



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 8th, 2024

We acknowledge that we are gathering in Mi'kma'ki the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The Regular Council meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Greg Wier	Councillor Courtney Mailman
Deputy Warden James Fuller	Councillor Charlene Zinck
Councillor Everett Baker	

Absent with Regrets:

Councillor James Harpell
Councillor Beulah Malloy

Also Attending:

Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)
Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Mailman, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council approved the minutes of the:

-Regular Council meeting held December 11th, 2023.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole:

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On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council agree to write a letter to follow up on the Volunteer Emergency Services Provider.

Recommendation adopted.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council agree to direct staff to proceed with the application for the 2024 Canada Summer Jobs grant, as outlined in this report.

Recommendation adopted.

On motion of Councillor Zinck, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council agree to direct municipal staff to submit an application to the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage for the 2024-25 Recreation Facility Development/Rink Revitalization Fund for Phase 2 of the outside structural repairs and siding replacement to the St. Mary's Recplex and furthermore directs staff if possible, to apply for grant funding to complete a facility needs assessment for the St. Mary's Recplex.

Recommendation adopted.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council approves mileage expenses for any Councillor who attends the January 15 Community Grant presentation in support of their constituents.

Recommendation adopted.

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council agree to request staff to investigate and bring back to Council the best business practice options for the creation of a neighbourhood concept based on wellness, that could include a long-term care facility and a hospital along with other things and facilities.

Recommendation adopted.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council approves and fully supports the Municipality's written letter to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Honourable, Greg Morrow and the Honourable Tim Houston, Premier in support of the municipality's request for provincial support of improved local cellular phone services and that council sincerely hopes and requests the help of the province to improve local phone cellular service. The letter is to be signed by all members of Council.

Recommendation adopted.

On motion of Councillor Zinck, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council direct staff to work on investigation and planning of the following initiatives in order to find solutions that can effectively update our construction and demolition waste disposal services. Further that staff provide regular and frequent updates to council on progress.

- 1.) *Staff to work actively in follow up on the municipality's written request for provincial assistance with the office of the minister and with appropriate provincial staff.*
- 2.) *Staff to study other options for C&D disposal including engaging other services and other storage locations for the C&D disposal and storage service.*
- 3.) *Staff to study C&D dumping fees review fee options with total fees in line with other local municipalities.*

- 4.) *Delay tender to building new transfer station for the time being until we know that specifications meet future needs.*
- 5.) *To suspend acceptance of C&D material until a new service plan is available (effective January 9, 2024.) with notice on municipal web and Facebook and to notify existing construction and demolition (C&D) permit holders.*
- 6.) *To maintain all residential trash services including curbside pick up, bi-weekly bulky item collection, and residential trash drop off at the transfer station.*

Recommendation adopted.

On motion of Councillor Mailman, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approves and fully supports the Municipality's written letter to the Honourable Timothy Halman, Minister for the Department of Environment and Climate Change in support of the municipality's request for provincial support to help us adapt to the newly established Solid Waste Management Facility Guidelines and that council sincerely hopes and requests the assistance of the province in order for the municipality to maintain a quality, development friendly construction and disposal waste service. The letter is to be signed by all members of Council.

Recommendation adopted.

8. Outside Committee Reports

- There were no outside committee reports.

9. Other Matters of Business:

- There were no Other Matters of Business.

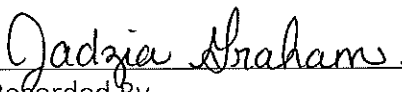
10. CAO Report:

- See the attached report.
- Doug Patterson, Chief Administration Officer, CAO provided highlights on what is included in the report.
- Doug Patterson, CAO informed Council of Brennan MacKay, Public Works Operator of completing his level 1 water treatment ticket.
- CAO advised Council of the Recplex not being used on Fridays and that staff may look into advertising ice time in the newsletter and social media pages.
- Marian Fraser, Director of Finance, informed Council that the 2024 tax notice of assessment letters are going to be sent out on January, 8th 2024, Residents have 30 days to appeal.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, there being no further matters of business, the council adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Motion approved.


Recorded By
Jadzia Graham, Interim Municipal Clerk


Approved By
Warden Wier