

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2024 MINUTES
ST. MARTINS COMMUNITY HALL**

Mayor Jim Bedford called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm with Deputy Mayor Cairns, Councillor George Cyr, Shawn Brown, Brad Brown, and Gregory Moran present. Also present was Development Officer Andrew Fry.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councillor Brad Brown, seconded by Councillor Moran, and passed unanimously to approve the December 17, 2024 agenda.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: None

Water/Wastewater Project: An update was given on the Water/Wastewater project. The second well has been drilled. It went to a depth of 500' and well drillers were very optimistic with the productivity. The next step is the 72 hour flow test which is scheduled to occur this week.

Presentation from SJ ATV club to discuss Highway Use Permits:

A presentation was given by the Saint John ATV Club. They explained to Council the process up to present. The ATV club is asking for a resolution from Council to support the Clubs application to the province. This would allow the Club road access points within our community. This will be included in the January 7, 2025 council meeting.

Presentation from Dark Sky Committee:


A presentation was given by Elaine Shannon on the progress of the Dark Sky initiative. It was discussed that other communities that had adopted the Dark Sky initiative had seen a rise in tourism, including overnight stays. Presently there are four Dark Sky certified sites with Mount Carleton being the only park. Takes are underway with the Fundy Trail Parkway regarding the Dark Sky initiative. The committee would like to the council to provide a letter supporting this initiative that can be presented to ACOA and Tourism so that the committee can apply for funding. The committee was asked to draft a resolution for the ask.

Update from Program and Event Coordinator:


An update was given to council from Marianne Langille. She gave the council an update on the meetings and conferences that she has attended since the beginning of her employment. These included meeting with organizers of Fundy Winterfest 2025, John Chatterton of the 4 Season Complex, meeting with ACTivate committee, Aquila Tours, Tourism Summit and Fundy Connects Summit. She he been working on the purchase of a 2005 Zamboni for the 4 Season Complex. She is working with Amy Allen to add an events tab on the website and to make the website/Facebook more desirable to the public. Future projects will be meetings with other wards to see about their needs and wants. She will also be researching the charges that other communities have for rental fees for their facilities (ball field, soccer field, rink rentals and amphitheatre rental)

Motion to Adjourn

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.



James Bedford, Mayor



Jean McCumber, Clerk

