



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 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 meeting to order with a quorum at 7:00pm. All council were present with the exception of Councillor Chaisson due to health reasons.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

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

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions were noted.

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 – March 8, 2021 and March 29, 2021 Public Meetings

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021 and March 29, 2021 with no errors or omissions.

All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (February 2021)

A representative from the RCMP was not available to attend.

Councillor T. MacDonald noted we now have a new Corporal for Souris detachment. Cpl Gallant. He spends the majority of his time in Souris which is good. Better visibility. A written report was made available to Council summarizing the previous months calls.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to accept the RCMP report for the month of March as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:

F. Request from Kim and Frank Ahlering for a letter of support for leasing land along Rails-to-Trails.

CAO invited Kim & Frank to attend meeting for more information. They responded and asked to be added to the April 12, 2021 meeting.

Frank and Kim explained their ideas for the property which include artisan type food etc. They likely won't be doing anything this summer. The leased land would be strictly for parking and seating in the form of picnic tables, etc. The Province would have restrictions included in the lease.

Council asked about some of the development that already took place on the property without permits. The Ahlerings said plans have changed, they are no longer proposing outdoor toilets.

They are proposing a fence along the back property line to prevent people from driving through from Bloomsbury St. to Main St. Going forward any development (including a fence) would require necessary permits from the municipality and/or the province.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Peters that we provide a letter of support for the lease of the small section of land. Land to be used for public parking and seating only. And proposed development or change of use would require permits. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information

G. General Account Budget Update – March 31, 2021

For information only.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – March 31, 2021

For information only.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$67,219.20 to be approved – April 8, 2021

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to pay the A/P as listed in the amount of \$67,219.20. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$33,131.78 to be approved – April 8, 2021

MOTION by C. I. MacDonald and seconded by C. Leard to pay the A/P as listed in the amount of \$33,131.78. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of March 2021

– For review only.

Planning/Development:

No new development applications received.

Ongoing development update from CAO: (for information purposes)

- We are continuing to work with Justin & Melody in regards to new Seniors Housing Development. Infrastructure and Site plans are near completion and will be going out to tender very soon for road construction, water/sewer/storm sewer installation and electrical. The first 8 unit apartment is coming along very well.
- Polmerleau began construction at our new Sewerage Treatment Plant at 142 Breakwater St. beginning the week of March 8, 2021. Greg Jay & CAO participated in a site meeting April 8th. They will be having site meetings by-weekly. They commented that Greg has been extremely helpful and accommodating.
- Residential Permits issued during March: *(for info only)*
 - Colin & Shelley LaVie, 8'x16' porch to be added to house at 215 Main St.
 - Joseph O'Keefe, 8'x10' Mini-barn, 38 Church Ave
 - Jamie McInnis & Kim Dobson, 8'x12' Mini-barn, 5 Theresa St.
 - Eugene MacIntyre, rebuilding back portion of house 16'x20' into a sunroom. 20 Main St.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

L. Purchase of New Firetruck

Our Fire Department has acquired two prices for a new Fire Truck. After review they are recommending the purchase of a Freightliner M2 103 Metalfab Pumper as quotes by Metalfab Fire Trucks in Centreville, N.B. Delivery will be approximately 12 – 14 months. The price quoted is \$389,508. They received a second quote from Fort Garry Fire Trucks in Winnipeg, MB for \$451,869.

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Peters that we purchase a new Pumper Firetruck from Metalfab as per quotes and specifications provided. Amount quoted \$389,508. We will use money in reserves for this purchase and/or finance the balance based on financing options. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. Request for Sponsorship for 2021 Lighthouse Run/Relay

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald that we sponsor the 2021 Lighthouse Run/Relay with a donation of \$350. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Attended FPEIM virtual meeting
- Met with RCMP concerning a complaint received from resident regarding dogs/threats
- Participated in RCMP survey with CAO
- Attended the EK Chamber Business Awards lunch in Georgetown with Councillor Bailey
- Worked with Staff to finalize budget documents
- Participated in interviews with CAO and Maintenance Supervisor of candidates for Maintenance Assistant job. The position was offered to Jason Larocque. Jason will start April 19th.

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

Wanda Bailey

- Thursday, March 25th, attended the EK Chamber of Commerce All Awards Ceremony and Dinner, in Georgetown, from 11 AM to 2:30 PM.
- Monday, March 29th, attended the Town of Souris Budget meeting at 7PM at the Town Hall.

Frankie Chaisson

Ian MacDonald

- Attended Annual Budget Meeting
- Curling Bonspiel at EK Sportsplex went really well. 32 teams were registered.

Thelma MacDonald

- Regular contact with Justin and Melody MacKenzie Re Seniors Housing Development
- Attended Annual Budget Meeting

Boyd Leard

- Attended Annual Budget meeting
- Attended Fire meeting
- Reported back to Fire Chief on outcome from Budget.
- New Firetruck is ready to be ordered, will ask for Motion to move forward

O. Adjournment.

- MOTION to adjourn by C. Peters at 8:05pm

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are very sensitive to strong smells,
especially from colognes and perfumes.
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