



SOURIS TOWN COUNCIL AND
SOURIS SEWER AND WATER UTILITY CORPORATION

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 @ 7:00pm

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

**MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 3RD FLOOR
PUBLIC IS WELCOME – 3RD FLOOR IS ACCESSIBLE BY ELEVATOR**

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

Mayor Dunphy called the meeting to order with a quorum.

- Councillor Chaisson was absent from meeting
- 4 Members of local ATV Club were present
- Councillor Leard called in to join meeting over the phone from QEH
- Charlotte from Eastern Graphic
- RCMP representative

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

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

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions.

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 – December 12, 2022 Meeting

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Mitsuk to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022 meeting as prepared by CAO with no errors or omissions being noted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Presentations:

E. Monthly RCMP Report – December 2022

Monthly report reviewed with Council. They are seeing higher numbers of people falling victim to fraud in the community. Education is important, especially for seniors and more vulnerable people. It will soon be time for their annual performance review and will meet with Council to review current priorities. Some new officers are coming to our area. Drug/Serious Crime will be given designated members.

MOTION by C. Laybolt and seconded by C. Jenkins to accept the monthly RCMP report as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Presentation from local ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) Club. *(carried over from December meeting, no representative was available to attend)*

David Morrison, Grant Cahill, Eddie & Maggie Sturge from Souris Trail Riders Club #9 came to speak to Council. They are working towards developing ATV trails from tip-to-tip across PEI. They see it as being a major tourist attraction and have the support of the Provincial Government. Much work still has to happen including environmental assessments, securing use of private and public land, etc. The trail system in western PEI is a bit more advanced. Tignish and other communities have allowed access in to Town which benefits local businesses. Members/users would be required to be registered, have trail passes and have appropriate insurance. Currently the local group has 52 members and growing. They are highly motivated and wanted to be proactive by including the Town and any shareholders into the conversation early. They are still in the mapping phase. They would like access to Town owned land near the Gerald Clinton Memorial Ballfield (PID 631093 & 102467) to use as a loading and unloading point . . . As per **Item G.** on this Agenda.

Business arising from previous meetings:

G. Request from local ATV club for use of PID 631093 + 102467 to use as parking/unloading and access to trail. *(carried over from December meeting)*

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Jenkins that we give Souris Trail Riders Club #9 access to the designated property from today (January 9, 2023) until September 30, 2023. At that time, we will reassess and decide on whether to extend permission to use. All in favour. Motion carried.

Financial Information

H. General Account Budget Update – December 31, 2022

For information only.

I. Water & Sewer Utility Account Budget update – December 31, 2022

For information only.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Payables \$1,515.28 to be approved – as of Jan 6, 2023.

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Mitsuk to approve these A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Payables - \$360.53 - to be approved– as of Jan 6, 2023.

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Jenkins to approve these A/P as listed. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. General Account & Water Sewer Account Cheques issued during the month of December 2022. –

For review only.

DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS – APPROVAL REQUIRED:**M. Development Application from Timothy Cheverie to put a second story on his house at PID 426809 Beach Avenue and to operate a home based hair salon within the home.**

MOTION by C. Leard and seconded by C. Outhouse to approve the development application submitted by Timothy Cheverie based on specifications in the application. This includes permission to operate a home based hair salon business within the home which is an allowable use within an R1 zone. All in favour. Motion carried.

N. Development Application from Souris Credit Union to locate a small 8' x 12' building on their property at 129 Main Street (staff parking area) to be used as a community food cupboard.

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Leard to approve the development application from Souris Credit Union to locate a small 8'x12' building on their property to be used as a community food cupboard. All in favour. Motion carried.

O. Development Application from Kevin Zhu to install solar panels on the roof at 20 Chapel Ave. Rebecca MacPhee's house.

MOTION by C. Outhouse and seconded by C. Laybolt to approve the development application submitted by Kevin Zhu of behalf of Rebecca MacPhee of 20 Chapel Ave to put solar panels on the roof. All in favour. Motion carried.

P. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND UNDER REVIEW or ISSUED BY CAO (for information only – Council approval is not required):

N/A

New Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:**Q. Mayor and Council are reminded the 2023 Canada Games Torch Relay will be in Souris @ 1pm on January 20th. All are invited. Mayor Dunphy will be one of the torch carriers along with several other local residents.****R. COUNCIL REPORTS:****Mayor JoAnne Dunphy**

- Met with Cherie Chapman at Souris Credit Union to discuss the Community Food Cupboard. This is an initiative of the Souris Credit Union. They will be covering the costs associated with the Food Cupboard.
- Attended New Year's Day Family Event at the Sportsplex
- Arranged for and attended "Generator Tips" at the Souris Fire Department

Deputy Mayor Boyd Leard

- Nothing to report.

Kim Outhouse

- Attended New Year's Day Family Event at the Sportsplex
- Spoke with various recreation organization on their concerns, needs and wants.
- Organized a Junior Gold Medal game viewing event at Ecole La Belle Cloche

Stephanie Mitsuk

- Judging for Souris' Home Decorating Contest
- SHAI meeting
- Talked with Maintenance Department to become familiar with water/sewer infrastructure

Curtis Laybolt

- Nothing to report.

Frankie Chaisson

David Jenkins

- Arranging for volunteers to help with traffic control for upcoming torch relay.

S. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by C. Jenkins to adjourn at 8:15pm

**** REMINDER of 55+ Games Closing Reception January 14, 2023,
11:30am at St. Mary's Hall****

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!

Your cooperation is appreciated!



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