



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, May 8, 2017 @ 7:00pm

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

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

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum. C. Thibodeau absent.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

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

2.2 Additions to Agenda

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 – April 10, 2017 & April 28, 2017.

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of April 10 and April 28 Council meetings. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (April 2017)

Staff Sgt. Howard Fitzpatrick presented April report. 41 calls during month. They have seen an increase in drug use, in particular pills. Their drug investigation people are working on it. Mayor MacDonald asked about number of false alarms on report. Sgt. Fitzpatrick said most are from automated alarms installed in businesses and homes.

Sgt. of operations, Chris Gunn started today. Sgt. Gunn is very traffic oriented so we may see additional check stops, etc.

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

Business arising from previous meetings:**F. Request for Financial assistance from Eastern Kings Sportsplex for purchase of new Zomboni**

President of the Board has been invited to discuss.

President Cherie Chapman & Board member Cathy McInnis were present to ask for financial assistance for the purchase of a new Zamboni. They are planning some fundraising events and looking for sponsorship from local businesses. The current machine is 22 years old. Their electrical rates are very high so they are also looking at replacing lights with more efficient lights. Replacement would cost approximate \$20,000. They really don't want to have to finance a new Zamboni as it would be difficult to have another bank payment.

Council will take some time to consider how they can help.

Financial Information:**G. General Account Budget Update – as of April 30, 2017**

For information purposes.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – as of April 30, 2017

For information purposes.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$36,659.28) for Approval as at May 5, 2017

MOTION by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Peters to pay \$36,659.28 + \$5,744.25. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$30,801.82) for Approval as at May 5, 2017.

MOTION by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Peters to pay the Sewer & Water payables as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of April 2017 – For review only.Planning/Development:**L. Robin Croucher has applied for development permit for a 32'x44' building on his commercial property #648907-000. A preliminary drawing is attached for your reference. Proposed use of the building is a Car Cleaning Detailing & Rust Check Business.** This property will need to be serviced with water and sewer which means we (the Town) are responsible for bringing the service to his property. We will do this by drilling under Main Street so as not to disturb the asphalt. Robin will be installing an oil and grit interceptor in his floor drain to prevent oil and grit entering our sanitary sewer.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the development application from Robin Croucher to build a 32'x44' building on PID 648907-000 for purposes of operating a Car Cleaning Detailing & Rust Check Business. Condition to install an oil and grit interceptor in his floor drain to prevent oil and grit entering our sanitary sewer system will be included in development permit. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. Development Application from Souris Beach Gateway Park for various items proposed for this spring. Two 12'x14' retail shops, additional parking near west end of park and additional entrance off Route 2, additional boardwalk and railing along new provincial seawall, upgrades to public washrooms, addition of a splash pad and repairs to playground. Detailed drawings are attached. Required permit from Environment is in place. More work will happen in the fall of 2017 and/or spring 2018 pending funding.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the development application for the Souris Beach Gateway Park for various updates as specified on application. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

N. Request from La Belle Cloche for a donation towards their graduating students bursary fund.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy to donate \$200 towards La Belle Cloche grad bursary fund. Suggesting it go to Sidney Jesso as she did her co-op studies with Town Hall. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Seniors Homeowners Grant for 2017 – Motion required

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Dunphy to provide the \$100 seniors homeowner grant for 2017 for qualifying seniors. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Request to Contribute to Welcome Baskets by Eastern Media

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to donate the cost of 12 lobster traps for Welcome baskets for newcomers to our area. All in favour. Motion carried.

Added:

Request from Football PEI for sponsorship.

MOTION by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Peters to donate \$250 towards the new Football PEI team. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Council Reports:

Mayor David MacDonald

- attended annual meeting of Federation of Municipalities
- attended annual meeting of Charlottetown airport authority
- various phone calls to government officials
- met with council at special meeting
- meeting with processing group re: Harbour Authority
- met with potential Doctor visiting area (*notice was very short, as was time available to meet*)
- attended birthday party for town of Montague

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Attended FPEIM AGM in Charlottetown
- Attended MGA Orientation in Pooles Corner

Wanda Bailey

- Friday, April 28th, TOS Special meeting at noon re a number of developments permits and tender award.
- Sunday, April 30th, attended St. Marys Parish supper - a fundraiser for the parish.
- Volunteering for St. Mary's Cemetery committee , gathering ideas before our next meeting.
- Sunday, May 7th, 1pm St. Marys Cemetery clean up the cemetery afternoon. (postponed)

- various contacts via email with Margo and Dennis M. regarding the sports council directors information and forwarded it on to Shelley, our next sports council meeting and AGM to be held at the same time this month. At this time, they will have Colleen's contract and job description prepared.

JoAnne Dunphy

- Attended MGA Orientation in Pooles Corner
- Met with Gardening contractor for summer maintenance and planting plans
- Regular meetings with Admin and Events Coordinator
- New Website will be launched in June.

Jim Cheverie

- Several meetings with Steve re Beach project.
- Wondered if there is anything we could be doing to Welcome the Amish??

Kenny Peters

- Met with CAO to discuss various development applications
- Participant has been hired to review and update our EMO plan
- Fire Department picked up their new boat.

Thelma MacDonald

- Regular meetings with Admin Staff
- 20 min parking signs have been installed on Main Street. Painting and No Parking signs will be posted very soon.

R. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Cheverie to Adjourn at 8:05pm.

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