic Development Update – Stephen Novak; report on file reported on the following items;
 - i. Rural internet – Seaside has installed the new tower in Spanish Ship Bay. Report will go to the provincial government during the process. Working with stakeholders on the eastern shore regarding the federal opportunities leading to regional approach.
 - ii. Solar energy project – Due to the Provincial election there was a delay in the application period.
 - iii. Economic Development committee – named two people out of those who applied and have received two more; one for district 6 and a youth member. With six approved members can organize an initial meeting of the committee.
 - iv. DEANS – working on the Wild Islands project and hosted the discover St. Mary's event in Sherbrooke
 - v. ESREN –supporting the data collection and asset mapping. Also partnering on an age friendly communities grant for entrepreneurship training.
- b. Sobeys Main Street property
 - i. Marvin reached out to the real estate Manager for Sobeys and will continue to pursue.
- c. St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation request – discussion was held on budget and commitment

ON Recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and Seconded by Councillor Kaiser-Kirk, that council Donate \$5000 for 5 years to the St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation beginning in fiscal year 2018/19

- d. Meeting Dates; set for June 22, at 9am for COTW
- e. MAP funding – Deputy Warden Dort; MAP funding is approved at the Board level of Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Committee and covers 50% of cost. Consensus to apply for removal of derelict vehicles and municipal logo signage for contractor's solid waste collection trucks.
- f. REN AGM – Councillor Smith and Marvin will attend
- g. Solid waste Area rates on commercial accounts; discussion was held on how many commercial accounts there are without a structure. Council asked Staff to prepare information and bring it back to future COTW

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Sherbrooke Village Old Fashion Christmas Sponsorship request – council agreed to leave decision up to individual councillors to use their district funds

***ON Motion of Councillor Findlay, Council moved to an in camera session for possible litigation matter
ON motion of Councillor Findlay, Council reconvened to regular session***

ADJOURNMENT

On recommendation by Councillor Findlay and there being no further matter of business, council adjourned meeting at 4:15PM

Recorded By
Executive Assistant

Approved By
Warden Mosher