



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
MONDAY, January 13, 2020 @ 7:00pm

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

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

Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum. All Council were present. Still one vacant seat on Council. By-Election will be held March 2, 2020.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

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

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions recorded.

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 – December 10, 2019

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019 as prepared by CAO without errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (December 2019)

RCMP representative was presented to review past months calls. They plan to do a “Did you Know” campaign to educate people on what charges are possible for various offences.

C. Peters ask if there has been any improvement on cell phone usage. Somewhat better as people don’t want the hefty fine, but still a problem.

C. MacDonald Moved to accept the RCMP report as presented, seconded by C. Bailey. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

F. Expression of Interest for Senior’s Development on Anniversary Ave. Proposal from Justin MacKenzie and Melody MacInnis to be considered.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson that we accept the proposal received from our EOI from Justin MacKenzie and Melody MacInnis to develop 26 units for Seniors Housing on

the Town owned land off of Anniversary. Council have a concern that 26 units may not fit on the 2.96 acres of land. A development application with a site plan will need to be reviewed by our Planning Consultant as well as our Planning Advisory Board prior to permit approval.
All in favour. Motion carried.

G. Amendment for increase in Nomination Fees for Municipal Elections.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald that we give **first reading** to our amendment to the Town of Souris Elections By-law 2018-01. This amendment would increase the nomination deposit from \$10 to \$100 with conditions set out for refund eligibility. A second reading is required prior to the end of January if this amendment is to be in effect for our March 2, 2020 By-Election. Mayor will notify Council and the Public of this date as soon as it is determined.

Council felt this amendment would encourage candidates to work harder in order to become elected. And that the \$100, nor the 15% of votes required for refund should deter anyone from putting their name forth.

All in favour. Motion carried. Copy of Amended Bylaw is available on Town's Website.

Financial Information:

H. General Account Budget Update

Reviewed at meeting. Everything seems to be on budget to date.

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update

Reviewed at meeting.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$68,257.91) for Approval as at Jan 10, 2020

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters to pay the A/P as listed in the amount of \$68,257.91. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Invoices (\$32,852.91) for Approval as at Jan 10, 2020.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to pay the A/P as listed in the amount of \$32,52.91. All in favour. Motion Carried.

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

For review only.

Planning/Development:

Recent Development Permits: (for information only)

- Andre Thibodeau, 68 Main Street, 10'x16' Storage Shed
- Richard Robertson, 156 Main Street, 8'x8' Storage Shed

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

M. Future of EK Sportsplex Bowling Lanes – Request for consideration from JoAnne Trotter with petition of names.

Council reviewed correspondence received from Ms. Trotter. Council advised CAO to respond to Ms. Trotter that we support any decision made by the Board of Directors for the Eastern Kings Sportsplex as they are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the rink. Council appreciates the efforts of Ms. Trotter and her interest in our Community. They agree it is vital to have a variety of activities for all ages but sometimes it is just not feasible based on the usage vs cost of upkeep.

N. Bylaw Enforcement Request for Proposals has been posted, deadline to submit is February 3rd, 2020. For information only. Will update at next meeting.

ADDED::: Councillor Chaisson would like for Souris to Officially give their support to Tyne Valley in their quest to win Hockeyville to help replace their community rink that recently was destroyed by Fire. All Council Agreed.

O. Council Reports:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Attended New Year's Day Family Event at EK Sportsplex
- Meetings Re: Gateway Park Boardwalk – project is progressing well with an substantial completion date of January 31, 2020.
- Meeting with Councillor T. MacDonald and F. Chaisson to review EOI received for Seniors Development on Anniversary Ave
- Attended Christmas reception for MP Lawrence MacAulay in Montague

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- Attended New Year's Day Family Event at EK Sportsplex
- Regular meeting with Admin staff.
- Everything seems to be going well with Fire Department

Wanda Bailey

- Wed, January 1st, attended and volunteered at the Town of Souris New Year's celebration at the EK Sportsplex 12:30 – 3pm
- Tuesday, January 7th, attended the Souris Striders Ski Club AGM at the ski club at 7pm – 8:30pm. I also take the minutes, and distribute them to the executive at a later date.

Frankie Chaisson

- Attended New Year's Family Day at Rink. Called BINGO
- Spoke with members of the Rollo Bay Festival family and feels that if they send a request for funding this year's festival we should consider it. Feels we should have heard both sides of the story last year before decided not to support them with a contribution.

Ian MacDonald

- Attended New Year's Family Day at the Rink. Helped cook
- New Shaver for the curling club has been purchased and almost all paid for with donations from the community.

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended MP Lawrence MacAulay's Christmas reception
- Preparations for 55+ Games – to be held Jan 22 – 25. Council is invited to meal Jan 25th at 11:30am at Acorn Room
- Still working on Seniors Housing project. Happy to see an expression of interest from a local developer.

P. Adjournment.

Councillor K. Peters moved to adjourn at 7:50pm

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