



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 @ 7:00pm

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

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED

MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum. All Council were present. Along with Charlotte from the Eastern Graphic and 2 members of the RCMP.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Chaisson to approve the agenda as prepared and circulated to Council prior to this meeting. No additions were noted at this time. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

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 was declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2021 Public Meetings

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021 as prepared by our CAO. No errors or omissions were noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report (July 2021)

Two representatives were present. Cpl Jackson and Cst Weatherby. The new street level drug unit is now active. Various calls throughout July including aggravated assault, warrant for firearm, drugs seized, and other calls as per report.

Receiving calls and information from the public is a valuable asset to the RCMP.

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

Business arising from previous meetings:Financial Information**F. General Account Budget Update – July 31, 2021**

For information only.

G. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – July 31, 2021

For information only.

H. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$1,325.89 to be approved – Aug 5, 2021.

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

I. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$8,682.27 to be approved – Aug 5, 2021.

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

J. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of July 2021.

– For review only.

DEVELOPMENT – APPROVAL REQUIRED:**K. Amendment to our Official Plan Map – 2nd READING IS REQUIRED**

Official Plan Amendment 2021-1 to amend PID 103390 in Concurrence with Bylaw #BY-01-2021 to Amend Zoning of PID 103390.

As per PEI Planning Act, s. 11 we are required to give public notice of this proposed amendment and give opportunity to the public to make representation. This proposed amendment was advertised June 30, 2021 and July 5, 2021 in the Guardian Newspaper.

Amendment proposed: PID 103390 (3 Belle Ave) will be given the designation of General Commercial and the existing designation of Single Family Residential will be removed. In doing so the Town of Souris is required to amend their Official Plan and Zoning Map to ensure conformity (as per section 15(2) of the Planning Act) with our General Land Use Map.

PID 103390 (3 Belle Ave) will be consolidated with PID 101600 (128 Main Street) which is currently already designated General Commercial to create one larger property.

First reading was read and given approval at our July 2021 public council meeting.

Councillor Peters read this Amendment to our Official Plan Map in concurrence with Bylaw #BY-01-2021 for a second time. First reading was done at July meeting.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve this Amendment as read in concurrence with #BY-01-2021. No concerns or representation from the public were received. All favour. Motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR:**

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Kim MacPhee, Anniversary Ave – Accessory Building
 Cody Gregory, High St – extension on existing deck
 David & Anne Marie Whalen, Longworth St – demolition of house damaged by fire

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

L. Application to Operate a Business “Hope Technology” at 175 Main Street (Main Street Mall) from Tin Na Kwok.

The company will operate an audio-visual business. Their target customers are other businesses, organizations, events, conferences, and other functions.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Leard to approve the Application to Operate a Business from Hope Technology. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. Request from 182nd Eastern Kings Exhibition for sponsorship. To be held Sept 11-12, 2021

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to donate \$300 to the 182nd EK Exhibition. All in favour. Motion carried.

Development & CAO update:

Ongoing development and update from CAO: (for information purposes)

- Heartwood development infrastructure work has begun. Water, sewer, utility have been installed underground. Road construction is underway now with plans of being substantially complete of this Phase by August 31st.
- Polmerleau began construction at our new Sewerage Treatment Plant at 142 Breakwater St. beginning the week of March 8, 2021. Progressing quite well.
- CBCL have been engaged to design and prepare tender documents for Walking Path on MacPhee Avenue. Greg Jay and CAO met on site with surveyors May 7, 2021. We have received permission from all landowners to cross their properties. Engineers are working on final plan for preparation of tendering the project.
- New Pharmacy development is coming along, foundation has been started.
- Our summer staff along with our full-time staff have been working hard and doing a great job. With all this rain our grass cutters are busy keeping up. Traffic at the Gateway Park is certainly picking up following the opening to Canada.
- Mermaid Tears Seaglass Festival which was held virtually certainly attracted lots of attention. The videos which were very well put together were watched by many. From our analytics well over 3,000 people viewed different aspects of the festival either on Website, social media, etc.
- Music in the Park every Sunday in August at CN Park 2 – 4pm.
- Farmer’s Markets every Friday 10am-2pm.
- Approval has been received for the permit to extend our Boardwalk; work cannot start until the fall. Working on acquiring funding from ACOA and the Province to cover up to 90% of the cost. Funding Applications are still pending.
- The Eastern Kings Exhibition will go ahead this September with their outdoor events only. Horse shows,

games, and pulls. September 11 & 12th. They already have a lot of interest from participants.

ADDITION FROM DISCUSSION:

There have been several concerns brought forth regarding speeding on Church Avenue, especially in the area near the Souris Group Home and Harbourview Training Centre. And specifically, during school season. It was suggested that speed bumps may make a difference by requiring traffic to slow down.

MOTION by C. Chaisson and seconded by C. I. MacDonald that we purchase 6 temporary speed bumps; with one set to be installed on Church Avenue. Approval from the Province will be required as Church Avenue is a Provincially maintained street. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Co-op workers staff appreciation at 21 Breakwater Restaurant
- Active Transportation for trails meeting
- Attended Awards ceremony for David Perry at Souris Legion. I nominated David for this prestigious award and organized the afternoon gathering.
- Met with MRSB to review Audited Financial Statements.
- Spoke with Dept of Transportation about crosswalk at Gateway Park. Many close calls with motorists and pedestrians. They will look to see if any improvements can be made.

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

- Councillor Peters would like to see if we can provide wheelchair access to Souris Beach again. The access that used to be there is no longer accessible due to higher tide levels. He would like to see something else designed that would work.

Wanda Bailey

- Thursday, July 22/21 attended an “Active Transportation” meeting at the Souris Legion from 3-5pm with Frank McEachern and government representatives, along with Mayor Dunphy.

Frankie Chaisson

- Councillor Chaisson brought up the need for better signage at crosswalks.
- Speed bumps for Church Ave.
- Traffic still lining up on the wrong side of Union Avenue for the Fish Truck on Fridays.

Ian MacDonald

- Nothing to report.

Thelma MacDonald

- Would like to see accessible parking spaces on Main Street repainted.

Boyd Leard

- Nothing to report

O. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn meeting at 7:50pm

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especially from colognes and perfumes.
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