



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND  
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting  
MONDAY, April 9, 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 O'Brien called the meeting to order with a quorum.

**B. Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve the Agenda as presented. 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 – March 12, 2018, March 14, 2018 & March 28, 2018.**

**MOTION** by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Dunphy to approve the Minutes of Mar 12, Mar 14 & Mar 28, 2018. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

**E. Monthly RCMP Report (March 2018)**

Sgt. Chris Gunn presented report to Council. ATV's are being monitored. Safe School Plan at new French School. Souris Office won't have anyone at front desk for 6 weeks. C. MacDonald expressed concern on how calls are handled. It is quite difficult to get through to someone. Sgt. Gunn said phone outside front door goes directly to dispatch.

C. MacDonald, seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the report as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

**F. Request from Souris Regional School "Artists of Italy and France" tour.** 14 students from SRS will travel to Europe in May 2019. They need to raise \$4,500 each for the trip. Various fundraisers are planned as well. – letter attached.

**MOTION** by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. MacDonald to donate \$280 towards this fundraiser. All in favour. Motion carried.

**G. Request from Olivia MacNeil who will be representing Souris is the Miss Teen Maritime International Event May 16-20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** – letter attached.

**MOTION** by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. MacDonald to donate \$100 towards Miss MacNeil for this event. All in favour. Motion carried.

**H. Request from PEI Celts Gaelic Athletic Association.**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to donate \$200 towards this association. All in favour. Motion carried.

**I. Request from PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival.** 2018 Festival to be held July 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Macdonald to donate \$150 towards the Bluegrass Festival. All in favour. Motion carried.

**J. Request from PEI Crime Stoppers for funding.**

**MOTION** by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Thibodeau to donate \$100 towards PEI Crime Stoppers. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

**K. General Account Budget Update** – for information and review.

**L. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update** – for information and review.

**M. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$12,644.04) for Approval as at April 6, 2018**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the payables as listed in the amount of \$12,644.04. All in favour. Motion carried.

**N. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$712.85) for Approval as at April 6, 2018.**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the payables as listed in the amount of \$712.85. all in favour. Motion carried.

**O. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of March 2018** – For review only.

Planning/Development:

**No new development to report or review.**

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

**P. Request for sponsorship of the 2018 Points East Lighthouse Run/Relay**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Macdonald to donate \$250 towards the Lighthouse Relay. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Q. Request for donation towards the Special Olympics Torch Run PEI**

**MOTION** by C. MacDonald and seconded by C. Cheverie to donate \$100 towards the Torch Run. All in favour. Motion carried.

**R. Request for sponsorship for 2018 PEI Rural Beautification Society**

**MOTION** by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Dunphy that we donate \$260 towards the PEI Rural Beautification Society. All in favour. Motion carried.

**ADDED: Request by Cara Eastman and Jason Tompkins to have a liquor license at their new “Poke Shack” at Souris Beach Gateway Park.**

**MOTION** by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. MacDonald that we permit a liquor license at this location with the condition that the applicants cover the cost of building an enclosed deck area to the west of the shack. Discussion was held. Some Council felt with it being a family park, it would not be appropriate to serve liquor. Vote was held. 2 in favour (Jim, Denis), 3 NOT in favour (Thelma, Joanne, Wanda). Motion defeated.

**S. Council Reports:****Mayor Stephen O’Brien**

- Mar 14 Pre-Budget meeting
- Mar 20 FPEIM meeting
- Mar 28 Budget meeting

**Deputy Mayor Denis Thibodeau**

- Working on 2018-19 Budgets;
- Mar 14 worked with Admin by phone for pre-budget meeting (storm prevented travel)
- Mar 26 met with MRSB to review Financial statements
- Mar 28 Budget meeting

**Wanda Bailey**

- Mar 14 Pre-Budget meeting
- Mar 28 Budget Meeting

**JoAnne Dunphy**

- Attended Pre-Budget and Final Budget meetings
- Regular meetings with Admin & Events Coordinator

**Jim Cheverie**

- Attended Beach Project meeting
- Attended Pre-Budget and Final Budget meetings
- Met with possible new tenants for gateway park
- Met with Johnny Flynn re gateway park

**Kenny Peters**

- Attended Pre-budget and Final Budget meetings
- Fire Dept is working on placing order for new compressor (5 month delivery)

**Thelma MacDonald**

- Attended Prebudget and Budget meetings
- Met with RCMP
- Attended a meeting in Charlottetown on aging and diversity. Very informative, but no action (yet)
- No Parking signs have been posted on Sterns Ave. Thanks Greg. Lots of positive comments.
- Met with Admin and Maintenance to discuss tendering paving and patching as well as other street concerns.
- Continuing to make headway for a meeting re Affordable Senior Housing project
  
- **Reminder of Seniors Housing Meeting to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm, Silver Threads Club**

**T. Adjournment.**

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