

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, October 18th, 2017

MEETING, DATE & TIME:

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 at 1:01 pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

ATTENDING:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Denise Sawlor, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay Council approved the agenda with the following additions:

- 8. d) Date for the next Council Meeting
- 8. e) Mark Peck, Municipal Affairs
- 8. f) In-Camera for legal matters

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker Council approved the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held October 4th, 2017

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- a) Recplex roof – No updates, Engineers are working together to determine how to attach equipment to the roof.

GUYSBOROUGH COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD – MARY DESMOND & PATRICK MULLALLY

- See presentation attached to minutes
- Collaborative Community Health Plan – it took a year to prepare this three year plan
- On October 15, 2017 the Wellness Fund closed
- The Wellness Fund supported several local programs such as 3/3 hockey program, 55+ Games, Walk n’ Talk, Parenting group (SchoolsPlus & Kids First) and the upcoming All Girls Summit
- A public announcement will be coming soon regarding the newly opened Chronic Disease Fund
- The provincial website (www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca) has a full listing of the initiatives
- The board is currently recruiting for a St. Mary’s Representative
- Meetings are once a month

1:30pm Councillor Baker left Council Chambers

- Meetings are now held in the evenings
- To get the word out about the Community Health Board, notices could be placed in the Municipal newsletter and on the website

1:33pm Councillor Baker returned to Council Chambers

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay that Council have a member of Council apply to join the Guysborough Community Health Board and nominates Councillor Malloy.

Councillor Malloy accepted the nomination

Recommendation adopted

There was time before the RCMP presentation so council moved to item 8.a of the agenda

- Derelict vehicle update
 - Marvin reported the gentleman in question does own the mobile home on the property where the derelict vehicle is located. Vehicle owner is still unknown but when Marvin discussed the matter with the Solicitor he was told that the property owner and/or mobile home owner would be responsible.
 - Next step is to issue a minimum 7 day written notice for the meeting when the order will be considered.
 - Depending on the outcome of that meeting the next step could be to undertake removal of the derelict vehicle.
 - The cost of removal could be charged to the tax account of the mobile home owner and/or the land owner (mobile home park owner)

On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council send a letter to the mobile home owner and the land owner to give seven days notice of the meeting where council will make a decision regarding the removal of the derelict vehicle.

Recommendation adopted

RCMP – CPL KATHRYN MACLEOD

- Sgt David Simpson could not attend
- The current priority is Community Policing
- 23 presentations are planned throughout Guysborough County, within schools and other community locations.
- Some presentations topics include:
 - Impaired driving
 - Hunter ethics
 - Road safety (Pre-primary classes)
 - Cyber safety (a young offender is helping with this presentation in hopes of the message reaching the youth audience better)
 - Senior safety
 - Protecting seasonal properties
 - Drug impaired driving (currently have two drug impaired investigators in the county)
 - Car seat safety
 - Senior protection
 - ATV/Off-Road vehicle provincial legislation talks
 - Halloween safety talks
- Upcoming training for Officers
 - Carbine automatic rifle
 - Sobriety road side testing
- Sherbrooke Detachment is now fully staffed
- Working to get ahead of the upcoming legalization of Cannabis through training and education
- Council identified some local issues such as speeders, pulp trucks using their Jake brake and ATVs on the road.

2:36pm Break

2:57pm Resumed meeting

Other Matters of Business

- Derelict vehicle update
 - See above
- Coastal waters update
 - No more to report since Council Meeting Oct 18, 2017

Council moved item 8.c of the agenda to after items 8.d and 8.e

- Date for next Council Meeting
 - Decided to keep meeting date as November 13th at 7pm
- Mark Peck, Municipal Affairs
 - Planning to have Mr. Peck come to the Municipal office to do a workshop on social media and dealing with difficult personalities.
 - Both Council and Staff should attend the workshop.
 - Possible date of workshop Friday Nov 3, 2017. Marvin will confirm.

- Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Program Report
 - Two part plan for moving forward with the program.
 - First year would utilize the existing St. Mary's Academy Student Council
 - Launch date would be during Municipal Awareness Week (November 20th – 26th, 2017) with a press release going out to local media
 - YAC meetings would take place during the Student Council meetings
 - It would be nice to have a member of Council attend the meeting
 - Reports back to council would be made through written reports given to the Municipal Clerk (using the standard municipal form)
 - Topics brought to YAC meetings would be determined by the Community Development/Recreation Director and the CAO
 - Recommended ages for the first year are 13-18 year olds (Student Council age)
 - The second phase of the program would begin late summer/early fall 2018. At that time an independent YAC could be created.
 - Applications would be circulated to identified individuals as well as open to any youth to apply
 - The age range would be extended to 13-21 year olds. The older youth would provide a different perspective than the youth in Junior and Senior High school
 - Meetings would be moved to the evenings to accommodate all youth
 - The focus would be providing the youth perspective on municipal issues and projects
 - YAC could also identify areas where they would like to inspire change in the community such as Community Development projects
 - Method of reporting to Council would remain the same
 - Council was comfortable with the Model Recommendation of the pilot project and supported the idea of a press release
 - Councillors expressed interest in attending YAC meetings and it was suggested perhaps a rotation of Councillors at the meetings would work best. The topics on the agenda for each YAC meeting would determine which Councillor would be in attendance
 - Ideas for Municipal Awareness Week were discussed, last year Council made a presentation at the school
 - Kerri will manage the press releases and during Municipal Awareness week host a Facebook quiz contest (similar to last year)
 - Stephen Novak (Economic Development Officer) will be asked for input
 - Kerri will email Rob Wolf at the school to find out if there is a class who might be interested in attending the November 15th COTW meeting. Kerri would arrange a building tour, staff introductions, literature, snacks, drinks, etc. Work will be done on the agenda so the most relevant topics are addressed during the student's visit.

- In-Camera for legal matter

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Kaiser-Kirk Council moved into an in camera session for legal matters at 3:30pm.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session at 4:29pm

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay Council moved to proceed with legal options for clearing the title for Sherbrooke Water Utility Lands.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

On Motion of Councillor Smith there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 4:30PM.

Recorded By

Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved By

Warden Mosher