

**COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2023 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Jim Bedford called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with Deputy Mayor Cairns, Councillor George Cyr, Shawn Brown, Jeanette Spearing, Gregory Moran, and Brad Brown present. Also present was CAO Brian Baker.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Shawn Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the December 21, 2023 agenda.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: None

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- 1. Awarding of Solid Waste Removal Tender:** There were two tenders received for the Solid Waste Removal for Fundy-St. Martins. Fero Waste & Recycling submitted a bid for \$ 1,495,215.59 + HST = 1,719,497.93 for a contract that runs from Feb 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026. River Valley Lawn Services submitted a bid of \$1,620,000 + HST = \$1,863,000.00.

A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Cyr and passed unanimously to accept the tender submitted by Fero Waste & Recycling in the amount of \$ 1,719,497.93.

Motion Carried

- 2. Approval of 2024 Budget:**

A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cairns and passed unanimously to hereby put forth a motion that the sum of \$3,049,981.00 be the total budget of the Municipality of Fundy-St. Martins, that the sum of \$2,897,919 be the warrant of the Municipality for 2024, and that the tax rate for the Village of St. Martins will be 1.27, the tax rate for the LSD of St. Martins will be .6518, the tax rate for the LSD of Simonds will be .6518 and the tax rate for the LSD of Fairfield will be .6518.

The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the assessment Act with the Municipality of Fundy-St. Martins.

Motion Carried

3. Transfer of Funds from General Operating Account to CCBF fund:

A motion was made by Councillor Shawn Brown, seconded by Councillor Spearing and passed unanimously to transfer \$10,374.00 from the General Operating Account to the St. martins Gas Tax Account. This is the second top up funds that we received from the CCBF in 2023.

Motion Carried

4. Transfer of Funds from General Operating Account to Reserve Account:

A motion was made by Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Cyr to transfer \$80,000 from the General Operating Account to the St. Martins Reserve Operating Account.

Motion Carried

5. Winners of Decorating Contest:

The winners of Place Santa & Christmas Fun Theme:

1st Place: Brad Taylor, 2176 Rte 111, Bains Corner

2nd Place: Michelle Morrell, 69 Yeomans Rd, Orange Hill

The winners of Just Christmas Beautiful

1st Place: Dianne Innis, 1892 Rte 111, Bains Corner

2nd Place: Lori LeFrancois, 224 West Quaco Road

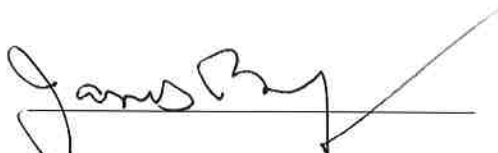
6. Approval of invoices that are to be included in 2023 budget:


A Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cairns, seconded by Councillor Cyr and passed unanimously to approve the invoices for payment.

Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.


James Bedford, Mayor


Jean McCumber, Clerk