



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee Of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday – August 7th, 2019

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 at 9:00am in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor Baker
Marvin MacDonald, CAO

3. Approval of Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Dort and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, July 17th, 2019.

Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- The wreath for the Seaman's Memorial Service has been ordered.

6. Presentations:

a. RICHES-Beluga Whale Sanctuary:

- Amy Simon, Jamie Anderson and Stephen Flemming presented to Council on behalf of RICHES.
- The Whale Sanctuary Project has narrowed it down to two sites, Port Hilford and Sheet Harbour.
- Fisher support is less complex and more developed for Port Hilford.
- They are proposing a meeting between Whale team members and Fishers to discuss options.
- Community support is to be shown through more signage.
- Mr. Flemming requested a letter of support from Council to the NS Museum and the Whale Sanctuary Team.
- Mr. Flemming requested that Council consider meeting with the Whale Sanctuary Team.
- Council asked if it was possible to have an overhead view of the specific property and boundaries of the Whale Sanctuary.
- Council would like the CAO to write a letter of support to the NS Museum as well as a letter of support to The Whale Sanctuary Project team.
- Council agreed to meet with the Whale Sanctuary Team for further information and discussion.

7. Other Matters of Business:

a. Inter-Municipal IT Memorandum of Understanding:

- The group is trying to branch out into shared IT services between municipalities.
- The Department of Municipal Affairs will contribute \$40,000 towards a study to see what exists for IT services and what is needed.
- Inventory of all IT is being done now.
- St. Mary's Municipality currently has Lucas Tech as our service provider when needed.
- There may be a cost of up to \$5000 for the study to see if the Municipality has a need for this type of service.

On recommendation of Councillor Dort and seconded by Councillor Kaiser Kirk, Council agreed to sign the Inter-Municipal IT Memorandum of Understanding.

Recommendation adopted.

b. Bill 99 & Staff Report :

- The Director of finance was invited to participate with colleagues from Antigonish Town and County in a discussion regarding Bill 99-Regulation Consultation and the Assessment Act & Consultation with Municipalities on Regulations for the Tourist Accommodations Registration Act (TARA).
- Bill 99 is anticipated to be proclaimed in April 2020.
- Under the new changes, any tourist accommodation under 4 rooms will be classified as residential; above 4 rooms will be commercially classified.

c. Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency- Participant Funding Program:

- Director of Finance reported to Council that because we are Municipality we do not qualify for the Participant Funding Program.
- CAO has drafted a term of reference to put out a RFP for a consultant to review the Environmental Assessment Statement on the Proposed Goldmine on Cochrane Hill.

d. Boundary Review Update:

- Staff has received information from Election NS for total number of active voters.
- Council would like to see what the boundaries would look like with 5 Districts.
- Council would like to keep a road connection within boundary lines.

Council recessed at 10:22am.

Council reconvened at 10:45am.

e. In camera session- Contract Negotiations:

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council moved into an in camera session for contract negotiations at 10:45am.

On motion of Councillor Findlay, Council reconvened to regular session at 12:06pm.

8. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Findlay there being no further matters of business, council adjourned at 12:06pm.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Mosher