



NOTICE

MEETING: St Mary's Municipal Council
Committee of the Whole

DATE: Wednesday, April 4th, 2018

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: St. Mary's Municipality
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

Please advise if unable to attend

Dated: March 28, 2018

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, April 4th, 2018**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held March 21st, 2018
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from Mr. Hines – Highway Cameras
7. Other Matters of Business
 - a. Garbage Truck Signs
 - b. Saltscapes
 - c. UNSM Workshop – Code of Conduct for Councillors
 - d. Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network
 - e. Grants To Organization
8. Adjournment

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Meeting, Date & Time:

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, April 4th, 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 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 Councillor Findley and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the agenda with the following Additions:

6. Correspondence

b) Nova Scotia Department of Justice Letter

7. Other Matters of Business:

- f) Letter from William Cameron, Porcupine Lake
- g) In-Camera – Contract Negotiations
- h) Cannabis

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Malloy that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held March 21st, 2018

Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes:

- Marvin has received an email regarding the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program's (MPAL) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Nova Scotia Provincial Government has extended the MOU agreement for a period of one year.
- There has not yet been a reply from Mr. Basil Pitts in regards to Council's questions. Marvin will contact Mr. Pitts.
- The library roof and welcome sign installation tender motions are on the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting on April 9th, 2018.

Correspondence

- Letter from Mr. Hines regarding highway cameras
- Letter from Nova Scotia Department of Justice regarding the Additional Office Program.
 - St. Mary's is not part of this program therefore the program changes have no impact on the Municipality.

Other Matters of Business

- Garbage Truck Signs
 - Eastern Shore Cartage has reported that the magnetic signs that they received from the Municipality have all been lost because they blew off the trucks.
 - Discussion about the cause of the signs blowing off. Perhaps the signs were faulty or improperly installed.
 - Marvin will investigate further.
- Saltscapes
 - Maria Ludlow from the Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) has been working on a plan for the booth for St. Mary's.
 - If any Councillors wish to be involved there is a meeting tomorrow.
 - Local groups have been contacted to ask if they have information to provide for the booth.
 - Last year's booth theme was all nautical.
 - This year's booth is going to be divided into thirds.
 - Old Fashioned Christmas
 - River and other scenery
 - Nautical
 - Booth space has been booked through Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS).
 - Most of the Eastern shore booths will be in the same area.
 - Councillor Smith volunteered to help man the booth.
- UNSM Workshop – Code of Conduct for Councillors
 - Deputy Warden Dort will be attending the workshop. Councillor Findlay will possibly be attending as well.
 - The deadline for registration is April 13th.
- ESREN & In-Camera (contract negotiations)
On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker council moved into an in camera session for confidential and contract negotiation matters at 1:27pm.

On motion of Deputy Warden Dort council reconvened to regular session at 1:56pm

- Grants to Organizations
On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the grants to organizations, district grant and school scholarship amounts in the total of \$34,000 as presented.

Recommendation adopted. (2 Nay - Warden Mosher and Councillor Smith)

- Letter from William Cameron, Porcupine Lake
 - The Municipality cannot assume ownership of private roads.
 - Marvin will send a reply to the letter.
- Cannabis
 - The Nova Scotia Government has released some information regarding cannabis legalization. See <https://novascotia.ca/cannabis/> for more information.
 - In terms of cannabis consumption, municipalities may pass bylaws that put additional restrictions in place.
 - St. Mary's Human Resources Policy may need to address the issue of cannabis.
 - There were concerns expressed about second hand cannabis smoke.
 - The Nova Scotia health Authority is holding a Cannabis Legalization Event in Antigonish on May 8th, 2018.
 - Several councillors expressed an interest in attending, Marvin will handle registration.

Adjournment

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dort there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 2:13pm.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk

Approved By
Warden Mosher



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Warden Michael Mosher
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Dear Warden Mosher: *MIKE*

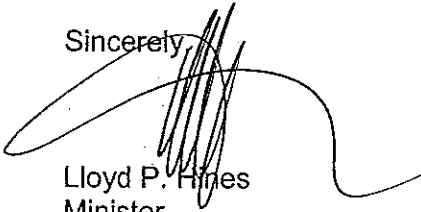
Thank you for your correspondence dated February 16, 2018, on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's requesting an additional highway camera along Trunk 7 on the Eastern Shore.

As you know, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has several cameras across the province whose video image, along with other information, is made available to the public as a convenience. The camera sites can be very costly as they are part of a larger system which contain many sensors and data collection instruments which are used to assist our Highway Operations' supervisory staff to monitor current road, ground, sub-base and weather conditions to support decision making during snow and ice control operations. Note that not all information from these sites are shown publicly as some of the data requires interpretation. The locations of these Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS) are based on highway priorities, maintenance base locations, and operational requirements to monitor micro climates in specified areas for our snow and ice control operations.

During the winter months, roads are physically monitored by our staff to ensure that winter services are carried out as efficiently as possible. While the primary function of RWIS sites is to assist our supervisors, we are also aware how these sites can be quite convenient to motorists as well. At this time, funding under this program is currently being committed to maintain and upgrade outdated equipment at existing sites. Unfortunately, the department is not able to construct new sites at this time.

Thank you again for your correspondence on this matter and rest assure that this location, is being, and will continue to be considered as funding becomes available for new site installations.

Sincerely,


Lloyd P. Hines
Minister

c: Council, District of Saint Mary's
Guy Deveau, Director of Operations



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March 27, 2018

Mr. Marvin MacDonald
Chief Administrative Officer
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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

This letter is being provided pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* (S.519) to provide you with twelve months' notice that the Additional Officer Program may experience changes including both structure and functions on or after April 1, 2019.

We wish to advise you that the consultant engaged to review the Additional Officer Program has completed their work. The consultant's report has been presented to the standing committee struck at the onset of the review. This committee consists of stakeholders from the towns/municipalities, police agencies, UNSM, and government. The committee has reviewed the consultant's report.

The report has provided options for the program which are currently being reviewed. It is anticipated that a decision on the future state of the program will be determined in the fall of 2018 with any resulting changes on or after April 1, 2019.

In the interim, the department can confirm that there are no funding changes to the program for the 2018/19 fiscal year. All positions and funding levels provided under the program will remain at the 2017/18 rate.

We will continue to update stakeholders as the year progresses.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns.

Yours truly,



Don Spicer

cc: UNSM
cc: Municipal Affairs
cc: RCMP Commanding Officer
cc: Municipal Police Chiefs