



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 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.
All Council present.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the Agenda as circulated. 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 – December 14, 2015.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015 meeting as circulated with no errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (December)

Cpl. Holland presented summary of calls. 40% less calls compared to December 2014. Down all across Kings District. Seat Belt enforcement will be strong January – February. Online threats and cyber bullying is a concern. Will look into trucks on non-designated streets.

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to accept the RCMP report presented by Cpl. Holland. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Presentation/Report by Eastern Kings Sports Council ~ Colleen MacGregor

Sports Council Coordinator Colleen MacGregor presented her report to Council. Lots happening in the area. Sports Council is thankful for the Town's support.

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

For information purposes only. C. Thibodeau handed out 2016 Budget Working Sheets for Council to work on their respective budgets.

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

For information purposes only.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$26,107.45) for Approval as at Jan 8, 2016

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

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$21,712.71) for Approval as at Jan 8, 2016

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

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of December 2015 –

For information purposes only.

Planning/Development:

No new development items.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:**L. Proposal from Tiffany Gregory with Investors Financial Group to rent space in MMBldg.**

The amount proposed is too low for us to accept. It would not cover our expenses. C. Cheverie will discuss further with CAO.

M. Request from Rhonda & Kelsey MacPhee for a monetary donation to their upcoming Rwanda project. Additional details in letter of request.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to donate \$500 towards this upcoming project. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Invitation to Attend 55+ Games Luncheon January 23, 2016

For information purposes only.

O. Resolution Re Derelict Vessels. C. Thibodeau will explain.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to pass this resolution. Mayor will bring forth to the FPEIM. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Letter of Thanks from the Eastern Kings Seagulls Arts & Crafts group.

For information purposes only.

Additions:**Requirement to have Asset Inventory completed.**

MOTION by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Peters to hire Stantec to complete this required Asset Inventory. To include option of having the entire system GPS marked in order to provide our maintenance department with a complete digital format of our water and sewer system. All in favour. Motion carried.

BY-Law Enforcement Contract Proposals

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Peters to award the contract to NPSS for a 1 year period, with a 6 month probationary period. Two proposals were received. One from NPSS and one from PEI Bylaw Enforcement. NPSS rate was \$25.75 per hour, PEI Bylaw Enforcement \$29.00 per hour. October – May 1 day per week. June – September 2 days per week. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. 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

R. Adjournment.

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