

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's**  
**Emergency Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Meeting, Date & Time:**

The emergency meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

**Attending:**

Warden Mosher  
Deputy Warden Dort  
Councillor Malloy  
Councillor Findlay  
Councillor Baker  
Councillor Smith (Arrived 1:06pm)

**Absent With Regrets:**

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

**Also Attending:**

Marvin MacDonald, CAO  
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

*Recess for 5 Minutes - Councillor Smith being held up in traffic because of an accident.  
Councillor Smith Arrived.*

**Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN)**

- Marvin provided background on the current situation regarding the ESREN. Late Tuesday afternoon the CAO became informed that The Municipality of the District of Guysborough (MODG) has provided their one year notice to the ESREN to withdraw beginning 2019/20. MODG said they would analyze the situation over the next year.
- ESREN Inter-municipal agreement - clause 13 (a) states that " A municipality may withdraw from the ESREN at the beginning of any fiscal year by giving written notice to the Chair of the LOC and the Chair of the Board of Directors a minimum of twelve (12) months in advance of the fiscal year in which the participating municipality intends to withdraw."
- Council asked the question if they send a letter with intent to withdraw does the Municipality have to re-apply if they want to stay in the ESREN.
- Marvin reviewed the clauses in the inter-municipal agreement regarding of termination of the ESREN.
- The Municipality of the County of Antigonish served the 12 month notice to withdraw at 10am this morning.
- Council discussed the involvement that the ESREN has had in the municipality since its inception.
- Reviewed the cost of the ESREN to the Municipality to date.

***On Motion of Deputy Warden Dort and seconded by Councillor Smith that the Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's, pursuant to clause 13(a) of the Inter-municipal Agreement for the ESREN, provide twelve months notice of their intention to withdraw their membership from the ESREN for fiscal year 2019-2020.***

**Adjournment**

***On Motion of Deputy Warden Dort there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 1:38pm.***

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Recorded By

Director of Finance

Approved By

Warden Mosher