



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting
Wednesday, February 17th, 2021

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Deputy Warden Fuller	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Baker	Councillor Zinck
Councillor Harpell	

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk & Special Projects Coordinator

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- Warden asked to add "In-camera session-Privacy Issues" as 8d.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council approved the agenda with addition.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No business arising from minutes.

7. Correspondence:

a. Guysborough County Home Support Agency Society:

- Staff received a letter from the Guysborough County Home Support Agency asking the Municipality to appoint a councillor as a board member to represent St. Mary's Municipality.
- Councillor Harpell agreed to represent the Municipality on this committee.

8. Other Matters of Business:

a. St. Mary's Asset Management Committee:

- Staff explained that an Asset Management Committee will soon be a requirement for federal funding programs in the future. A committee has been formed at staff level and staff is asking that another councillor be apart of this committee.

- Warden Wier agreed to be a part of the committee and asked that another councillor take part as well. Councillor Harpell agree to sit on this committee as well.

b. Sewer Pump Purchase:

- Staff explained that the Sonora Road Lift station is in need of a new sewer pump and asked that Council agree to purchase one for the quoted price of \$6,106.97 plus HST.
- Council asked if the one that is being removed can be refurbished as a spare. The CAO stated that they will look into it and use if possible.
- Council agreed to purchase a new sewer pump.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agreed to purchase a new sewer pump for the cost of \$6,106.97 plus HST.

Recommendation adopted.

c. Police Advisory Board:

- Staff received a letter from David Burchill with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice stating that under the Police Act “A municipality receiving policing services in whole or in part from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Provincial Police shall establish a police advisory Board.”
- Currently the Municipality uses Council to liaise and work with the RCMP. Mr. Burchill said in order to keep doing so under section 57(8) of the Police Act, Council must write the Minister for permission and exempt the Municipality from the requirement to appoint an advisory board if the Minister is satisfied that the Municipality has established a system of governance, in conjunction with the RMCP, equal to or better than the governance provided by an advisory board.
- Staff said they had written the Minister in the past, but no response was received so they continued to have Council liaise with the RCMP.
- Council agreed to have staff write a letter to the Minister to continue without an advisory board.

d. In- Camera Session- Privacy Issues:

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council moved into an in-camera session for privacy issues at 7:12pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council reconvened to regular session at 7:43pm.


Motion approved.

9. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Mailman there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 7:44pm.

Motion approved.


Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator


Approved By
Warden Wier