



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Monday- March 9th, 2020

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The Regular Council meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, March 9th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S

2. Attending:

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

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Absent with Regrets

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Malloy

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council approved the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 18th, 2020.

Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Office Generator:

- The generator is scheduled to be shipped out of the states on Wednesday March 11th, 2020.

Front Lobby Security Upgrades:

- Tate's Construction has started the process and will be in to measure the front desk area soon.

6. Presentations

- Government Female Leadership School in Cape Breton/Unama'ki/Strait Regions (FOCUS)- Councillor Smith
- Councillor Smith presented on behalf of Mayor Chisholm Beaton about Government FOCUS and explained their reason for forming the group which is to create gender balance in government.

- FOCUS has identified many barriers for women in government including, lack of resources and support, work-life balance, lack of childcare and the male-dominated culture. FOCUS was created for these reasons and made a plan for change that involved community engagement in order to grow interest in local government.
- FOCUS will measure successful through seeing more women engage in local politics, having more women elected as leaders, more women participating/supporting female candidates during local elections, implementation of a robust support system for women who are interested in local government and having more men supporting women in local government.
- The organization plans to enroll 100 women for the 2-day leadership school, created by FOCUS, for May 1st & 2nd, 2020 which will help to educate women in government and politics.

7. Recommendations from Committee Of The Whole:

February 19th, 2020

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to provide funding to DEANS in the amount of \$4016.34 for the fiscal year 2019/2020

Motion carried.

On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to sponsor two participants at \$250 per participant to go to the Leadership School for Women.

Councillor Smith declared a conflict of interest.

Motion carried.

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council accept the bid from Gordon Bezanson of \$4375.75 plus HST for the sale of the tractor and zamboni.

Motion carried.

March 4, 2020

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

8. Outside Committee Appointment Reports:

- a. Community Health Board- Councillor Malloy
- b. Solid Waste- Councillor Malloy
- c. Port Bickerton Planning Association- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk

9. CAO Report:

Economic Development & Planning

- Councillor Smith asked which local vendors would be at the St. Mary's booth for Saltscapes this year. Staff said that Leigh McFarland with NS Soap Company will be attending along with other information and promotional material from local businesses.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 7:22pm.



Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By
Warden Mosher