



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, JANUARY 25, 2021 @ 7:00pm

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

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY

MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT WITH LIMITED SPACE

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

Mayor Dunphy called the monthly meeting to order with a quorum on January 25, 2021. Meeting was postponed on Jan 11, 2021 and rescheduled to January 25, 2021.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the Agenda as circulated to Council in advance. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

- **Planning Board Recommendations**
- **Eastern Seagulls Arts & Crafts property**

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 14, 2020

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters to adopt the minutes of December 14, 2020 as prepared by CAO with no errors or omissions. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (December 2020)

Business arising from previous meetings:

F. Installation of Bell 30m telecommunication tower on Pond Street is still in the public consultation phase. We received Lease agreement to be signed for use of Town land.

Copy of new Public Notification is attached. CAO has not received any comments from residents or nearby property owners. The deadline to submit comments to Bell is January 15, 2021

No concerns were received. It is anticipated that the development will move forward in the next few months at the new location beside our Salt Storage Building on Pond Street.

Financial Information

G. General Account Budget Update – December 31, 2020

For review only.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – December 31, 2020

For review only.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$422.83 to be approved – January 8, 2021

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$6,193.54 to be approved – Jan 8, 2021

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of December 2020

– For review only.

Planning/Development:

L. Permits issued: For information purposes only. No motion is required.

- **Development Permit issued to Kyle MacCormack and Heather Walton for a 10'x12' porch to be added to their Mini-home on PID 100693, Pleasant Avenue.**
- **Demolition Permit to demolish house located at 14 High Street, Dakota McGregor/Joyce O'Brien**

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

M. Quote for Replacement of Digital Beach Sign at entrance to Souris

This was put on hold as the sign is currently working.

N. Quotes for Replacement of Town Hall Boiler/Furnace

Three quotes were received. Before HST the quotes received were: Mr. Fix It \$8,228.00, Prompt Plumbing \$9,578., and A.S.A.P. Plumbing and Heating \$10,926.75.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. Peters to go with the lowest quote from Mr. Fix It for \$8,228. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Decommissioning of 1985 Chev 1 ton Firetruck

Firetruck is no longer used and taking up much needed space in our Fire Hall. As this is a capital asset of the Town of Souris, Council approval is required to post for sale or tender to dispose of.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald that we post the 1985 Chev 1 ton Firetruck up for Public tender and we will accept written, sealed bids until such date as determined by CAO once post is made. All in favour. Motion carried.

ADDED:

1. Application from Darrell & April Gregory to develop 3 additional bachelor apartments in the basement of their property at 8 Belle Avenue. As per conditions set out by Provincial Fire Marshals office.

Planning Board met January 25, 2021 and recommended approval the development application from Darrell & April Gregory for 3 additional bachelor apartments in the basement at 8 Belle Avenue as per conditions set out by Provincial Fire Marshals office and pending provision of added parking spaces. They recently acquired additional property that was formally used for parking at the Bluefin restaurant so that should provide adequate space. CAO will confirm.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald that we approve the development application from Darrell & April Gregory for 3 additional apartments at 8 Belle Ave as per application specifications and as per conditions set out by Provincial Fire Marshal. And pending confirmation of parking plan. All in favour. Motion carried.

2. LANDFEST Development (IKME Holdings Inc. {Robin's}) application to rezone PID 103390 from Residential to Commercial. (Cathy and Art MacInnis property). It is their intent to purchase and convey PID 103390 on to PID 101600, which is currently zoned Commercial, to provide adequate parking for a proposed new commercial development on PID 101600.

Planning Board met January 25, 2021 and made Recommendation to move forward with required public notification process to rezone/amend.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. MacDonald that we move forward with rezoning request process by undertaking the necessary public notification and public meeting as per our Development and Zoning Bylaws. Date of meeting will be determined based on allowable days for notice as set out in our bylaw. All in favour. Motion carried.

3. The Eastern Seagulls Arts & Crafts (Log Cabin) have decided to dissolve their organization and no longer operate the Craft shop. Included in their Deed from 1980 is an agreement that the Town of Souris has first right of purchase or refusal if, and when, they ever decide to dissolve and dispose of the property at 30 Main Street. If the Town decides they do not have interest in purchasing the property, then the Eastern Seagulls Arts & Crafts will sell the property and pay the Town of Souris \$4,000 from the sale; and then it would be determined within their regulations as to what happens with the balance of the proceeds.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that the Town does not have interest in purchasing the Eastern Seagulls Arts & Crafts property. We will opt out of the first option to purchase and agree to the \$4,000. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Council Reports:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Updates from Events Coordinator on funding applications for 2021
- Correspondence with Dr. Morrison's office
- Meetings with Administrator
- Correspondence with Logan on the Student Hub at M & M building to begin January 11th
- Spoke with RCMP concerning traffic in Souris and Magdalen Island ferry travellers
- Participated in FPEIM virtual meeting over Zoom
- Met with lawyer to sign deed and easement for seniors housing project.

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- Attended monthly meeting of Souris Fire Department. Members asked about participating in the selection process for the position of Fire Chief. Members also asked if Council would consider increasing the stipend that they receive as volunteers.
The Fire Department Bylaw for the Town of Souris should be reviewed so some of these issues are made clear.

Wanda Bailey

Frankie Chaisson

Ian MacDonald

Thelma MacDonald

- Continuing with Seniors Housing project. Met with Mayor, CAO and lawyer to have Deed of Conveyance and Sewer Easement signed.
- RCMP

Boyd Leard

- Plans to have a look at our Beach Sign with another local tech person to see if they can find what the issue may be.

Q. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 7:45pm

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are very sensitive to strong smells,
especially from colognes and perfumes.
Let us keep our public meetings
SCENT FREE so all can enjoy!*



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