



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, September 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

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

In attendance: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Keenan, MLA Colin LaVie, Sandra Jennings, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Stephanie & Ben Mitsuk, Rita O'Brien, Dianna LaChapelle, Charlotte MacAulay (Graphic), S/Sgt. Howard Fitzpatrick (RCMP).
All Council present.

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

Deputy Mayor Thibodeau called the meeting to order with a quorum.

B. Official Swearing-in of Dr. Stephen O'Brien as Mayor for the Town of Souris

CAO Shelley LaVie had the honour of officially swearing-in our newest Mayor, Dr. Stephen O'Brien. Dr. O'Brien read the "Oath of Office" and both he and CAO signed where required. Mayor O'Brien took over as chair of the meeting.

C. 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

D. 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.

E. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2017.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the minutes of August 14th meeting as prepared by CAO with no errors or omissions.
All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

F. Monthly RCMP Report (July & August 2017)

Report presented by S/Sgt. Howard Fitzpatrick.

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

Sgt. Fitzpatrick stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

Business arising from previous meetings:

G. Presentation by Wallace Rose Re Eastern PEI.com Community Partnership Renewal

Wallace and Lisa made a presentation to Council reviewing what they have accomplished over the past year and what they have planned for the year ahead. Some things included: securing Souris.ca for Town of Souris; set up an office in the Matthew McLean building; support many small businesses and organizations; welcome to Eastern Kings baskets delivered to several new comers to our area; promoting a strong web presence for the area; Ceilidhs.com; weekly online newsletter of events; they are also working on a Winter Festival.

Montague, Cardigan, Murray River, are involved and they are working with St. Peters and Eastern Kings.

A **MOTION** was made by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy that we pay the \$1,400 to be part of this initiative once again for the upcoming year. It is felt that we are getting our monies worth with all the promoting they are doing of the area; especially in this age of social media and digital promotions. All in favour. Motion carried.

H. Request from Eastern Kings Sportsplex for donation to their major Fundraising Initiative.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters that we donate \$10,000 to the Eastern Kings Sportsplex Fundraising campaign. C. Thibodeau feels that there will be enough surplus at the end of the year to cover this. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

I. General Account Budget Update – as of August 31, 2017

C. Thibodeau reviewed. To date is looking good.

J. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – as of August 31, 2017

C. Thibodeau reviewed. To date is looking good.

K. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$103,920.12) for Approval as at Sept 8, 2017

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the payables as listed in the amount of \$103,920.12. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$252,357.57) for Approval as at Sept 8, 2017.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the payables as listed in the amount of \$252,357.57. All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters that our CAO request financing terms from various financial institutions for the Town's share of Knights Avenue. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques Issued during the month of August 2017 –

For review only.

Planning/Development:

- N. Development application from Tim Cheverie PID 426809 Beach Avenue to replace an existing 12'x24' storage building with a 36'x 24' storage building. As new building will be over 500 sq ft planning advisory board recommendation is required. Planning board met Sept 8, 2017 and recommended approval.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the development application submitted by Tim Cheverie to replace an existing 12'x24' storage building with a 36'x24' storage building as recommended by our Planning Advisory Board. All in favour. Motion carried.

- O. Application to consolidate two parcels of land into one by Jeff & Krystal Mills of Sutherland Ave. Description of properties is attached. Planning board met Sept 8, 2017 and recommended approval.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the application submitted by Jeff & Krystal Mills to consolidate their two properties on Sutherland Avenue in to one as recommended by our Planning Advisory Board. All in favour. Motion carried.

- P. Application to subdivide (Parcel "A") from A.E. MacPhee and consolidate to Kim and Carl LaBrech (formerly Mark MacPhee). Description shown on survey attached. Planning board met Sept 8, 2017 and recommended approval.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Thibodeau to approve the application to subdivide Parcel "A" from A.E. MacPhee and consolidate to Kim and Carl LaBrech property on Union Avenue. As per survey plan provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

- Q. Application to subdivide (Parcel "A") from Thelma MacDonald and consolidate to David Aitken. Also a 10' section to be subdivided along the west side and conveyed to Louis & Rita Carter. Description shown on survey attached. Planning board met Sept 8, 2017 and recommended approval.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the subdivision of two small portions of land from Thelma MacDonald's property and convey one on to David Aitken's property and the second on to Louis & Rita Carter's property. Survey plan was submitted for David Aitken's portion. Still awaiting official survey plan for portion going to Mr. & Mrs. Carter. CAO will approve once received. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

- R. Request from U15 Provincial Girls Soccer Team.**

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Thibodeau that we donate \$100 towards the U15 Provincial Girls Soccer Team. Brooklyn McInnis from Souris is a member of the team who will be travelling to Alberta in October for National competition. All in favour. Motion carried.

- S. Request from Souris Regional School for cost-sharing of Crossing Guard Fees**

MOTION by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Thibodeau that we cost-share at 50% for the Crossing Guard at Souris Regional School. All in favour. Motion carried.

- T. Letter of Thanks and request for committed donation to Eastern Kings Health Foundation**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Cheverie that we honour our commitment of \$5,000 towards the EK Health Foundation. This amount was included in our budget for 2017. All in favour. Motion carried.

U. Council Reports:**Mayor Stephen O'Brien**

- First official meeting September 11, 2017

Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau

- Met with CAO at various times
- Met with Steve Cheverie, Jim Cheverie along with Representative from Poly Mar on Beach wall solution.
- Talked to Stephen Pigott on beach wall problem.
- Met with Mr Langley and builders on beach wall problem.
- Met with Souris Show Hall rep David Mackay.
- Meeting with Jim and Steve Cheverie, talked to Craig Wilson on Permit to move sand in front of beach wall.
- Talked to Craig Chapman on Sand relocation and Coast.
- Met with Jim and Steve Cheverie along with former Public works engineer Jim MacPhee for 2nd opinion on sand relocation.
- Attended Eastern Kings Exhibition. Very well organized and attended.

Wanda Bailey

- Saturday August 26th, attended and participated in the 25th Anniversary of the Trans Canada Trail, biking from Souris to Elmira with blueberries and ice cream at Elmira before returning to Souris.
- August – September, volunteered for the EK Exhibition by way of preparing and posting a write up on Facebook, also photos that I had from last years' entrants in the baking section.
- Tuesday, September 5th, 7pm, attended and took minutes at our Souris Striders Ski Club meeting, the ski club thanks the Town of Souris for their generous contribution of \$1,000.00 .
- September 8 -9th, attended and took part in the 178th Eastern Kings Exhibition.

JoAnne Dunphy

- Attended Celebrations of the Great Trail event beginning in Souris
- Attended Development and Planning board meeting
- Attended Souris Exhibition
- Meetings with Administrator
- Meetings with Events Coordinator
- Meetings and reports from By Law Officer
- Met with Friends of the Souris Beach

Jim Cheverie

- Ongoing meetings regarding the beach wall and erosions issues.
- Met with Gordon MacPhee re Seawall
- Met with Engineers, CAO, Maintenance Supervisor & Contractor Re Anniversary Ave concerns.

Kenny Peters

- THANK YOU to Council & Staff for flowers and donation in memory of my sister.
- Talked to By-law officer regarding an issue in the neighbourhood
- Chaired planning board meeting Sept 8th
- In consultation with Fire Dept regularly

Thelma MacDonald

- Regular meetings with Admin Staff
- Talked to RCMP about Dog/Bylaw Issue
- Attended Eastern Kings Exhibition
- Attended a meeting regarding the Seniors Health Strategy to help seniors stay in their homes. Disappointed that there is no representation from Eastern Kings on the Strategy Committee. Hoping to get their concerns across.

V. Adjournment at 7:55pm

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