



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, February 8, 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.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve the Agenda as distributed to Council prior to meeting date. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions.

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 11 & 25, 2016. (corrected to 2016 original addend had 2015)

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the minutes of meetings held January 11, 2016 and January 25, 2016. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (January)

Cpl Holland presented January 2016 RCMP report to Council. 25 calls reported. 5 complaints of impaired drivers, 1 charged. Linda Robertson is expected to be back in the office next week.

Mayor MacDonald asked about priority of 911 calls, if more than 1 call in area what determines priority. Cpl Holland responded to say officers use their best judgement, but every call would be responded to as quickly as possible.

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

Financial Information:**F. General Account Income Statement as of December 31, 2015**

C. Thibodeau reported that things seem to be looking good. Our 2016 Budgets will need to be completed in March. He encourages all council to work on their budgets. Our 2015 Audited Financial Statements should be ready by mid-March with a presentation to the public by the end of March.

G. Water & Sewer Account Income Statement as of December 31, 2015

Same as Gen Account...

H. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$164,510.81) for Approval as at Feb 5, 2016

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters that we pay all listed payables for the General Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

I. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$90,467.93) for Approval as at Feb 5, 2016

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie that we pay the amounts listed for the Water and Sewer Utility as well as two added invoices: \$792.35 Campbell's Concrete and \$1,558.33 Foster Campbell Electric. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of January 2016 –

For review only.

Planning/Development:**K. Request from Rhonda and Erin Gallant to operate an esthetics business at 11 Hebrew Ave. This property falls within a commercial zone. Also, this type of business is an allowable type of business in a home.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the application to operate an esthetics business in the home at 11 Hebrew Ave. It was felt appropriate parking is available in the area for this type of business. This type of business is an allowable business within a home.

All in favour. Motion carried.

L. Request from EK Early Learning Academy to rezone the property at 192 Main Street from Single Family Residential to Public Service Institutional in order to operate their daycare centre. A Public meeting was scheduled for 6:00pm February 8, 2016 in order to give interested persons an opportunity for input. If approval is to be granted a first reading may be done at this meeting. A 2nd reading will be required at a separate meeting of Council.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald that first reading be granted for the application to rezone the property at 192 Main Street from R1 to PSI. Resolution for Bylaw as read by C. Peters. Council is suggesting a development agreement be considered that would have the property revert back to R1 if/when the daycare centre ceased to exist. Admin will look into the logistics of this. Other conditions include the development of a buffer (a row of trees were suggested) between them and the residential property to the east.

All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

M. Request from Eastern Kings Fitness Inc. for Funding for the Fitness Centre

Walking track is open to the public from 8:30am – 12:30pm Monday to Friday which is a great service to the community.

Consideration to be given during budget process.

N. Request for Funding from Eastern Kings Early Learning Academy.

Consideration to be given during budget process.

O. Request for Funding from Souris Striders Ski Club.

Consideration to be given during budget process.

Addition: Proposal from Province for Seawall at Souris Beach to protect highway from storm surges.

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Thibodeau to support the proposal put forth by the Province of PEI for a seawall structure to be built to protect the highway. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Council Reports:

Mayor David MacDonald

- Attended New year's family day event at Eastern Kings Sportsplex
- Met with the director of early childhood education
- Met with Minister of Agriculture and Foods

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Prepared and served hot dogs at New Year's Day Community Celebration.

Wanda Bailey

- Dec.'15 to date, volunteering with the Souris Striders Ski Club, secretary, advertisement, etc.
- January 1st, 2016, attended the Town of Souris's sponsored new year's event at the Eastern Kings Sportsplex.
- Contact with Colleen MacGregor, Eastern Kings Sports Council, regarding how the programs were going, and the possibility of a volunteer interested in helping out with skating , ringette, activities.

JoAnne Dunphy

- Meeting with Administrator and Councillor Peters on By Law contract
- Meetings with Administrator and Events Coordinator
- Attended New Year's Day event hosted by the Mayor of Souris and Town Council. Well attended and enjoyed by families and children skating, bowling and free hot chocolate and hotdogs.
- Wonderful article in Eastern Graphic written by Charlotte MacAulay about Souris Communities in Bloom committee and the Town being recognized in the National Communities in Bloom magazine for a photo of the Chepstow/Little Harbour 4H Group who were a wonderful part of our CIB program in 2015.
- We would like to extend our gratitude to the leaders and the members for the dedication and hard work with the CIB program in Souris.

Jim Cheverie

- Still working on acquiring prices for generator, louvers, building, etc. for Town Hall Generator.
- Met with Stantec, Sterling, & Craig Chapman regarding drainage problems with newly installed system on Anniversary Drive.
- Participated in job interviews with Thelma and Shelly for Town Maintenance Assistant position. We received over 30 resumes and did 5 interviews. The position was offered to Danny Grant based on his experience. He has accepted the position.

Kenny Peters

- Attended monthly Firemen's meeting
- ARGO machine and trailer has been purchased, both from ToyMaster Marine.
- EMO Course is being offered
- Attended New Year's Day event at Sportsplex
- Met with C. Dunphy, Admin and NPSS re Bylaw Enforcement proposal
- Spoke with Donna Johnson re Bylaw Enforcement

Thelma MacDonald

- Planning another meeting soon for Citizen's on Patrol
- Regular meetings with Admin staff
- Helping to organize 55+ Games ~ to be held January 20 – 23rd

Q. Adjournment.

MOTION to adjourn by C. Cheverie.

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