



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, February 12, 2018 @ 7:00pm

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

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

Mayor called the meeting to order with a quorum.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the agenda as circulated. No additions. 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 – January 8, 2018.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018 as prepared by CAO. No errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (January 2018)

RCMP represented by Cst. Allen. Reviewed monthly report. **MOTION** by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie that report be accepted as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Telemedicine Presentation by Ray Brow

Mr. Brow presented opportunity for Souris to lobby for a Teleclinic at Colville Manor. He feels it would: make lives better when no physician in the building; residents could be treated in bldg.; no need to be transported to hospital; avoid viruses and infections spread at hospitals; save health care dollars; training could be completed in week so it could be up and running quickly; he feels since Souris is an extremity community it would be good as a pilot project; costs approx.. \$30,000. C. MacDonald asked if Montague is moving on this. Mr Brow stated talk are slow-moving, he feels Souris could be up and running before Montague. Mayor asked if he had spoken to anyone at the Manor yet. Mr. Brow replied that he has not however Edna Millar has been to meetings. C. Cheverie asked how much room would be needed. Mr. Brow felt a space similar to size of Council chambers or smaller would be sufficient.

If interested Town Council could write to Minister of Health to propose Souris Manor for a pilot project. He is meeting with Health Minister this week. Mayor thanked Mr. Brow for his presentation.

Business arising from previous meetings:

Financial Information:

- G. General Account Budget Update** – *as of December 31, 2017 (2018 Budget update not available until new budget is approved)*
C. Thibodeau explained that auditors are currently working on 2017 financial statements. No update available until that process is complete and we have a new budget in place for 2018.
- H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update** – *as of December 31, 2017 (2018 Budget update not available until new budget is approved)*
Same as mentioned for General Account.
- I. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$2,678.79) for Approval as at February 9, 2018**
MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters that the invoices listed for approval be paid. All in favour. Motion carried.
- J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$9.78) for Approval as at February 9, 2018.**
MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie that the invoices listed for approval be paid. All in favour. Motion carried.
- K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of December 2017 –**
For review only.

Planning/Development:

- L. For information only** – Francis & Anna McIntosh have submitted a development application for a new home on LaVie Ave. Application meets all requirements for Single Family zone. Development will begin in early spring.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

- M. Request from PEI Celts Gaelic Athletic Association.** Shane O’Neill will be at the meeting to answer questions and to elaborate at bit.
Shane O’Neill and Brandon O’Keefe were present to request sponsorship for the PEI Celts Gaelic Athletic Association. 40 games will be played in Eastern Canada. They will be televised. Sponsors will be given appropriate recognition. C. Thibodeau stated they would consider this request once the 2018 Budget was in place.
- N. Amendment Recommendation to our “Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises By-law #2004-07”.** Currently our Bylaw allows a maximum of \$1,500 fine. Our lawyer has recommended that we include a per-diem fine that would allow us to fine an extra amount for each day thereafter that the offence continues. As we all know \$1,500 would not even pay any legal expenses that we may incur for such a charge. CAO requires direction from Council to proceed with requesting that our lawyer draw up such amendment. We would then have to process the amendment according to the PEI Municipal Act. eg. Public notification, public readings, etc.

MOTION by C. Dunphy and seconded by C. Cheverie that Council advise CAO to proceed with legal help from John Hennessey to amend our Dangerous, Hazardous and Unightly Premises By-law accordingly. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Request from Friends of the Souris Beach ~ Friends of the Souris Beach would like the Town Council to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting that they make necessary changes to the Crosswalk light at Souris Beach. The existing light is too small to be seen by traffic. Many vehicles do not stop. Also, would the Province consider installing a digital speed sign; these really seem to slow traffic down.

C. Thibodeau suggests that we along with the RCMP send a letter to the Minister of Transportation in regards to this issue. Maybe the Town of Souris and the Province could cost share this. CAO to find out how similar signs in other communities on PEI were put in place. For example Hunter River.

P. Request from PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival. 2018 Festival to be held July 6 – 8th.

Carried forward until Budget is approved.

Q. Request from PEI Crime Stoppers for funding.

Carried forward until Budget is approved.

R. Three new Firefighters have been chosen at February 5th Firemen’s Assoc meeting. Council appointment is required. C. Peters will have names. Matthew Birt, Peter Aitken, Heidi MacIntyre were selected from 9 applicants.

S. Council Reports:

Mayor Stephen O’Brien

- Jan 12 – 27 Goodwill ambassador to Austria
- Jan 30, met with Ray Brown re Telemedicine
- Feb 6, met with Bev Perry, now working with PEI Connectors
- Feb 12, met with Rural Economic Development – great ideas

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Working on 2018-19 Budgets;
- January 10th meeting with neighbouring communities.
- Feb 12, met with Rural Economic Development

Wanda Bailey

- Volunteer for the Souris striders ski club. Re emails ads etc
- January 10th 6:30 pm attended eastern region municipal meeting held in the boardroom at Souris Hospital

JoAnne Dunphy

- Meeting with Nabuurs re 2018 flower season
- Met with new committee for proposed Boardwalk
- Seaglass meeting
- 2 meetings with Joyce from CAFÉ to discuss CMA
- Working with events coordinator to prepare 2018-19 Budget

Jim Cheverie

- Meetings with Greg Jay & Admin
- Attended community amalgamation meeting
- Various meeting re Souris Beach and Boardwalk

Kenny Peters

- Checked in with CAO on a couple of occasions.
- Attended February Firemen's Assoc meeting where 3 new members were chosen from 8 applicants. We are very fortunate to have such interest as we know many other departments are struggling to find volunteers.
- EMO – Rick Singer has reviewed our recent updates and will meet with us to discuss

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended meeting with neighbouring communities to discuss amalgamation
- Helped with organization of the 55+ Games which were very successful with 280 participants in 10 events.
- Met with RCMP

Mayor asked Mr. Santing (who was in attendance) if he wished to address Council on anything:

Mr. Santing lives on Sterns Avenue and stated that when larger events are happening at the Souris Legion people are parking on both sides of Sterns Ave. It would be impossible for an emergency vehicle such as a fire truck to pass through. There are times it is difficult for residents of Sterns to get in and out of their driveways. C. MacDonald as chairperson for Streets will look into this concern. Maybe some NO PARKING signs could be posted.

T. Adjournment.

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