



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

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

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

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE FOR LARGE GATHERINGS NO MORE THEN 15 PEOPLE CAN BE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT ONE TIME.

CAO WILL SET UP COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO SPACE EVERYONE OUT TO ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL-DISTANCING

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

Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum. Council present: Kenny Peters, Wanda Bailey, Ian MacDonald, Thelma MacDonald, Boyd Leard. Absent: Frankie Chaisson
In attendance from the public: Brian Deveau, Johnny Flynn, Liz Chaisson(staff), Charlotte MacAulay(media)

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard 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 noted at this time.

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 – September 14, & 23, 2020

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Peters to approve the minutes of both September 14 and September 23, 2020 meetings without any errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (September 2020) Sgt. Darryl MacMullan

Council welcomed Sgt. Darryl MacMullan. This is Sgt. MacMullan's 7th posting in 13 years. Sgt. MacMullan reporting that speeding is a major concern of RCMP on PEI. There were 15 check points held over the long weekend. He also hopes that PEI will bring back the drug unit as he feels

drugs are becoming or is a major concern. RCMP needs the public's help. Call the RCMP or Crime Stoppers if you are aware any illegal drugs or any criminal issues.

Report of calls made in previous month made available to Council.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the report as presented by Sgt. MacMullan of the RCMP. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Souris Beach Gateway Park Boardwalk Update (Brian Deveau)

Brian Deveau updated Council on success of boardwalk extension. Many positive comments, many people walking on boardwalk. Committee would like to consider another extension that would connect the boardwalk to the beach. First a meeting with Environment and Wildlife should be set up to see if we can get approvals. And then we can work on funding. With sources available it is hoped that the proposed extension could be done without contribution from the Town.

Brian also brought up a donation of a rail-tie that was donated by the Gallant family. They would like to see it on display along the boardwalk. We will ask Town Maintenance department if they can come up with a possible placement.

Brian Deveau as part of the Boardwalk committee will invite stakeholders to review and see if an extension would be considered.

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Peters that Brian Deveau pursue this possibility with government officials, in particular those we would require approvals from. Representatives of Council will be part of any meetings set up for review and discussion. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

G. Installation of Bell 30m telecommunication tower on Pond Street is still in the public consultation phase. Nothing new to report.

Financial Information

H. General Account Budget Update – September 30, 2020

For information purposes only, no motion is required.

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – September 30, 2020

For information purposes only, no motion is required.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$4,841.63 to be approved – Oct 9, 2020

MOTION by C. Bailey and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that the A/P be approved as listed in the amount of \$4,841.63. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$13,498.49 to be approved – Oct 9, 2020

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard that the A/P be approved as listed in the amount of \$13,498.49. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of September 2020

– For review only. For information purposes only, no motion is required.

M. Presentation of March 31, 2020 Audited Financial Statements for the Town of Souris and the Souris Water and Sewer Utility Accounts by Michelle Burge of MRSB.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard that the March 31, 202 Audited Financial Statement prepared by MRSB be approved as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey that we appoint MRSB as our auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. All in favour. Motion carried.

Planning/Development:

N. Sale of Land at Corner of Washington Street and Federal Avenue

Background. . . Prior to COVID and prior to the devastating fire at the Bluefin Restaurant Amber Jenkins of Jackson Holdings and April & Daryl Gregory were going to jointly purchase the property at the corner of Washington Street and Federal Avenue currently owned by the Town of Souris. As the Town of Souris determined they do not have use and would be willing to sell at a fair market value. Since then Amber Jenkins of Jackson Holdings has decided she no longer has interest in purchasing a portion of the property.

April & Daryl Gregory have however since expressed interest in the entire piece of property. They are asking if Council would reconsider the asking price. Originally it was to be \$15,000 split between the two entities. Would Council consider reducing this slightly to \$10,000 or \$12,000?

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey that we propose \$12,000 as our asking price. When we had the property assessed by a local realtor it was suggested that the price should be in that range. CAO will respond to April & Daryl Gregory with this offer. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

O. Request from Run 4 Wishes for a donation for Children's Wish Foundation

MOTION by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we donate \$100 towards the Run 4 Wishes for the Children's Wish Foundation. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Council Reports:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Regular updates regarding COVID-19 received from Public Safety Office
- Regular meetings with Admin and Events Coordinator
- Special meeting of Council Sept 23, 2020 to deal with some development issues and award tender for Treatment Plant
- Met with Brian Deveau regarding Boardwalk update and potential for additional phase.
- EMO meeting with Councillor Leard, CAO and Events Coordinator
- Helped to coordinate some fall decorations for the Town
- Met with Michelle Burge from MRSB to review draft of Financial Statements
- Met with Lindee Gallant, Eastern PEI Community Navigator for Newcomers
- Communication with Dr. Morrison's office regarding COVID numbers rising in Quebec and concern of Quebec travelers still coming/going on CTMA ferry, stopping at local businesses, etc.
- Met with Minister Ernie Hudson to visit new Senior's developments in Souris

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- To report at meeting
- C. Peters asked about when patching is going to be done on Streets in Souris. CAO will try to confirm a date with Chapmans.

Wanda Bailey

- Special Meeting of Town Council September 23, 2020

Frankie Chaisson

- Special Meeting of Council Sept 23, 2020

Please keep in mind that some people are very sensitive to strong smells, especially from colognes and perfumes. Let us keep our public meetings SCENT FREE so all can enjoy!

Ian MacDonald

- Special Meeting of Council Sept 23, 2020

Thelma MacDonald

- Special Meeting of Council Sept 23, 2020
- Met with Minister Hudson and developers of new Seniors Housing Development
- Regular meetings with Admin staff

Boyd Leard

- Meeting with Mayor, CAO, Events Coordinator re EMO; we are going to try to get a committee together to get some members of the public involved.
- Attended Special Meeting of Council Sept 23rd.

Q. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 8:45pm

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