



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee Of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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## 1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:04pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S

## 2. Attending:

Warden Mosher	Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker	Councillor Smith
Councillor Findlay	Councillor Malloy

## Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO	Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance	

## Absent with Regrets:

Deputy Warden Dort

## 3. Approval of Agenda:

*On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the agenda as presented*

***Motion carried.***

## 4. Approval of Minutes:

*On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

***Motion carried.***

## 5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No business arising.

## 6. Presentations:

### a. Opinions on Environment Effects of the Proposed Cochrane Hill Mine- Peter Lund, P. Geo

- Mr. Lund introduced himself as a hydrogeologist that was interested in expressing his personal opinions on the Effects of the Proposed Gold Mine on Cochrane Hill including short and long term effects. Mr. Lund focused on the long term effects including the possible risks of a 70M high earth dam to be built for the tailings pond as well as the direction of surrounding water drainage.

- Mr. Lund also proposed other considerations such as acid rock drainage, changes in the groundwater quality, pH level and aluminum levels if the mine were to go ahead.

## **7. Correspondence:**

### a. Seniors' Safety Program

- Dana Pettipas sent correspondence to update on the development of the Seniors' Safety Program which started to be explored in October of 2019.
- The MAMC Board decided to start the research process by holding public consultation meetings in three districts including December 2, 2019 at the Maple Manor Common Room in Sherbrooke.
- During the consultation meetings, many issues were raised including the need for more public presentations on fall prevention, elder abuse, emergency preparedness and social isolation, as well as phone and internet scams.
- Following the completion of the public consultation meetings, the Board decided the next step would be to reach out to service organizations in the smaller communities throughout the County in order to present during their monthly meetings from January until April 2020. Once all meetings have been completed, the next steps will include analyzing and compiling the information obtained to further complete research and evaluate the potential of establishing a Seniors' Safety Program for Guysborough County.

### b. Member of Public- Library

- A member of the public contacted staff with concerns about the recent temporary closures at the Sherbrooke Library due to staffing shortages. Council directed staff to reply to the member of public.

## **8. Other Matters of Business:**

### a. Strategic Plan Review

- Staff prepared an update of the goals in the Municipal Strategic Plan based on the review of the plan by Council in August 2019.
- Council suggested changes to the current review of the Strategic Plan and how they would like to have the document distributed to the public. Council gave staff direction to further edit the Strategic Plan Review with the recommended changes and then present the updated document at the COTW meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### b. BAP- Policy and Incident Form

- The Director of Community Development and Recreation put forward a policy and incident form for the Before and After Program. As a provider of this program, the Municipality is expected to follow delivery standards that have been developed by the Province. The Before and After Care Incident Response Policy was developed through consultation and assistance from the BAP Regional Support team and is one of the documents referenced in the Delivery Standards document that is needed for the program.

- Council asked if there was a record on a child's registration from for any allergies and if there is a way to link the child's allergies information on the incident form and also discussed if this form would be used for all incidents or only serious incident or accidents.
- Staff will make suggested changes from Council and bring back to the March 18<sup>th</sup> COTW meeting.

c. Returning Officer

- Council moved this topic to the in camera session for personnel matters.

d. Fences & Arbitration Committee

- The CAO received notice of changes to the Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act that repealed clause (d) "municipality" means a city, incorporated town or municipality of a county or district that is designated by the Governor in Council as a municipality for the purposes of the Act and substituted with (d) "municipality" means a municipality as defined in the Municipal Government Act.

e. Capital Reserve

- The Director of Finance put forward a suggestion to Council to transfer any of the current year operating surplus for 2019/20 above \$5000 into the capital reserve. This same transfer occurred last year with any surplus funds above \$5000.

*On recommendation of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council transfer any of the current year operating surplus for 2019/2020 above \$5000 into the capital reserve.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

*Council recessed at 2:21pm.*

*Council reconvened at 2:25pm*

f. In Camera- Contract Negotiations

***On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council moved into an in camera session for contract negotiations at 2:25pm.***

***On motion of Councillor Malloy Council reconvened to regular session at 3:14pm***

*On recommendation of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to appoint the Municipal Clerk as the Municipal Returning Officer.*

***Recommendation adopted.***

**Adjournment**

*On motion of Councillor Smith there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 3:15pm.*

Recorded By  
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved By  
Warden Mosher