



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Town Hall ~ Council Chambers ~ 3rd Floor
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED -

- Limited space to accommodate social distancing -

All Council present with exception of C. Chaisson.

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.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Agenda as prepared and circulated to Council prior to this meeting. All in favour. . . Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

C. Leard asked to add the Land Purchase Agreement for land to be purchased from Arnold and Wanda Dixon PID 103697 at the corner of Hope Street and MacPhee Avenue.

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 conflicts declared.

D. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2022 Public Meeting (no meeting was held in April)

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2022. No errors or omissions were noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:**E. Monthly RCMP Report – April 2022**

Cpl. Gallant presented monthly report. Cpl. Gallant spends most of his time in Souris. As always they encourage the public to report and concerns or crimes directly to their office. Expecting things to be very busy this summer. Graduation and Grad parties will be happening during June.

Mayor brought forth concerns she has received of speeders coming into Souris from the East. Also noted speeding on residential streets in Souris. Even though no speed signs posted it is understood that speed limit on residential streets would be 40 – 50 km max.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to adopt the RCMP report for April 2022 as presented by Cpl. Gallant. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meetings:**F. New Town of Souris Utility Bylaw to be read a second time. Copies of bylaw are available and has been posted to our Website for public viewing.**

READ for a Second time by C. Peters.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve the second reading of this new Town of Souris Utility Bylaw. All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to formally adopt this new Bylaw. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information**G. General Account Budget Update – April 30, 2022**

For information only.

H. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – April 30, 2022

For information only.

I. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$4,327.77 to be approved – as of May 6, 2022.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to approve the A/P as listed in the amount of \$4,327.77. All in favour. Motion carried.

J. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables \$195.28 to be approved – as of May 6, 2022.

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Bailey to approve the A/P as listed in the amount of \$195.28. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of **March & April 2022. – For review only.****DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS – APPROVAL REQUIRED:****L. Application from Polaron Energy for Solar Panels in back-yard at 23 LaVie Ave.**

MOTION by C. Peters and seconded by C. Leard to approve this application. All in favour. Motion carried.

M. Application to replace existing deck at 9 King Street. Applicant is requesting an 8” variance .

This development application is to replace an aging deck that already exists, with an 8” variance in our setback. A variance of this small amount is within the 10% allowance that can be approved by Council. *As CAO I do not have permission to grant variances, but I have reviewed and see no concern with it.* MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. T. MacDonald to approve this development with the 8” variance in setback. All in favour. Motion carried.

PERMITS ISSUED FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- Development Permit Issued to Susan MacCormac for Solar Panels on roof.
- Development Permit Issued to Gerard & Nancy Campbell for MiniHome on Parkside Ave.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND UNDER REVIEW BY CAO:

FOR INFO ONLY at this point. . .

- Development Application from David LaPierre for Swimming Pool to be attached to existing deck at 10 Sunset St. Specifications in application meet our standards for pools.
- Development Application from Cory Long for a new deck 6 Spring St. *(a Provincial Building Permit will be required for this deck due to the height off the ground)*
- Development Application from Helena Villard for a new Storage Bldg at 14 Sunset St. *(pre-built building to be moved on to the property)*
- Development Application from Matthew Rice, PID 856351 Anniversary Ave for a 704 sq ft garage.
This application will require review by Planning Advisory Board as well as a Provincial Building Permit due to the size. CAO has notified the applicant of this requirement.

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:**ADDED: Land Purchase Agreement for land to be purchased from Arnold and Wanda Dixon PID 103697 (3.86 acres) at the corner of Hope Street and MacPhee Avenue.**

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Peters that we purchase this land as per purchase agreement. Future plan for this property is a new Fire Hall. Agreed upon price with Mr. & Mrs. Dixon is \$60,000 plus applicable taxes and legal fees. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Resolution required for fire department equipment fund from rural growth initiative program.

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to pass a resolution to support this application for funding. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Letter of Resignation from Fire Chief Wayne Campbell. Advertisement is required for Replacement.

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Peters to accept Chief Campbell’s letter of resignation. C. Leard expressed that is sad to hear but we respect his decision. Glad to hear he will be staying on as a Fireman. An Ad will be posted to advertise the position as open as per our Fire Dept bylaw. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. Request from Kim & Frank Ahlering to acquire a Liquor License and Food Premise License for 120 Main Street. A letter of support from the Town is required. Kim intends to re-open her Café and would like to be able to serve alcoholic beer, wine and spirits.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey to provide a letter of support for a liquor license at 120 Main Street. All in favour. Motion carried.

Q. Request from PEI Rural Beautification for sponsorship

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. I. MacDonald to provide \$260 sponsorship to PEI Rural Beautification Society. All in favour. Motion carried.

R. Appointment of Municipal Electoral Officer (MEO) and Deputy MEO for Municipal Election to be held this fall. Our CAO is to be appointed MEO and assistant Liz Chaisson to be appointed Deputy MEO. A motion is required by Council.

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Bailey to appoint MEO and Deputy MEO for our upcoming fall Municipal Election as proposed. All in favour. Motion carried.

S. Dangerous, Hazardous & Unsightly Premises. 80 Main Street.

Several notices have been issued recently by our Bylaw Officer to the owner of 80 Main Street asking them to bring the property into compliance with our bylaws. To date no action has been taken. The condition of the building continues to deteriorate with each passing year as it has been left vacant and neglected. There are many visible signs including broken windows, holes in the roof, deterioration of the foundation, and more, that pose several hazards to the public as well as neighbouring properties. In 2015 the Town of Souris had to remove the back section of the building that had fallen into the ground after the owner neglected to do so. The owner did reimburse the Town for those costs.

Our Bylaw Officer is recommending that Town Council take the next step which would involve legal action in order to have the property brought up to code. We have also received notice of concern of this same nature from the neighbouring property owners as well.

MOTION by C. T. MacDonald and seconded by C. Bailey that we proceed with necessary action to have this property brought up to occupancy code or demolished in as minimum time as we can.

Council would like to see it taken care of ASAP as it is a hazard as well as an unsightly premise.

CAO to contact legal representation. Contact Fire Marshal's office to see if they have any suggestions or recommendations. Also, post dangerous/hazardous notice on property as per our bylaw. All in favour. Motion carried.

T. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor JoAnne Dunphy

- Attended the PEIFM annual meeting
- Met with the Tim Hortons 2022 Easter Seals Ambassador Vaeda Zo Matheson at Souris Regional School.
- Met with Andy Daggett about Trap Tree and the Mermaid Tears Seaglass festival.
- Meetings with CAO and events Coordinator
- Attended Boardwalk meeting

- Attended Mermaid Tears Seaglass Festival meeting

Mayor extended a public Thank You to Ms. Helen O'Donnell of Souris River who cleaned garbage along the entire Souris Causeway. As well as other who participated in roadside Clean-up.

Mayor met with Minister Hudson to discuss the status of our Health system. Shortages of staff, etc. Dept. of health are working on ways to improve services in our area.

Reminder of Queen's Jubilee Event May 22nd.

Deputy Mayor Kenny Peters

Wanda Bailey

- Monday April 25th attended the 65th FPEIM annual meeting in North Shore 8am – 4pm.
- May 10th, Tuesday, plan to attend the Climate Adaptation Presentation at the Souris School between 5-7 pm.
- Volunteer at St. Mary's Parish whenever needed.

Frankie Chaisson

Ian MacDonald

Thelma MacDonald

- Successful fundraiser for Ukraine. Money has been delivered to Red Cross. People in the community were very generous. Thanks to All who donated.

Boyd Leard

U. Adjournment.

MOTION by C. Peters to adjourn at 8:28pm.



PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN SOURIS RE ADAPTATION:

Share your ideas on ways to build a resilient Island.

Drop in to one of the regional engagement sessions and provide your input (between 5PM – 7PM for all). princeedwardisland.ca/adaptation

Tuesday, May 10th, at Souris Regional School, Souris

DEVELOPMENT BYLAW & OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW MEETING

Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00pm

Location: Town Hall, 3rd Floor

(This meeting is open to Council & Planning Board members only – Public meetings will be scheduled)

*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!*



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