



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, December 10, 2019 @ 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. Council present: Councillors Wanda Bailey, Thelma MacDonald and Ian MacDonald. Absent: Frankie Chaisson, Kenny Peters.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

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

2.2 Additions to Agenda

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to add: Request from Melvin Ford for donation towards Christmas Day Community Dinner. 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.

Councillor Ian MacDonald declared conflict on Item P from Curling Organization.

D. Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2019

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019 Council meeting as prepared by CAO without no errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (November 2019)

Cst. Les Dill presented report for October and November. Fairly quiet Halloween due to bad weather.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to accept the RCMP report as presented. Copies were provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

F. Dates for By-Election to be determined.

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we hold a By-Election March 2, 2020 to fill the vacancy on Council. All in favour. Motion carried.

G. Motion to confirm our portion of the Souris Beach Gateway Park Boardwalk Extension.

ACOA	\$240,000
Province of PEI	\$100,000
<u>Town of Souris</u>	<u>\$61,128</u>
Total	\$401,128

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey that we contribute the \$61,128 towards the Souris Beach Park Boardwalk Extension as our contribution to the project from our 2019/20 Capital Budget. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

H. General Account Budget Update

For review only.

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update

For review only.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$22,825.27) for Approval as at Dec 6, 2019

MOTION by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to pay the A/P as listed in the amount of \$22,825.27. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Invoices (\$5,848.40) for Approval as at Dec 6, 2019.

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to pay the A/P as listed in the amount of \$5,848.40. All in favour. Motion carried.

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

For review only.

Planning/Development:

M. Harbourview Housing Project – For information only at this stage

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

N. Consideration to amend our Elections By-law:

Bylaw respecting nominations (4) A council of a municipality may, by bylaw, establish:

- (a) a higher minimum number of nominators, not to exceed 10 qualified electors in the municipality;
- (b) the requirement for a deposit to be paid by candidates, to a maximum of \$200, including specifying the acceptable forms of payment; and
- (c) whether, and in what circumstances, the deposit referred to in clause (b) is refundable, subject to these regulations.

Council has directed CAO to prepare a draft of amended By-law for consideration at our January 13, 2020 Council meeting.

O. Request from Souris 55+ Games to be held in January 2020

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to donate \$300 towards the 55+ Games to be held here in January. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Request from Souris Curling Organization Fundraising Committee

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to donate \$500 towards the cost of a new ice scraper for our local curling organization. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Our By-law Enforcement Contract with NPSS ends December 2019. Does Council want CAO to issue Request for Proposals? It will be five years since we have issued an RFP.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we put out an RFP for our By-law Enforcement services. All in favour. Motion carried.

ADDITION:

Request from Melvin Ford for a donation towards Christmas Day Community Dinner to be held at St. Mary's Hall for the 6th year. Over 250 enjoyed meals last year.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we contribute some type of product to help with the dinner. Possibly a bag of turnip? CAO will contact Mr. Ford to see what is needed. All in Favour. Motion carried.

R. Council Reports:**Mayor JoAnne Dunphy**

- Attended Remembrance Day Ceremony at Souris Legion
 - Beach boardwalk "information Boards" Committee meeting
 - Firemen's Appreciation Dinner
 - Meeting with Souris & Area Wildlife re applying for funding for possible upcoming presentations on Astrology in 2020
 - Federation of PEI Municipalities meeting
 - Decorated St. Mary's hall for Town events with events coordinator
 - Attended Town paint night at Souris Legion
 - Attended Town Tree Lightening
 - Attended CBC Feed a Family Turkey drive donating 4 turkeys from Town of Souris
 - Attended 39th Annual Souris Christmas Parade
- Mayor wanted to Thank Jeannie Roche for all her work on the Christmas Parade Week, as well as all other Town Staff.

Wanda Bailey

- Thurs, Nov 14th, Souris Striders ski and snowshoe club meeting at 7pm, attended and recorded minutes and distributed to the board members.
- Submitted ski news into the "Mousetales" newsletter.
- Saturday, November 16th, voted in the advance poll for our new mayor at St. Marys' Hall.
- Tuesday, November 19th, attended the Souris Co-op Annual General Meeting and dinner at 6 pm at St. Marys' Hall.

- Monday, November 25th, attended the “Swearing In” of Mayor Joanne Dunphy at the Town hall at noon.
- Tuesday, December 3rd attended the “Annual Tree Lighting” Ceremony' at the town gazebo with a follow-up reception at St. Marys’ Hall where we were served hot apple cider and cookies by the Little Pond Guides.
- Saturday, December 7th, attended the 39th Annual Town of Souris Christmas parade.

Frankie Chaisson

- Report at meeting

Ian MacDonald

- Souris Harbour Authority Inc. are looking at a possible burm from CTMA over to Bayview Lodge. Built with material dredged from harbor. This would benefit the Town greatly as it would protect Breakwater Ave from further erosion. They may be looking to the Town for support with their application for funding.
- A new CEO will be starting soon with SHAI

Thelma MacDonald

- Attended Firemen’s Appreciation Dinner
- Attended Tree Lighting
- Attended Official Swearing-in of Mayor Dunphy Nov 25th
- Attended Souris Christmas Parade
- Attended CBC Turkey Drive at Save Easy

Kenny Peters

- Attended Firemen’s Appreciation Dinner

S. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. I. MacDonald to adjourn at 7:50pm

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