

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, February 21st, 2018**

Meeting, Date & Time:

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending:

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

Also Attending:

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

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Baker

Approval Of Agenda:

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Malloy that Council approve the agenda with the following Changes:

Remove
6. ESREN presentation
Add
6. EMO
8.e Glaze report

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Kaiser-Kirk that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held February 7th, 2018

Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes:

- Marvin has been in contact with the office of Mr. Hines, MLA. Mr. Hines is currently available on Saturdays. Marvin will contact the office to try to setup a meeting for March 3rd or March 10th at 10am.
- Antigonish Community Transit
 - Marvin has received a response to the Councillor's questions and will be sending out a report to summarize the answers.
- Highway Traffic Cameras
 - A letter has been sent to Mr. Hines, MLA regarding the highway cameras.

EMO

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay Council moved into an in-camera session to discuss a personnel matter at 1:13pm.

1:19pm Marian and Denise left the meeting.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session at 1:31pm.

1:32pm Marian and Denise returned to the meeting.

Correspondence

- Letter from Municipality of Digby
 - Municipality of Digby supports the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) name change to Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM).

Other Matters of Business

- MPAL MOU
 - The new MOU has not yet been received.
 - Marvin will be contacting Rae Gunn next week to discuss the MOU.
 - Council would like to see the new MOU for consideration.
- Audit Committee Policy
 - Marian presented a new St. Mary's Audit Committee Policy.
 - The new policy is a requirement for the upcoming Bill 10 legislation.
 - Council requested the following changes:
 - Increase one community member to up to two community members
 - Include siblings as part of immediate family
 - Remove fifth point under Duties & Responsibilities

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Kaiser-Kirk that Council accept the St. Mary's Audit Committee policy with the changes.

Recommendation adopted.

- Unsightly Premises
 - When the Municipality deals with an unsightly premise the cost gets applied to the owner's tax account.
 - It may become a cost to the Municipality when/if the property goes to tax sale.

- Council would like the Municipality's Dangerous and Unsightly policy updated. The policy should outline the procedure that needs to be followed when dealing with an unsightly premise.
- Volunteer Award
 - The St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year attends a provincial event in Halifax.
 - The Municipality pays for the hotel, parking and provides \$100 to cover gas and meals.
 - Council asked that the \$100 stipend be increased to \$250.
- Council's Annual General Meeting
 - Meeting date set for March 27th at 1pm.
- Glaze Report
 - With the provincial government's current restructuring of the education system the role of School Advisory Councils (SAC) will be changing.
 - The province is now rewriting the SAC handbook. The current handbook outlines who can sit on the SAC and it doesn't include elected Municipal Officials.
 - Council is considering asking that the new handbook change the SAC membership section to include an optional elected Municipal Official.
 - Marvin will talk to Municipal Affairs and the NSFM to get their input.

Adjournment

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dort there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 2:34pm.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk

Approved By
Warden Mosher