



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

AGM- Council Meeting
Monday, April 15th, 2024

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

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

Warden Wier called the Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council to order on Monday, April 15th, 2024, at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers.

2. Attending:

Warden Greg Wier

Councillor Courtney Mailman

Deputy Warden James Fuller

Councillor Beulah Malloy

Councillor Everett Baker

Councillor Charlene Zinck

Councillor James Harpell

Also Attending:

Doug Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Marian Fraser, Director of Finance (DOF)

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

Motion approved.

5. Presentation of the 2024-25 Budget – Marian Fraser, Director of Finance / Treasurer

- The Director of Finance outlined the 2024-25 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget. The presentation is attached.

6. 2024 2025 Budget Resolutions and Motions

a. Tax Rate Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's that pursuant to Section 72 and 73 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal Council of the estimates the sums of **\$2,654,819** is required for the lawful purposes of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2025, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than taxes for said year which may not be collectable and collected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a rate of **\$2.27** on each one-hundred dollar of the assessed value of the property assessed in the Assessment Roll, which shall be the Commercial Property Tax Rate, and which rate the said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditure of the said Municipality for the said year and any deficit from the preceding year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a Property Tax Rate of **\$0.96** on each one-hundred dollar of assessed value of residential property assessed in the Residential Rate Roll, said rate having been calculated after applying the commercial rate to the residential property assessed to obtain the amount to be raised from Residential Property Taxation.

The *Commercial and Residential Property Tax Rate* as determined by Council and that Council deems sufficient to raise the amounts necessary for the lawful purposes of the said Municipality for the twelve-month year ending March 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council hereby requires payment of said rates to be made to the Treasurer of the said Municipality on or before the 31st day of July 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Council imposes an additional percentage of fourteen percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after the 31st day of July 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby fixes the 31st day of July 2024 as the day after which the Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes.

On motion of Councillor Mailman, and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the Tax Rate Resolution for Adopting Estimates and Striking the Tax Rate for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025.

Motion approved.

b. Remuneration of Warden and Councillors

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, that the Remuneration entitled to **Warden & Councillors** for April 1st, 2024 to October 19th, 2024 be as follows:

1. The Warden of the Municipality shall receive an amount of **\$8,933** per annum as remuneration of their services as Warden and the Deputy Warden shall receive an amount of **\$6,382** per annum for their services as Deputy Warden.
2. Every member of the Municipal Council shall receive an amount of **\$14,046** per annum as remuneration for their service as Councillor, such remuneration shall also be paid to the Warden and Deputy Warden as a Councillor pursuant to section 1 of this resolution.
3. The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors shall in addition to such remuneration be paid a daily meal fee of **\$70.00** (*\$15.00 breakfast, \$20.00 dinner, \$35.00 supper*) and to utilize the **Federal Floating Mileage Rate** for travel to and from meetings, conferences, workshops, etc.
4. Municipal representatives appointed by Council to outside agencies, organizations, commissions shall be paid in accordance of section 3 the Remuneration For Warden & Councillors.
5. The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors are paid **12** times per year.

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the Warden and Council Remuneration Resolution for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2024 to October 19th, 2024.

Motion approved.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, that the Remuneration entitled to **Warden & Councillors** for the October 20th, 2024 to March 31st, 2024 be as follows:

6. The Warden of the Municipality shall receive an amount of **\$11,432** per annum as remuneration of their services as Warden and the Deputy Warden shall receive an amount of **\$3,261** per annum for their services as Deputy Warden.
7. Every member of the Municipal Council shall receive an amount of **\$17,167** per annum as remuneration for their service as Councillor, such remuneration shall also be paid to the Warden and Deputy Warden as a Councillor pursuant to section 1 of this resolution.
8. The Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors shall in addition to such remuneration be paid a daily meal fee of **\$70.00** (\$15.00 breakfast, \$20.00 dinner, \$35.00 supper) and to utilize the **Federal Floating Mileage Rate** for travel to and from meetings, conferences, workshops, etc.
9. Municipal representatives appointed by Council to outside agencies, organizations, commissions shall be paid in accordance of section 3 the Remuneration For Warden & Councillors.
10. The Warden, Deputy Warden, and Councillors are paid **12** times per year.

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Councillor Malloy, Council approved the Warden and Council Remuneration Resolution for the fiscal year of October 20th, 2024 to March 31st, 2025.

Motion approved.

c. 2024-25 Operating Budget

On motion of Councillor Zinck, and seconded by Councillor Mailman, Council approved the Municipal Operating Budget which includes individual department budgets and the schedule of rates including the increases to area rates as presented for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025.

Motion approved.

d. 2024-25 Sherbrooke Water Utility Budget

On motion of Councillor Baker, and seconded by Councillor Malloyl, Council approved the Sherbrooke Water Utility Operating budget as presented for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025.

Motion approved.

e. 2024-25 Capital Budgets

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, Council approved the Capital budget as presented for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025.

Motion approved.

f. General Government Grants

- See the attached outline of the General Government Grants.

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approved the General Government Grants for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025.

Motion approved.

7. 2024-2025 Internal/External Committee of Council

On motion of Councillor Harpell, and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council appoint Councillors to the Internal and External committees of Council as presented.

Motion approved.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Councillor Baker to add the Community First Guysborough County Housing Authority to the internal and external Committees of Council.

Motion approved.

On motion of Deputy Warden Fuller, and seconded by Conouncillor Baker to appoint Warden Wier to sit as as the primary Council member with Councillor Malloy as an alternate to the Community First Guysborough Housing Authority Committee.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Zinck to accept the following representatives to sit on the corresponding committees of Council, Dana O'Connell to the St Mary's Audit Committee, Deborah Findlay to the St Mary's Audit Committee, Deborah Baker to the St Mary's Accessibility Committee, Chistina Boyer to the St Mary's accessibility Committee, Leigh MacFarlane to the Source Water protection Committee, and David Nadler to the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee.

Motion approved.

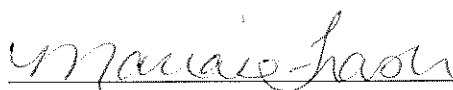
8. 2024-2025 Budget Open House:

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Baker to hold a Budget Open House on May, 13th, 2024 fro 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

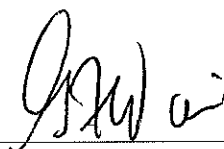
Adjournment:

On motion of Councillor Malloy, and seconded by Councillor Harpell, there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Motion approved.



Recorded By
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance



Approved By
Warden Wier