

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday July 5, 2017**

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday July 5, 2017 at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers, Sherbrooke.

ATTENDING:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Jody Cook, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**ON MOTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN DORT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY COUNCIL APPROVED THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS: UNSIGHTLY PREMISES IN SHERBROOKE AND GALA REQUEST
MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SMITH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MALLOY COUNCIL APPROVED MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2017 AS PRESENTED
MOTION CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- the tender for roof at Library was resent to local contractors with an extension of completion date.

OTHER MATTERS OF BUSINESS:

- a. Economic Development – Stephen Novak joined the meeting
 - i. Solar Energy Project application is ready to go once Provincial funding application opens.
 - ii. Economic development committee; currently have a quorum but looking to fill position of member at large with the two remaining applications previously submitted. Letters are to be sent this week and Stephen will arrange for first meeting of committee within couple weeks

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and Seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council moved to in camera session for personnel purpose

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session

- b. Review of solid waste area rate for commercial accounts – Marian provided council with an update. Staff reviewed all commercial accounts and 6 out of 90 accounts could be considered for write off due to no physical structure on property. Staff recommended to write off 6 accounts for this fiscal year and implement policy for next year. Adjustments will be completed and property owners will be sent revised tax bills.

On Recommendation by Deputy Warden Dort and Seconded by Councilor Baker that based on staff review, 6 commercial accounts are be adjusted the solid waste area rate for fiscal 2017/18

- c. Construction and demolition creosote materials at the Transfer Station - draft policy for discussion purposes. The fee is to help offset the cost to bury materials.

On Recommendation by Deputy Warden Dort and Seconded by Councillor Baker that council accept draft with changes to add b-train charge as presented

- d. Sobey's property update – Letter was sent to Brian Hughes, real estate property manager after Building Inspector's site inspection. Brian responded that his maintenance team will complete an assessment and prepare a budget for work to be done.
- e. FCM Press release – council agreed to send press release as a push for universal broadband
- f. Unsightly Premises – Councillor Findlay has received multiple resident complaints regarding the derelict vehicles on Main Street Sherbrooke. Land Use bylaw allows a maximum of 2, must be shielded or covered by travelling public. Discussion was held about other vehicles in the district and ability to charge tax account for removal. Suggestion to involve the property owner not just the mobile home owner and send a letter.
- g. GALA request – Councillor Smith stated the board is reviewing their bylaws and policies and enforcing the membership fee of \$5 to sit on committee for legal reasons. Once administration receives a copy of the bylaw will send cheque.

On Motion Deputy Warden Dort there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 2:30pm

Recorded By
Executive Assistant

Approved By
Warden Mosher