



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, September 9, 2019 @ 7:00pm

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

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

Interim Mayor JoAnne Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:00pm.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Councillor Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions noted.

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 – August 12, 2019

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 Council meeting as prepared and circulated by CAO without errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (August 2019)

Sg. Chris Gunn presented monthly report to Council. Two tickets were issued recently for passing a school bus while lights were flashing. Minimum \$1,000 fine + 12 demerit points + loss of license depending on driving record. Flashing speed monitoring signs have been posted at the French school in hopes of slowing traffic down through school zone. MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to accept the report as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Presentation by Bev Perry Re: PEI Connectors

Bev Perry works with PEI Connectors to offer support to newcomers that are looking to open new businesses in rural PEI. They are planning a bus tour October 17th in Souris. The Town is invited to make a presentation. Consideration should be given as to what types of businesses we are looking to attract.

Business arising from previous meetings:**G. Resignation of Mayor. Dates for By-Election**

Mayor Steve O'Brien submitted his resignation to our CAO August 14, 2019. According to Municipal Government Act (MGA) we are required to hold a by-election to fill this position.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Chaisson that we schedule accordingly to have our By-Election Monday, November 18, 2019. All in favour. Motion carried.

Also, as per MGA Council is required to appoint a Municipal Elections Officer (MEO) to carry out the duties required for this by-election:

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to appoint Shelley LaVie as our MEO and Liz Chaisson as our Deputy MEO. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

H. General Account Budget Update – (not available due to computer update incomplete)

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – (not available due to computer update incomplete)

J. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$3,190.12) for Approval as at Sept 6, 2019

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters to approve the A/P in the amount of \$3,190.12. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices (\$1,494.17) for Approval as at Sept 6, 2019.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve the A/P in the amount of \$1,494.17. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of August 2019

For review only.

Planning/Development:

M. Application from Lighthouse Baptist Church to put a small cemetery on their property.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey that we send notification to property owners within 500 sq.ft. of this property for input. This item will be tabled until October meeting in order to allow time for this notification and response. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Application from Paul & Connie Westman to operate a Bed & Breakfast from their home at 57 Chapel Ave., Souris

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to provide a permit to Paul & Connie Westman to operate a Bed and Breakfast from their home at 57 Chapel Ave. Proposal meets requirements as per our zoning and development bylaw pertaining to the operation of such business. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

O. Agreement from Infrastructure Secretariat for \$2,419,890 funding for Souris Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Upgrades. Requires approval by Council.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we sign the ICIP agreement for this funding. All in favour. Motion carried.

Also,

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey that we engage CBCL as our engineers for this ICIP project. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Agreement to transfer responsibility to the Province of PEI for administration and enforcement of the new Building Code Act, S.P.E.I. 2017, c.61. Requires approval by Council.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we transfer responsibility to the Province of PEI for administration and enforcement of the new Building Code Act, S.P.E.I. 2017,c.61. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Interest from Jackson Holding Inc AND April/Daryl Gregory to purchase PID 103275 currently owned by the Town of Souris. (corner of Federal Ave and Washington St.) They are the adjacent property owners. Land could be subdivided and split between interested parties at a fair market price. *The property was purchased by the Town in 2007 for a project that did not proceed. It is currently being used for parking and/or green space.*

Council recommended that CAO try to determine the fair market value of the land and what it would cost to have it surveyed and subdivided. If immediately adjacent property owners are not interested it could be posted for sale to the general public? Once value is determined Council will be notified prior to any proposals or offers being made.

R. Opportunity to have Electric Car station or stations installed in partnership with Maritime Electric and the Province.

Council decided not to participate in this partnership. The Province is installing a fast-charging station at the Irving on Main Street in Souris.

S. Call for nominations for the FPEIM Board.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey to nominate JoAnne Dunphy as our representative on the FPEIM Board. The position was left vacant when Mayor O'Brien resigned. JoAnne agreed to be nominated. All in favour. Motion carried.

T. Council Reports:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy (*interim*)

- Regular meetings with Admin and Events coordinator
- Several meetings for Community endorsements with immigrants.
- Attended meeting at FPEIM re Electric Car charging stations.
- Attended meeting with owner of Blackrafter Lounge
- Beach Boardwalk Extension meeting and site visit
- Met with potential developers regarding questions on rezoning, subdividing, etc.

Wanda Bailey

- Nothing to report this month. Quiet month.

Frankie Chaisson

- Met with Kevin Campbell with Dept of Transportation.

Ian MacDonald

- Report at meeting

Thelma MacDonald

- Visited RCMP
- Attended meeting owner of Blackrafter Lounge

Kenny Peters

- Regular meetings with Admin and staff.

CAO Report. . .

- Dealt with resignation of Mayor O'Brien due to illness
- Ordered new basketball systems for Tennis courts as per budget
- Attended meeting at FPEIM re electric car charging stations
- Prepared various development permits
- Beach boardwalk extension meetings & site visit
- Letter of support for Family/Senior Provincial Housing
- Fire Extinguishers at Town Hall serviced
- Arranging for new lease for Lobster Shack that will include lease holder improvement as Johnny Flynn plans to proceed with extension to his space. I will share draft of lease once received.
- Researched with various government departments for proposed Lighthouse Church cemetery.
- Arranged for several community endorsement meetings for Mayor and immigrants
- Arranged for Peter Townshend to meet a Seniors group at Matthew McLean Historium to discuss Rena McLean
- Updated Website and Social media accounts
- Had CBCL speak to CATC regarding fresh water well. They are working on an agreement. Greg Jay was also back to visit CATC.
- Finally got new street sign for "Sterling's Lane". Greg will prepare the post and will mount new sign with direction from Council. Maybe photo in Graphic with short story on Sterling???
- Contacted M. Wiesenfield Re land adjacent to Farmer's Market shelter to see if they would be interested in selling. Farmer's Market was quite successful this year and maybe funding could be acquired to develop it into something more.
- Met with owner of Blackrafter Lounge along with Mayor Dunphy and C. Thelma re concerns brought to us by residents in the area. Meeting went well and we feel concerns are being addressed.
- Lawrence MacAulay's campaign team is interested in renting vacant office at Matthew McLean Building 2nd Floor for duration of Federal Election. I told them rent would be \$1,000 plus they would have to arrange for their own phone and internet.
- Street banners were removed early to avoid damage by hurricane Doiron.
- Summer students – Jenna Cahill, Hunter Gallant and Nick Deagle finished up the for summer.
- Emily Gregory and Trevor Gallant will be finished at the end of September. Brian Oickle usually stays till just after parade week.
- Construction of boardwalk on Souris beach could begin in the next week or so. Just waiting on final permit from environment.

U. Adjournment. MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 8:15pm.

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