



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017 @ 7:00pm

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

A. Call the 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 and seconded by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

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.

Presentations & Approval:

D. Presentation of 2017 Audited Financial Statements (by MRSB)

Statements were presented by Michelle Burge of MRSB.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve the 2017 Audited Financial Statements as prepared and presented by MRSB. All in favour. Motion carried.

E. Presentation of 2018-19 Town of Souris & Water & Sewer Utility Budgets (by Finance Chair Denis Thibodeau). *As per the new PEI Municipal Government Act, we will be presenting a 15 Month Budget with a year end of March 31, 2019.*

Presented by C. Thibodeau Highlights include: No Municipal Tax rate increase; new Municipal Expenditure Capital Grant included in Revenue; we will be using some of the firetruck/equipment reserve fund to purchase much needed compressor for fire hall; more work to be done at gateway park; wage increase of 3% for employees of the Town; we will be applying to IRAC for a possible increase in water & sewer rates.

C. Thibodeau thanks all Council and especially the CAO and Patty Rose for all their work in preparing and managing our budgets.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie to approve the 2018-19 Operating Budget for the Town of Souris and the Water and Sewer Utility Corp. as presented March 28, 2018. All in favour. Motion carried. (copy of Budget attached to minutes)

New Business:

F. Appointment of 2018-19 Auditors

MOTION by C. Cheverie and seconded by C. Dunphy to appoint MRSB as our auditors for the upcoming 2018-19 Fiscal year. CAO commented they are very good to work with. All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to engage MRSB to prepare our application to IRAC for a rate increase in our water and sewer. All in favour. Motion carried.

G. Municipal Tax Rate for 2018-19

MOTION by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Cheverie that our Municipal Tax rate stay the same. Non-Commercial rate .70/100 and Commercial 1.70/100. All in favour. Motion carried.

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