



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, April 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Town Hall ~ Council Chambers
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:00pm.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the April 11, 2016 Agenda as circulated prior to this meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions noted.

C. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Part VI, Section 23 of the Municipalities Act, which maintains that no member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

Councillor Dunphy declared conflict on Item L Re: the Legion Monument as her and her husband Charles are supplying the monument for that project. She will refrain from comment or vote.

D. Approval of Minutes – March 14 & 30, 2016.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the minutes of March 14th and 30th as prepared by CAO. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (March)

Presented by Les Dill. 22 calls in the month of March. New automated phone system at the office.

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to accept the monthly RCMP report as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Acadian Cultural Collaboration Benefits, presented by Societe Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin

1.2 million visitors to PEI, 50,000 from the Madeliene Isle. They are working on a network of communities to encourage more to stay.

National Event to take place August 10-24, 2019 PEI & South-east NB.

Looking at a possible joint event with Madeliene Isle

Financial Information:**G. General Account Budget Update**

For information only.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update

For information only.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$11,024.01) for Approval as at April 8, 2016

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the payables as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$7,548.68) for Approval as at April 8, 2016

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the payables as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of March 2016

For review only.

Planning/Development:**L. Request from Souris Legion to put a large war memorial monument on recently donated land on the corner of Main Street and High Street. Pictures of the monument and location are attached. Although this is not a building it is a large enough structure to warrant acquiring a permit and approval by Council.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the application for the installation of this memorial monument. Parking will be available at Main Street Mall. All in favour. Motion carried. (C. Dunphy abstained from this vote due to conflict)

M. Application to operate a Business from Stephanie Mitsuk (O'Brien) at 151 Main Street. The proposed business of esthetics is a permitted business in a residential zone. No exterior alterations or additions to be made.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve this permit to operate a business within the Town. An esthetics business is an allowable business within a residential home. An added parking space will be made to provide adequate parking. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Application to operate a Business from Kate Henriques at 116 Main Street. The proposed business of a flower & gift shop. 116 Main Street is a commercial property.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve this permit to operate a business within the Town. 116 Main Street is in a commercial zone. Council suggested a parking plan be submitted prior to any apartments being developed. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Proposal received from B. Clinton Construction for the construction of a fence and shelter. Money has already been received from Provincial Infrastructure Fund. Work must be complete by May 31st. Motion to proceed with work is required.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy to award the project to B. Clinton Construction for the fence and shelter as proposed. Work to be completed by May 31st. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

P. Request from Souris Show Hall Foundation for support of their application for a liquor license. See email request attached.

Kathy Rooney & Keir Kenny represented the Souris Show Hall Foundation. They are requesting the Town's support for a liquor license and also for an Island Innovation Fund application they are submitting for funds to do work on the building. They see the Souris Show Hall and the old Leard store as a future cultural facility with an art gallery, rental space and film school. Part of the application process is a letter of support from the municipality.

MOTION by C. MacDonald to provide the requested letter of support for the funding application. No seconder. Mayor asked 3 times for a seconder; none provided. The motion died on the floor.

Councillor Thibodeau suggested that they get at least one successful year of operation under their belt and then Council will reconsider their request for support.

Bruce Matheson is the new chairperson of the Souris Show Hall Foundation.

Q. Request from EK Giant Yard Sale for a financial donation.

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to donate \$300 to the EK Giant Yard Sale. All in favour. Motion carried.

R. Request from PEI Rural Beautification Society for sponsorship.

MOTION by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Dunphy to donate \$260 to the PEI Rural Beautification Society for sponsorship. All in favour. Motion carried.

S. Council Reports:

Mayor David MacDonald

- Meeting with CBC Compass re seawall
- Also with Maritime Noon
- Police meeting in Montague
- 2 special council meetings to pass budget
- Various phone calls and meetings with Admin staff

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Met with Michelle Burge to review 2015 audited report.
- 3 meetings with administrator and councillor on budget make up.
- In house meeting with Council on 2016 budget.
- Special Council meeting to present budget .
- Attended infrastructure announcement in Charlottetown.

Wanda Bailey

- Wednesday, March 23rd, In –Camera Meeting to preview 2016 Budget at 7 pm at the Town Hall.
- On-going volunteering for the month of April for the Canadian Cancer Society as Captain for the door to door canvass, contacting volunteers, canvassing, emailing, etc.
- Wednesday, March 30th, 7pm, TOS public meeting to present 2015 TOS Financial Statement and 2016 Budget details to the public.
- Volunteering for the Souris Striders Ski Club, posting up-to-date reports of conditions of the ski trail, etc.
- Will check on the next meeting of the EK Sportsplex, haven't heard of any since the AGM

JoAnne Dunphy

- Meetings with town Administrator
- Meetings with Events Co ordinator
- Reviewed the budgets with Administrator
- Reviewed job description for new gardening position with Administrator
- Reviewed By law Officer weekly reports .

Jim Cheverie

- Attended special budget meetings.
- Meetings with Greg on new Holder.
- Meetings with Harvey Chandler and David MacAulay on generator storage building.
- Budget meetings with Shelly and Dennis.

Kenny Peters

- Keep in regular contact with Fire Chief and dept.
- Attended Special meetings of Council March 23rd & 30th
- Generator for EMO has been ordered.

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended a police review meeting in Montague
- Attended Citizens on Patrol meeting on March 30. Next meeting planned for April 28th, 3rd Floor Town Hall.
- Attended PEI Cancer Society Outreach initiative event at Access PEI in Souris.
- Attended 2 special meeting of Town Council for 2016 Budget review and approval.

T. Adjournment.

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