



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND  
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

**TUESDAY, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00pm**

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

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

**Acting Mayor Kenny Peters called the meeting to order with a quorum.**

*Deputy Mayor JoAnne Dunphy resigned her position on Council in order to run for the Mayor's position in our upcoming by-election, Nov 18, 2019. JoAnne appointed Kenny as acting Mayor in the interim.*

**B. Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**

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

**2.2 Additions to Agenda**

**MOTION** by C. Bailey and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to add the development application from Souris Development Corporation for a entryway dorm addition to the Provincial Access PEI building on Green Street.

**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.

**D. Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2019**

**MOTION** by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of October 16, 2019 as prepared by CAO without errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

**E. Monthly RCMP Report (October 2019)**

Business arising from previous meetings:

- F. Carried forward: - 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. Comparative Market Analysis is attached. Provided by local EXIT Realty Kyle Kickham.**

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we offer these two interested parties an opportunity to purchase PID 103275. Comparative Market Analysis determined a fair value to be \$15,000 (split \$7,500 each) plus the cost of subdividing. CAO will contact Ms. Jenkins and Mr & Ms Gregory to confirm interest.

**All in favour. Motion carried.**

**G. Expressions of Interest for Seniors Affordable Housing Development on PID 899187 with access to Anniversary Ave.**

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson that we advertise for Expressions of Interest for Seniors Affordable Housing on PID 899187. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information:

**H. General Account Budget Update** – For information

**I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update** - For information

**J. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices (\$130,321.70) for Approval as at Nov 8, 2019**

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald seconded by C. I. MacDonald to pay the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

**K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Invoices (\$4,136.53) for Approval as at Nov 8, 2019.**

**MOTION** by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. Chaisson to pay the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

**L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of October 2019** – For review only.

Planning/Development:

**M. Development permits issued:**

- Bernie Gregory, 45 Longworth St., 8’x8’ private storage building
- Art MacDonald, 17 MacPhee Ave., 12’x20’ private storage building
- Earl Gregory, 35 Longworth St., 16’x20’ private storage building

**Addition:**

**Development application from Souris Development Corporation for an entryway dorm 6’x9’ addition to the Provincial Access PEI building on Green Street to accommodate new tenant.**

**MOTION** by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to grant permission for this addition. All in favour. Motion carried. (detailed information was available for review by Council)

**New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:**

**N. Request from Souris West, Eastern Kings, Annandale, Little Pond incorporated rural municipalites to join in on a Study with them.**

**Souris West Mayor Pat O'Connor addressed Town Council.** \$20,000 has been received to hire a coordinator which will likely not be enough. Souris West is not in a position to meeting the new MGA requirements and therefore they along with Eastern Kings, and Annandale/Little Pond would like to undertake a study to see what a regional government would look like for our area. Many questions need to be answered. He feels a study could find common ground and benefit the entire region. Souris West is feeling pressured. It would be unfortunate for such a study to happen without all parties being involved. He feels it is the responsibility of the current government to reach out to unincorporated residents.

**MOTION** by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we participate in this proposed study with Souris West, Eastern Kings and Annandale/Little Pond Rural Municipalities.

Council discussed at length the pros and cons. Do the residents of Souris want this? What would our representation look like? What about any surplus the Town has acquired? Why are we doing the work for the Province? Maybe they (the Province) should revisit the MGA and consider making accommodations or exceptions for smaller rural municipalities.

A vote was taken: 4 against – 0 in favour Motion denied. Council feels at this time it is in the best interest of our residents not to participate.

**O. Resignation from Council received by CAO November 4, 2019 of Deputy Mayor JoAnne Dunphy in order to run for Mayor's position in upcoming by-election. This means we will need to call a by-election for a vacant seat on Council. We have 6 months to call by-election.**

**P. Snow Plowing and Sanding agreements for 2019-2020. Motion by Council to accept is required.**

**MOTION** by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Bailey that we approve the submitted agreements for Snow Plowing and Sanding for the 2019-2020 season. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Q. Request from Souris Lions Club for support of Christmas Box Campaign**

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey that we donate \$500 towards the 2019 Souris Lions Club Christmas Box Campaign. All in favour. Motion carried.

**R. Request from Eastern Kings Early Learning Academy**

**MOTION** by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey that we donate \$500 towards the EK Early Learning Academy Fundraising efforts for an addition to their facility. 3 in favour – 1 against. Motion carried.

**S. Council Reports:****Mayor JoAnne Dunphy (*interim*)**

- Attended FPEIM Semi-Annual meeting Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. Helped to set up.
- Attended meeting with Vision East group Oct 18<sup>th</sup>
- Attended Special meeting of Council Oct 21<sup>st</sup>
- Attended PEI Rural Beautification Awards Dinner
- Attended meeting for update of Boardwalk project
- Submitted name for nomination November 1, 2019 and therefore was required to resign from position of Deputy Mayor. In doing so, appointed Councillor Kenny Peters as acting Mayor until such time as our new Mayor is elected.

**Wanda Bailey**

- Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, attended a PEI Connectors Function, organized by Bev Perry, Coordinator, at the Souris Legion at noon.
- Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, attended an “In-Camera” meeting at noon in the Town Chambers.
- Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, attended the Eastern Kings Sportsplex AGM at the sportsplex at 7 pm.
- Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, attended the Semi-Annual PEI Federation Meeting at 9 am – 330 pm at the Souris Legion. Also, was there at 8 am to help set up the tables.
- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, to attend the Remembrance Day Service and dinner at the Souris Legion.

**Frankie Chaisson**

- Report at meeting

**Ian MacDonald**

- Attended FPEIM Semi-Annual meeting

**Thelma MacDonald**

- Attended FPEIM Semi- Annual meeting
- Met with Cody Clinton from the Province to assist in developing an EOI for seniors housing development.
- Attended Remembrance Ceremonies at SRS and Ecole la Belle Cloche Nov 7th

**Kenny Peters**

- Attended Remembrance Day Ceremony at Souris Legion as representative of Town.

**\*\*\*REMINDER of Firemen’s Appreciation Dinner Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

## CAO Report. . .

- Met with Souris West, Eastern Kings, Little Pond to discuss Vision East and how it should move forward.
- Special meeting with Town Council to discuss Vision East
- Attended Atlantic Credit Union dinner
- Attended information meeting on new Procurement program available to PEI Municipalities
- Arranged for set up of FPEIM Semi-Annual meeting in Souris
- Joanne Roche has returned to work on an ease-back basis. We will review after a few weeks to see how she is doing.
- Attended a wrap-up meeting for the CMA 2019. All communities reported positive outcomes.
- Attended PEI Rural Beautification awards dinner. The Town of Souris won 2 awards.
- Met with representatives from Environment regarding extending the new boardwalk a little further. Walked the route along with JoAnne Dunphy, David MacAulay and Brian Deveau. They were very impressed with the construction to date and the extreme care being taken by the contractors to protect the sensitive areas.
- Conference call with Marcia Carroll and C. MacDonald to discuss Housing for people with physical disabilities.
- Worked with C. MacDonald and Cody Clinton to create an expressions of interest that we can put out in hopes of finding interested developers. This is due to the inactivity of the development first discussed back in July 2018 with the McQuaids.
- Met with Paul Gallant and Pat O'Connor from Souris West as well as Jessie and Curtis from Infrastructure PEI about allocating the Gas Tax money from Souris West to the Eastern Kings Sportsplex. Over a 10 year period this would total approximately \$112,000. The money would be administered by the Town, but decisions of spending would be made by Souris West.
- Processed various development permits as reported to Council.
- Notified residents of Fall Hydrant Maintenance and Flushing
- Requested pricing for 2019-20 Snow and Sand agreements.
- Met with potential developer for Seniors housing. They are very interested in the EOI that we are considering.
- Val Ostridge from MRSB was here for a mid-year review for audit.
- Submitted claim to ACOA for 1<sup>st</sup> progress payment on beach project. \$115,000. ACOA will contribute up to \$240,000.
- Arranged for comparable market value for vacant land at corner of Federal Ave & Washington St. Met with Kyle Kickham to discuss.
- Attended wrap up meeting for Eastern Kings Exhibition. Encouraged them to renew their incorporation so they can operate and obtain funding, insurance, etc without the Town of Souris. They have started that process.

**T. Adjournment. MOTION by C. T. MacDonald to adjourn at 8:35pm**

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