



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting  
Thursday, August 20<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 Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:01pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

## 2. Attending:

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

## Also Attending:

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

## Absent from Roll Call:

Councillor Smith

## Absent with Regrets:

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance

## 3. Approval of Agenda:

*On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Kaiser-Kirk, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:*

*6.b- Weatherradio Canada-Transmitter Decommission*

***Motion approved.***

## 4. Approval of Minutes:

*On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

***Motion approved.***

## 5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

### Seamen's Memorial Service

- Council inquired how the Seamen's Memorial Service was for attendance this year. Warden Mosher said it was well attended.
- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk asked if the wreaths that are laid at the service have been changed. Warden Mosher said he believed they were a couple of years ago to make them more environmentally friendly.

*Councillor Smith joined the meeting at 7:07pm.*

## 6. Correspondence

### a. Thank You Letter

- A thank you card was received from a group of residents thanking Council for the efforts in beautifying the parking lot on Main Street.

## b. Weatheradio Canada-Transmitter Decommission

- Warden Mosher received a letter from Mr. Ken MacDonald, Executive Director with the Meteorological Service of Canada. The letter stated that the weatheradio transmitter that serves this area is being considered for decommissioning later this year.
- If the decommissioning proceeds, listeners will no longer receive weather information via this broadcast channel. Over the coming few months, there will be messages broadcast on the Weatheradio transmitter about its anticipated decommissioning. Before final decisions are taken regarding this transmitter, Weatherario Canada is interested in hearing from Council and community members.
- Councillor Kaiser-Kirk asked why the service was being decommissioned. If it is because this service is outdated, will they be replacing it or just removing it.
- Councillors will ask residents that may still use this service to see if they have any comments or questions regarding the decommission of the transmitter.

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

### a. Streetscapes Update Phase Two:

- During the spring and summer of 2020 municipal staff completed phase 1 of the 16 Main Street public parking lot upgrades, including a public washroom, landscaping, and painting the Pioneer Park bridge.
- The Municipality has been successful in securing funding of \$21,250 for the second phase of the Sherbrooke Main Street streetscaping and beautification project through the Province of Nova Scotia's Beautification and Streetscaping Program 2020.
- Phase 2 includes sidewalks across the entrance of the lot which extend and lead down into Pioneer Park. Historic lighting will be installed in the parking lot, keeping with the theme of Historic Sherbrooke Village as well as additional landscaping and scrubs leading into the entrance of Pioneer Park. These additional upgrades will be completed in the fall of 2020.
- Lighting quotes were received based on supplying four historic parking lot pole/light fixtures with GFI protected plugs and installation of electrical. Quotes were received from four different companies in the following amounts:
  1. Suburban Electric \$14,703.81
  2. DeCoste Electrical & Ventilation \$17,720.00
  3. KV Electrical Inc. - \$24,488.00
  4. RNR Electric - \$32,000.00
- Staff asked that Council discuss the quotes for the installation of the historic lighting and make a recommendation to award the historic lighting quote to the successful bidder.

**Warden Mosher declared a Conflict of Interest due to having a family member involved with DeCoste Electrical & Ventilation.**

*On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded Councillor Baker, Council nominated Councillor Malloy to chair the meeting at 7:11pm for the matter of awarding the contract.*

***Motion approved.***

*On recommendation of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council awarded the historic lighting bid to Suburban Electric in the amount of \$14,703.81 plus HST.*

- Councillor Smith asked if this company had done work for the Municipality before. The CAO said yes, Suburban Electric had done work at the Water Treatment Facility as well as the Recplex.

***Recommendation adopted.***

**b. Municipal Heritage Property By-Law:**

- The CAO informed Council that in the spring owners of a property were looking to be de-registered as a heritage property. Now, staff had received a different request from the property owners of the post office to be registered as a municipal heritage property. This property has been a federal and provincial heritage property for some time.
- The CAO asked that Council discuss the current Municipal Heritage By-Law from 1980 and decide if they are interested in updating this by-law or options for removing the by-law and give staff further direction.
- Council discussed and gave staff direction to put the Municipal Heritage By-Law on an upcoming COTW meeting after more research has been done to better weigh the options, as well as compare what other municipal units have for Heritage Property By-Laws.

**c. In Camera Session – Land Lease & Legal:**

***On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Findlay, Council moved into an in-camera session for Land Lease & Legal at 7:25pm.***

***On motion of Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council reconvened to regular session at 8:27pm.***

**7. Adjournment**

***On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Findlay, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 8:27pm.***

***Motion approved.***



Recorded By  
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator



Approved By  
Warden Moshier