



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee Of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday – July 17th, 2019

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S

2. Attending:

Warden Mosher

Councillor Findlay

Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

Councillor Baker

Councillor Smith

Councillor Malloy

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Absent with Regrets:

Deputy Warden Dort

3. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:

8d. August Meeting Dates

8e. Straight Regional Housing Authority

8f. In Camera Session– Legal Matters

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019.

Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No business arising

6. Presentations:

a. Fire Services- Fred Jeffers (Provincial Fire Marshall) & Ross MacDonald (Municipal Advisor)

- Fred spoke with Council about fire department insurance and how different departments are being affected.
- The higher the department's rating, the lower the household insurance cost to residents.
- Some fire departments may not be aware of their rating or if it has declined. In this case, departments risk losing their rating as well as their ability to be considered a First Response Service.
- There is a list of criteria that must be met by departments to be considered a First Response Service. Fred will send the CAO a list of the criteria.
- Fred let Council know that departments can contact him if they need help accessing information about their ratings and what they can do to improve them.

7. Correspondence:

- No Correspondence

8. Other Matters of Business:

a. Policy Dealing with Difficult Customers:

On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Smith, Council approved Draft#1 of the Dealing with Difficult Customers Policy with the following addition:

- Under the "Staff Support" section, "Counselling is available to all staff through the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP)"

Recommendation adopted.

b. Canso Lions Club: Seamen's Memorial Service:

- Council decided that Warden Mosher will attend and lay a wreath on behalf of St. Mary's Municipality at the Seamen's Memorial Service on August 11th, 2019

c. Main Street Project:

- Any comments on Upland's presentation of Streetscapes from Council should be submitted within two weeks in order to be considered for changes to the draft report.
- The CAO will get more figures to Bruce on cost projections/quotes and have them rechecked.

- Recreation Director will be stepping in to help with the Main Street Project until the Economic Development Officer position is filled.
- Council would like to incorporate the municipal colour scheme into the plan instead of the suggested colour scheme.

d. August Council Meeting Dates:

- Regular Council Meeting: August 12th, 2019 at 7pm.
- Committee Of The Whole Meetings: August 7th, 2019 at 9am and August 21st, 2019 at 1pm.

e. Straight Regional Housing Authority (SRHA):

- CAO was informed by Nancy Regan, that a Housing Matters Coalition was formed.
- The Coalition will be putting in a proposal to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for funding to explore what the housing needs are in the Eastern Strait area.
- The Coalition is looking for in kind support from municipalities by form of participation and a letter of support for their proposal to the CMHC by July 22nd, 2019.
- Council requested the CAO to write a letter of support for the Coalition's proposal.

On motion of Councillor Malloy, Council recessed at 2:47pm.

Council reconvened at 2:57pm.

f. In camera session- Legal Matters:

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Smith, Council moved into an in camera session for legal matters at 2:57pm.

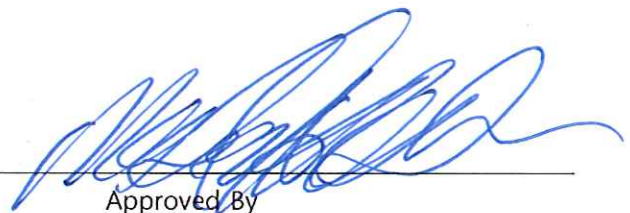
On motion of Councillor Baker, Council reconvened to regular session at 4:07pm.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Baker there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 4:07pm.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Mosher