



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND  
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 @ 7:00pm**

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

***Meeting was postponed until February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm due to a snow storm on the 13<sup>th</sup>.***

**A. Call the regular monthly meeting of Council to Order 7:00PM**

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum. All Council were present.

**B. Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by C. Peters and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the Agenda as circulated to Council prior to meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2.2 Additions to Agenda**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to add a Request from our local Fish and Wildlife provincial organization to deal with a Coyote complaint. All in favour. Motion carried.

**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.

No conflict declared.

**D. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2017.**

**MOTION** by C. Bailey and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017 Council meeting as prepared by our CAO without any errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

**E. Monthly RCMP Report (January 2017)**

Report was available but no representation at meeting.

**MOTION** by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to accept the report made available by the RCMP for the previous months call summary. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

**F. General Account Budget Update – as of December 31, 2016**

Audited statements will be available in March.

**G. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – as of December 31, 2016**

**H. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$55,102.31) for Approval as at Feb 10, 2017**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the general account payables as listed minus the holdback to Chapman Bros. Const. All in favour. Motion carried.

**I. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$13,507.76) for Approval as at Feb 10, 2017.**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve the sewer and water utility account payables as listed minus the holdback to Chapman Bros. Const. All in favour. Motion carried.

**J. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of February 2017 –**  
For review only.**Planning/Development:****Business arising from previous meetings:****K. Approval of amended scope of work for Knights/Green Water/Sewer Project.**

Chief Administrator advised Council that the revised scope of work has been approved for the project. We will not have to retender the project. It is scheduled to proceed this spring.

**MOTION** by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. MacDonald that we proceed with this project as per revised scope of work. Birt & MacKay to be awarded the contract. All in favour. Motion carried.

**New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:****L. Thank you note from 55+ Games**

Thank you note was read and recognized by Council.

**ADDITION** ~ Request from Provincial Fish and Wildlife to take necessary measures to remove a coyote or coyotes that are causing problems to residents within the Town of Souris. They will investigate further but it seems that at least one domestic pet has been taken by a coyote and there have been sightings within the Town. Provincial Fish and Wildlife would like permission from Town Council to take the necessary measures to remove this coyote or coyotes from the Town. This may mean engaging a certified trapper to catch the animal.

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to grant the necessary permission to Provincial Fish and Wildlife to proceed with whatever measures they deem to be the most appropriate to remove such animal from our Town.

**M. Council Reports:****Mayor David MacDonald**

- Gateway park meeting
- Met with Minister Roach and Deputy Re Pre-Budget plans
- Attended Newcomers workshop at Access PEI
- Several phone calls re hospital access
- Meeting with Premier's Chief of staff Feb 14<sup>th</sup> re Gateway park upgrades and other concerns including the lack of government presence in our community. (ie – no government dept or agency)

**Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau**

- Meetings with Admin staff to prepare for year end and 2017 Budget
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> met with Gateway Park Planning Committee and Consultant for progress report

**Wanda Bailey**

- Jan 17 attended Newcomers Workshop at Access
- Wed. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, EK Sports council meeting 6:30 -730pm followed by an in-camera meeting at 7:30:830pm with Dennis, Margo, Frank and Anne MacPhee, EK. Rep. copy emailed to Shelley.
- Continued emails re: sports council in-camera meeting input, copy emailed to Shelley
- Wed., January 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon meeting at the Town Hall with AOR Web Solutions re new webpage for the town.
- Volunteering for the Souris Striders Ski Club, selling elimination draw tickets , draw is Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at the ski lodge, updating Facebook page with trail conditions, submit ads to mousetales, etc.

**JoAnne Dunphy**

- Meeting with Events coordinator to go over Events budget
- January 17 attended Newcomers Workshop
- January 25 Council Meeting for presentation about Proposed website
- January 25 Attended Seaglass committee meeting
- February 3 Gateway Park update meeting
- February 6 Meeting for Web design
- Regular meetings with Administrator
- Weekly updates from By Law officer
- Meeting with Gardening consultant for possible pricing for 2017 Gardening season

**Jim Cheverie**

- Two meetings regarding Souris Beach Phase 2
- Jan 17 attended Newcomers Workshop
- Meeting with Thelma & Shelly concerning Main Street Parking
- Meeting with Thelma & Shelly concerning Matthew & MacLean rental proposal with Eastern Media.

**Kenny Peters**

- Storage Building at Firehall is complete
- Jan 17 attended Newcomers Workshop

**Thelma MacDonald**

- Met with Councillor Cheverie & CAO on a couple of occasions to discuss Parking on Main Street, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Office Space at MM Bldg.
- Jan 17 attended Newcomers Workshop
- Attended meeting with AOR Web Solutions re new web design for Town
- Helped to organize 55+ games. They were very successful with 300+ participants.
- Regular meeting with Admin Staff
- Working with Admin and staff to organize 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iceland II Disaster Ceremony of Remembrance.

**N. Adjournment at 7:40pm by C. Cheverie**

**\*\*\*Annual Rural Fire District Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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